

# *Grace* Presbyterian Church

October 29, 2023

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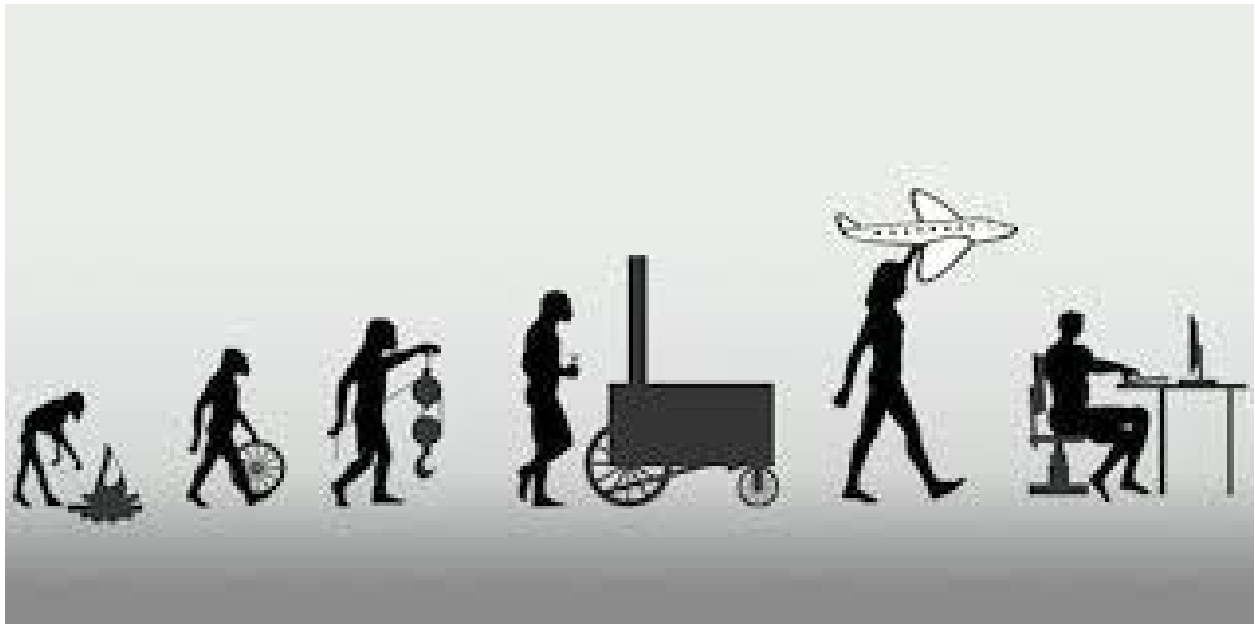
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## VISION STATEMENT

We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,  
race, 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.**



*“Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s  
and to God the things that are God’s.”*

## **Prayer Candles**

Before Worship, you may offer a prayer and light a candle at the communion table.

## **We Gather**

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Call to Worship

The earth has its kings, but God is ruler of all.

**Praise God above all, the giver of life!**

The mountains may tremble, the oceans may roar,

**but God's presence is more powerful than the earth itself.**

Come into God's presence, for God is among us now.

**O God, show us your glory; we seek your ways.**

Come to the Rock, the God of life,

**for God is present now.**

\*Hymn #41 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

### Call to Confession

When we don't know how or what to pray,  
the Spirit knows.

When all we can muster are sighs and groans,  
the Spirit knows those also.

When we feel that we aren't even worthy to approach  
God, the Spirit goes before us and with us  
and God hears us, forgives us, and loves us.

Let us confess our sins in silence . . .

— Rev. Matthew Thompson, Posted on Liturgy Link.

### Silent Prayer of Confession

*(Silence is kept)*

### Words of Assurance

We no longer need to live as slaves to our sinful natures. Sin has no claim on us anymore, because through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have put to death our old ways of acting and thinking.

**We have been given new life as God's own children.**

So be at peace: your sins are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn # 437    You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy! (2x Stay Seated)

## **We Reflect**

### Prayer of Illumination

Loving, living God,  
be among us now.

Show us your ways.

Guide our steps.

Live in us,

that we may be people of steadfast hope  
and powerful, generous living. Amen.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans 8:9-11

A time for Children and the Young in heart

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON

\*Hymn # 716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

## **We Respond**

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

Offertory Invitation

*Musical Meditation*

Prayer of Dedication

Generous loving God,  
challenge us to share you  
all the things that are yours.  
Help us remember  
that all we are and all we have  
are gifts from you,  
gifts to be used in service and love.  
Holy One among us,  
help us be a holy people  
who receive with joy  
and live in the fullness of your love. Amen.

—Mary Scifres, on the Ministry Matters website.

(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 Lord's Prayer (First Nation Translation)  
**O Great Spirit, our Father from above,  
we honor your name as sacred and holy.**

**Bring your good road to us,  
where the beauty of your ways in the  
spirit-world above  
is reflected in the earth below.**

**Provide for us day by day--  
the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon.  
The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.  
All the things we need for each day.**

**Release us from the things we have done  
wrong, in the same way we release others for  
the things done wrong to us.**

**Guide us away from the things that tempt us to  
stray from your good road,  
and set us free from the evil one and his  
worthless ways.**

**Aho! May it be so!**

**We Are Sent**

\*Hymn #720 "Jesus Calls Us"

\*Charge and Benediction

May the glory of God's goodness be revealed to you;  
May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ take root in you;  
And may the inspiration of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy.  
**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

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\*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.)*

POSTLUDE

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

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