



# GRACE COVENANT CHURCH



504th CELEBRATION OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

*sola scriptura † sola fide † sola gratia † solus Christus † soli Deo gloria*

Sunday, October 31, 2021

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

## Welcome to Grace Covenant Church

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Grace Covenant Church exists to love God and worship Him as we impact our area by teaching and discipling people for Jesus Christ.

**Visitors**, we are so glad you are here! Please locate a 'Visitor's Card,' and fill out any info you'd like to share with us so that we may get to know you better. You can place it in the offering plates on the tables in the Narthex.

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### **Sunday:**

Sunday School  
9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship  
10:30 a.m.

Bible Study  
5:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday:**

Youth Group  
6 - 8 p.m.

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### **Sermons Online**

[www.gracecovenantpca.com/sermons](http://www.gracecovenantpca.com/sermons)  
&  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCapTRNfNo37L96IyVCp94JA>

Please Take Note:

**Movie Night at Grace!** – Join us this afternoon at 5:00 pm to watch the 2003 film about the life and ministry of Martin Luther from his leaving law school to become an Augustinian monk in 1505 to the adoption of the Augsburg Confession at the Diet of Augsburg in 1530.

**Women’s Fall Bible Study** – All women and girls of Grace are invited to study together every other week this fall. The next meetings will be Tuesday, November 2 at 10am and Wednesday, November 3 at 7pm.

**Small Group Book Study** – Pastor David is leading a book discussion of *The Christian Life: A Doctrinal Introduction* by Sinclair Ferguson, which meets every other Wednesday. The next meeting is this Wednesday, November 10 @ 7pm when we will discuss Chapter 5 “Conviction of Sin” and Chapter 6 “Born Again.”

**Youth Group** – Youth group meeting start time has been moved to 6:30Pm on Wednesday evenings. A sheet is in the Narthex for you to sign up to help provide dinners. Also, please speak with Trey after the service or email him at [trey.reed@gracecovenantpca.com](mailto:trey.reed@gracecovenantpca.com) if you would like to assist in our youth ministry.

**MOC BBQ!** – November 13 at 5:00 pm. Weather permitting, we will be outside for fellowship, corn hole, and a fire pit. If weather does not cooperate, we will eat inside. All you need to bring is your appetite!

**Caya Thanksgiving Outreach** – Scheduled for Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 8:30 am at Church of the Vine, Dallas, GA. Please see email for ways you can participate.

**Women’s Christmas Candlelight Dinner** – December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm. More details coming!

**Operation Christmas Child** – Operation Christmas Child begins this Sunday! This year you can pack your own box and drop off at church or build and pay for your shoebox online. If you want to pack your own, empty shoeboxes are now available for pick-up in the church foyer through Nov. 14th. Boxes are due back at church by November 21.

### Nursery Schedule:

November 7: Sunday School  
Worship

Christy Donovan  
Christy and Lydia Donovan

November 14: Sunday School  
Worship

Laurie Chastine  
Laurie and Pierce Chastine

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**Nursery**  
Care is available for children up to age 4 in the nursery room off the main hallway.

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# The Order of Public Worship

✠ =  
Congregation  
Standing



## ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145.3-7; Psalm 51.15

God invites us  
to His heavenly  
throne of grace

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation shall commend your works to another and tell of your mighty acts. They shall meditate on the glorious splendor of your majesty...They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

*Open our lips, O Lord, and our mouths will declare your praise! Amen!*

TH= Trinity  
Hymnal

## ✠ SONG OF ADORATION

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, TH 92*

## ✠ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God cleanses us  
and renews us  
in His grace

## CALL TO CONFESSION

2 Samuel 12.1-15

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Merciful Father in heaven, we are altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways we have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your children. But trusting in Jesus, our Savior, have mercy on us according to your unfailing love. Though it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, we confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Forgive all our sins--the sins we remember and the sins we have forgotten. Order our lives by your Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

Romans 1.16-18

(continued....)

## ✠ SONG OF PRAISE

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

*How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory*

*Behold the man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished*

*I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom*

*(Repeat End)  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom*

#### **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

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✠ **SONG OF TRUST**

*O Father You Are Sovereign, TH 75*

God consecrates  
us to renewed  
devotion and  
obedience

**SERMON TEXT**

Psalm 119.57-64

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

“Christ Has Willed the Entire  
Life of Believers to be One of Repentance”

**PRAYER OF APPLICATION**

1. Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, when He said *Poenitentiam agite*, willed that the whole life of believers should be repentance.

2. This word cannot be understood to mean sacramental penance, i.e., confession and satisfaction, which is administered by the priests.

3. Yet it means not inward repentance only; nay, there is no inward repentance which does not outwardly work divers mortifications of the flesh.

6. The pope cannot remit any guilt, except by declaring that it has been remitted by God and by assenting to God’s remission; though, to be sure, he may grant remission in cases reserved to his judgment. If his right to grant remission in such cases were despised, the guilt would remain entirely unforgiven.

21. Therefore those preachers of indulgences are in error, who say that by the pope’s indulgences a man is freed from every penalty, and saved;

27. They preach man who say that “As soon as the coin in the coffer rings, the soul from purgatory springs.”

33. Men must be on their guard against those who say that the pope’s pardons are that inestimable gift of God by which man is reconciled to Him;

35. They preach no Christian doctrine who teach that contrition is not necessary in those who intend to buy souls out of purgatory or to buy *confessionalia*.

36-37. Every truly repentant Christian has a right to full remission of penalty and guilt, even without letters of pardon. Every true Christian, whether living or dead, has part in all the blessings of Christ and the

On October 31,  
1517 Martin  
Luther posted his  
now-famous 95  
Theses on the  
door of Castle  
Church in  
Wittenberg,  
Germany. They  
were 95 points  
that Luther  
wished to have  
discussed. Not all  
of them are  
equally  
controversial,  
many are rather  
mundane, some  
are difficult to  
understand in  
our time, and still  
others would not  
even be held by  
Luther himself in  
later years.

Church; and this is granted him by God, even without letters of pardon.

75. To think the papal pardons so great that they could absolve a man even if he had committed an impossible sin and violated the Mother of God — this is madness.

82. To wit: — “Why does not the pope empty purgatory, for the sake of holy love and of the dire need of the souls that are there, if he redeems an infinite number of souls for the sake of miserable money with which to build a Church? The former reasons would be most just; the latter is most trivial.”

✠ **SONG OF RESPONSE**

*How Firm A Foundation, TH 94*

✠ **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 87

What is repentance unto life?

*Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.*

✠ **BENEDICTION**

1 Thessalonians 5.23-24, 28

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,  
and may your whole spirit and soul and body  
be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

God blesses us  
with His  
presence and  
power to be His  
ambassadors of  
grace

✠ **SONG OF BLESSING**

*Doxology*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*





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