

Grace Presbyterian



November 3, 2023

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship - 10:30 AM

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 11:25 RSV

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 lobby 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 staffed nursery for your little ones. Ask an usher or friendly member for directions.

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 Sandy Garcia.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

WORSHIP LEADER
Sandy Garcia

PIANIST
Sue Creager

COUNTERS
Todd German & Kevin
Mahoney

LAY LEADER
Todd German

USHERS
Betsy Kachmar, Holly
Bouthot, & Rachel Lilly

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
Katie Lochry

TECHNOLOGY
Todd German & Kevin
Mahoney

CHOIR DIRECTOR
Thomas Callahan

A glowing, 3D-style sign with the word 'WELCOME' in white, capital letters on a dark, rectangular background.

Congregation reads the responses in bold.

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

Prelude

Voluntary on "Amazing Grace" arr. by Wellman

~ The Light of Christ Enters our Worship ~

*Call to Worship —

We remember,

Teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us and,

We give thanks!

We remember,

Choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises and,

We give thanks!

We remember,

Preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years and,

We give thanks!

We remember,

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, sisters, and brothers who sat with us on Sundays and lived out their faith all week long and,

We give thanks!

We remember,

Our church families and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family and,

We give thanks!

We remember,

Our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today. For our sisters and brothers in the faith whose names are remember only by God,

We give thanks!

*Call to Confession —

*Prayer of Confession —

Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the **ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries** of our hearts.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

*Assurance of Pardon —

Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love!

Amen

*Song of Assurance

Gloria, Gloria

#583

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!

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination —

Hebrew Bible Reading — *Psalms 20 RSV*

The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!
May he send you help from the sanctuary,
and give you support from Zion!
May he remember all your offerings,
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! *Selah*
May he grant you your heart's desire,
and fulfil all your plans!
May we shout for joy over your victory,
and in the name of our God set up our banners!
May the LORD fulfil all your petitions!
Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand.
Some boast of chariots, and some of horses;
but we boast of the name of the LORD our God.
They will collapse and fall;
but we shall rise and stand upright.
Give victory to the king, O LORD;
answer us when we call.

Choir Anthem

Gospel Reading — *John 11:17-27 RSV*

Now when Jesus came, he found that Laz'arus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while **Mary sat in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my**

brother would not have died. And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world.”

Sermon

I AM!

Litany for All Saint's Sunday

All Saint's Sunday is celebrated today to give thanks for members, family, and friends of Grace Presbyterian Church who have died in the past year, and to pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Be gracious to us; deliver your people.
Hear us, O God.

You love us before the world was made.
You rescued the people of your promise.
You spoke through your prophets.
You gave your only Son for the life of the world.
Hear us, O God.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven
and was born of the virgin Mary;
who by his cross and suffering redeemed the world
and has washed us from our sins;

who on the third day rose from the dead
and has given us the victory;
who ascended on high
and intercedes for us at the right hand of God.
Great is your love.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit.
For the one holy catholic and apostolic church.
For the great cloud of witnesses
into which we were baptized.

Thanks be to God.

This year we light candles in remembrance of those who have come before us,
who have changed our lives forever, and who live on in our hearts. Let us give thanks to those names and faces that have impacted and shaped our lives forever.

Deloris Cattin. Donald Bosse. Glenda Bragalone. Connie Stucky. Margaret Gail Bellis.

We light candles to remember the names and faces of those who are not named
individually including for victims of natural disasters, those who gave their lives
so that others may live, those who were victims of violence around the world,
and those individuals not read aloud today, but still in our memories and in our hearts.

(You are invited to come forward to light a candle as you wish.)

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may

come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Response

Affirmation of Faith

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.

Call to Offering —

Offertory

Legacy of Grace by Logan

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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*Prayer of Dedication —

Prayers of the People and the 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.

Announcements

*Closing Hymn

What Is the World Like

#771

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God - arr. by Taylor

~ *We follow the Light of Christ into the World* ~

Litany for All Saints Day: Book of Common Worship, prepared by the Office of Theology and Worship for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Rev. Jeff Binder, <https://revbinder.wordpress.com/2018/10/31/all-saints-day-lit>



Prayers for Sue and her continue recovery.

Announcements

Worship Leaders — November 10th

Lay Leader — Cindy Bowers

Children's Message — Holly Bothout

Ushers — Betsy Kachmar, Holly Bothout, & Rachel Lilly

Technology — Todd German & Kevin Mahoney

Counters — Todd German & Kevin Mahoney

Birthdays

Carl Geist - November 7

Nancy Current - 9

Anniversaries

Tom & Pam Callahan

November 10, 2017

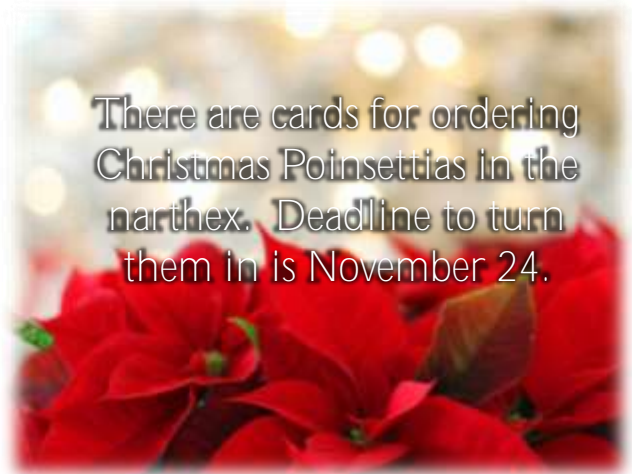


Per Capita Reminder: Per Capita for 2023 is \$43.61 which helps support the Ministry of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. We appreciate everyone's help in paying this cost.



Advent Poinsettias: We are taking orders for our annual Advent poinsettias. Small 6.5 inch flowers are \$12 and the large 8.5 inch flowers are \$30. Orders are due by November 24. If you have any questions please contact the church office or see Jill Werling. Flowers will be part of our Advent decorations and be ready to take home after the Christmas service.

There are cards for ordering Christmas Poinsettias in the narthex. Deadline to turn them in is November 24.



Newsletter: The November Newsletter is in the narthex.

Fall Congregation Meeting: **Grace's annual Fall Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, November 17th, 2024.**

Pledge Drive: Thank you to everyone who pledged on October 20th. The Finance Team is very appreciative of all the pledges that we received. Almost half of the pledges given were increased for 2025. Thank you for believing in our mission and helping us make a positive impact.

Peacemaking Offering: The MOE team would like to thank everyone who donated to this special offering. We raised \$120 towards this project.

East Wayne Street Thanksgiving Dive: The MOE team is collecting food and cash donations for the East Wayne Street Center, to provide for their food bank clients Thanksgiving dinners. This ministry has been serving the central city since 1965; they focus on strengthening families and individuals in order to help them become self-sufficient. The center has gratefully received our help for many years. The items needed are: instant potatoes, stuffing, gravy, canned fruits & vegetables, cranberry sauce, Jell-O, muffin mixes. Additionally, we will be collecting cash donations are accepted to help purchase turkeys. Checks can be made out to Grace Presbyterian Church and put in offering plate. Please place all food donations in the Narthex by November 17th.

Your Input Requested: **We're looking to freshen up our property.** If you've noticed any particular places that need some attention or paint, please let us know. We have some funds at our disposal and we are beginning to prioritize our list. If you have ideas, please get in touch with Tammy Menkes.

Grace Hanging of the Greens: Our annual Hanging of the Greens will be following the service on **November 24.** We'll have more information as we get closer.



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