

Grace Presbyterian Church

September 13, 2026

9:30 am

WELCOME AND VISION STATEMENT

We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,
races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, beliefs,
and those who are cognitively
and or physically challenged.**

Our vision is to be a community of love and purpose,
**each one engaged in ministry,
seeking to know Christ, growing in discipleship,
and embodying God's love for the world.**



We Gather

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to worship (based on Psalm 105)

You are the Promise of our wholeness,

You await our readiness to choose Life.

Your covenant of Love stands firm through all the ages;

You forgive us when we stray far from Home.

Help us to learn to trust You,

to untangle the webs of illusion we have made.

As we sift through our dreams,

guide us to the only Dream that brings peace

-knowing we belong to You.

Give us wisdom and courage to release all that binds us;

for to face what is built on illusion is to find new life.

Nan Merrill, Praying the Psalms

Hymn #450 "Be Thou My Vision"

Call to Confession

We come before God with honest and contrite hearts,
trusting God whose love never fails us.

Prayer of Confession

**God, we confess that we do not always understand
Your ways.**

**We are easily discouraged when life takes
unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and
dreams come to nothing.**

**We confess that we are quick to give up when
things get difficult, and quick to question Your
presence and Your power.**

Forgive us.

**Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing.
Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our
lives—**

**to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least
expect it.**

**And then give us courage to step out in faith and
obedience, trusting in Your leading even when we
cannot yet see the outcome.**

**We praise You for Your faithful love, that makes a
way for us to live more fully and faithfully. And
pray that You would make us worthy to bear Your
name. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Believe the good news of the gospel, God is with us at all
times, loving, forgiving, and guiding us in life.

Amen.

Sung response #634 "To God Be the Glory" (verse 1 and
refrain.

We Reflect

Prayer for Understanding

Help us to live in the eternal moment,
awaiting your perfect timing in all things. Amen

A Reading from Genesis 37

Sermon

Hymn: Joseph Was His Father's Favorite (vs 1-2)

Joseph was his father's favorite out of all his family
there,
And his brothers did not like it when he got his coat to
wear.
It was different from the others — brighter, bolder than
the rest.
So he bragged to all his brothers that his father loved
him best.

Joseph's nights were filled with dreaming; in his mind,
he'd always win.
Soon his brothers started scheming so they could get rid
of him.
In a pit they took and threw him, then they sold him.
Who could save?
To a land where no one knew him, he was taken as a
slave.

(BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D, "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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We Respond

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is **to Know, Love, and Serve God**

Offertory Invitation

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will embrace one another.
Wisdom will spring up from the ground

and truth will look down from the sky.
Yes, the Eternal Giver will grant what is good,
and the lands will yield abundantly.

Prayer of Dedication

We give thanks to the Beloved,
And open your hearts to Love.
Bless what we offer that they may bring
hope and peace to the world. Amen.

(Many thanks to all who contribute to the mission and
ministry of our church in offering plates during worship
and by electronic giving throughout the month).

Prayers of God's People (sharing of Joys and Concerns)

Lord, in your mercy/with thanksgiving,

Hear our prayer.

The Sacrament of Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer after communion

We Are Sent

Hymn#643 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*Charge and Benediction

Mercy and compassion are Love's way;
May these guide our thoughts and our actions.
May we always recognize that

You are our peace, our hope, our life. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you!

And also with you.

(We invite you to offer a sign of peace to those around you and as you gather for fellowship. We remind you to ask what folks feel comfortable with...a verbal greeting, a handshake or fist bump, etc. Do not assume.)

***Indicates, please stand in body or spirit.**

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