

Grace Presbyterian



October 1, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship - 10:30 AM

**“This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts
are far from me.” Mark 7:6b**

WELCOME TO GRACE! We love having you join us for worship! If you need anything, any of the ushers will gladly help you.

LARGE PRINT: We have large print hymnals & scriptures in the narthex.

CHILDREN: In the narthex you will find Child Activity Bulletins for your children to use in worship. All children are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for the entire service. Additionally, there is a play area for your little ones in the narthex.

RESTROOMS: You can find an accessible restroom right outside the sanctuary by the elevator. We also have restrooms on either side of the Upper Room and larger restrooms in the basement!



Prayer cards are available in your pews for the sharing of *Joys and Concerns*. You can give them to Rev. Hal Thomas.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

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Rev. Hal Thomas

LAY LEADER

Pam Callahan

CHOIR DIRECTOR

Thomas Callahan

PIANIST

Sue Creager

USHERS

Betsy Kachmar, Holly
Bouthot, & Rachel Lilly

COMMUNION

Linda Haller & Holly
Bouthot

TECHNOLOGY

Kevin Mahoney & Bob
Bausser

COUNTERS

Kevin Mahoney & Todd
German



Congregation reads the responses in bold.

**Indicates when to stand in body or spirit.*

Prelude

Near to the Heart of God by McAfee

_ The Light of Christ Enters our Worship _

*Call to Worship — *adapted from Psalm 51*

Our God desires truth in the inward being.

Teach us wisdom in our secret hearts, O Lord.

Create in us clean hearts, O God.

Put a new and right spirit within us.

Restore in us the joy of your salvation.

Sustain in us a willing spirit to the praise of your name, O God.

*Opening Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heave

#619

*Call to Confession — *adapted from “Book of Common Worship–1993”*

*Prayer of Confession —

Almighty God, you alone can order unruly wills and affections. You alone can enable us to love what you command. As we come before you this day, we confess that we have often observed pious practices that we have not allowed into our hearts. We have practiced a righteousness that makes us feel good about ourselves but that fails to inspire love for you or our neighbor. God of all good gifts, forgive outward religion that fails to transform our wants and desires. Create clean hearts and new, right spirits within us.

(Time of Silent Prayers and Confessions)

*Assurance of Pardon —

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Time of Music and Mediation

Prayer for Illumination —

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament Reading – James 1:17-27

p.1881

Scripture Reading:

Gospel Reading – Luke 7:1-23

p.1602

Sermon

When Piety Becomes a Problem

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Call to Offering —

Offertory *Bread and Wine* by Blake

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #606

*Prayer of Dedication —

Announcements

*Closing Hymn *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* #450

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Profession of Faith* by Kendall

~ We follow the Light of Christ into the World ~

Announcements

Worship Leaders – September 8th

Lay Leader – Todd German
Ushers – Betsy Kachmar, Holly
Bouthot, & Rachel Lilly
Technology – Kevin Mahoney & Bob
Bausser
Counters – Kevin Mahoney & Todd
German



Birthdays

Donna Parrish – August 31
Meara Geist – September 1
Bruce Barnett – September 3
Maureen Rogers – September 5
Judi Eckler-Queen – September 7
Brian Geist – September 7
Douglas Haller – September 7

Anniversaries

Jeff & Betsy Kachmar
September 28, 1996



*Prayers of peace for the Wilkinson family due to the loss of a family member.
Prayers for Sue's recovery and guidance for her doctors.*

Grace Office Hours: The office will be closed this Monday for the holiday. Also, the office will close early on Tuesday, September 3rd, at noon. It will return to its regular hours on Wednesday.

New Newsletter: There is a new newsletter. Paper copies are in the narthex. If you or someone you know would benefit from a paper copy mailed to them, please inform the office.

Sunday School and Bible Studies Return in September: To celebrate the return to our educational opportunities, we are throwing a pitch-in meal after the service on September 15. Sunday classes will begin on the following Sunday, September 22th. A full list of your options will be coming out soon.

Save the Date - Grace Fall Rummage Sale - September 20-21st: **We've got a few things left to sell.** More info to come.

Save the Date - **Eric Black's Ordination:** Friend and a pulpit supply of Grace, Eric Black, is being ordained on October 26th, at Messiah Lutheran, at 2:00 PM. Everyone is invited.

United Faith Food Bank Needs: Our friends at the United Faith food bank know their customers and their needs. Right now they are incredibly low/out of canned vegetables (especially green beans and corn) and will not be getting any **large donations of them for a while.** If you'd like to help, bring a donation of food to our narthex and leave it in our shopping cart. They are also in need of plastic bags.

We are selling SCRIP This Sunday, September 1st. A portion of each card comes back to us and our ministries. To purchase Scrip or for more information see John Current.

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