

Grace Presbyterian Church

October 27, 2024

9:30 am

Welcome 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.**



S "...knit together in the same mind and the same purpose." I Cor 1:10

Prayer Candles

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

We Gather

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS from PRESBYTERY

Call to Worship (Psalm 103)

Praise the Lord!

With all our hearts, we will praise God's holy name!

Praise the Lord!

Never forget the good things God has done for us. Praise the Lord, all the earth—everyone, everywhere! **We too will praise the Lord!**

*Hymn #619 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

Call to Confession

With Honesty and humility, trusting God's grace we pray...

Prayer of Confession

**God of unity and love,
place within each of us
a spirit of hope and community.
Have mercy upon us
when we speak without love**

**or act without humility.
Cleanse us with the living water of your grace.
Create in us willing hearts
to live in patience and gentleness.
Raise us up to be your children,
growing toward maturity
in faith and love.
Strengthen this church,
that we may be a model
of ministry and unity
for all the world to see.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

~ Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

Declaration of Forgiveness

God is faithful and ever-present.
The God who knew us before our birth
loves us still and strengthens us,
that we will one day be blameless.

**Through the gift of Jesus Christ,
we know forgiveness, grace, and mercy. Amen. ~**

posted on the Worship Elements page of the Ministry Matters website.

Hymn #582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" (verse 1 only, please remain seated)

We Reflect

Prayer for Understanding

God of extravagant grace,

**may your Spirit refresh our hearts
through the reading of the scriptures
that we may perceive all the good we can do for
Christ and so grow in our faith toward our Lord
Jesus. Amen.** ~ posted on the Worship@North website.

Reading from Ephesians 4;1-7, 11-16

Time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from I Corinthians 1:10-17

SERMON

*Hymn #767 "Together we Serve"

We Respond

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Offertory Invitation

Musical Meditation

Prayer of Dedication

May the offerings brought this day be used as seeds,
planted faithfully and nurtured lovingly
so that God's way may be realized anew in this world.
Grant us the humility we need to plant and then tend
your precious garden. Amen.

~ written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on Liturgy Outside.
<http://liturgyoutside.net/>

(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 the People (bidding prayer)

Communion

Invitation

Great Prayer of thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

#530 "One Bread, One Body"

Prayer after communion

*Filled with the goodness of God, we go out restored, refreshed, re-membering the one who offers us a way to peace, justice and love.
Amen.*

We Are Sent

*Hymn #308 "O God in Whom All Life Begins"

*Charge and Benediction

Go out from here and live lives worthy of the one calling which we all share. In humility, gentleness and patience, speak only what is true and loving and so grow into the unity that is ours in Christ.

And may God the creator reshape our hearts; May

Christ Jesus, the bread of life, sustain us always; and may the Holy Spirit unite us in the bond of peace.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Amen. ~

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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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Thank you to all that participated in today's service:

Rev. Debbie Paton

Jean Woodman

Rev. Donald Pitches

Rev. Molly Dykstra

Rev. Erin Raffety

Rob Aug

Rev. Jesse Tosten