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Hebrews 10:18

Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

November 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – November 17, 2024

How can we pray for you? Let us know in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!

*We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in ***BOLD*** with us from your homes!*

10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts *Open Our Eyes with Be Thou My Vision arr. by Hayes*

Welcome

Call to Worship –

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #--- “---”

Call to Confession –

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Prayer of Confession –

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Assurance of Pardon –

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Song of Assurance #581 “Gloria Patri”

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.

Children’s Message

Time for Music & Meditation

Prayer for Illumination

Let us Pray: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading – Mark 12:38-44

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As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!”

2 “Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus. “Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”

3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, 4 “Tell us, when will these things happen?”

And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?”

5 Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. 6 Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 8 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

Scripture Reading: Epistle Reading – Hebrew 10:11-25

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11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. 14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

15 The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

16 “This is the covenant I will make with them
after that time, says the Lord.

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds.”

17 Then he adds:

“Their sins and lawless acts
I will remember no more.”

18 And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us

through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Sermon

Jesus, the Multitasker

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.

Hymn of Response #--- “---”

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.

Call to Offering

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

Offertory

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. by Nettleton

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

Prayer of Dedication –

Let us pray. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn #~ " ~"

Charge and Benediction

"The Lord bless you
and keep you;

the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;

the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace."

Go Now in Peace

Postlude

The Lord Is King by Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Congregation Meeting Today: Grace's annual Fall Congregational Meeting will

meet following the service.

Session and Deacons Will Have Their Meetings Today:

Olivia's Craft Sale for the Rescue Mission: Our friend is selling a variety of craft items for the holiday. She is donating the proceeds of the sale to benefit the Rescue Mission which gives aid and resources to the homeless and at risk individuals of the Fort Wayne area. Look for her items in the church narthex and the fellowship hall.

Special Holiday SCRIP Sale: John has kindly agreed to do an extra SCRIP order this Sunday (in addition to the next sale on December 1st). This is a timely option for folks who want to use SCRIP to purchase gifts for our Salvation Army family or to donate gift cards as Christmas Blessings to the organizations we support—or the ones you care about. This is a win-win as purchasing SCRIP also supports Grace.

Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family: This year, we are partnering with the Salvation Army to buy gifts for a family of four. The tags & sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex on November 17th. Gifts should be delivered to the Narthex by December 1st with their tags. Gifts may be wrapped or unwrapped. Please provide the receipt (or a copy) so we can report the value of our gifts to the Salvation Army for their records. For more information, contact Holly Bothout. 260.452.5685.

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.

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.

Per Capita Reminder: Per Capita for 2024 is \$43.61 which helps support the Ministry of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. We appreciate everyone's help in paying this cost.

Grace Hanging of the Greens: Our annual Hanging of the Greens will be following the service on November 24.

Birthdays

Grace Hochstetler - November 18

Beth Boggess - November 21

Anniversaries

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.

Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on "Join" and enter this information:

Meeting ID: 9712063468 ***Password:*** 030414

Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

Phone Number: (301) 715-8592 ***Meeting ID:*** 9712063468 ***Password:*** 030414

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