

Grace Presbyterian Church

September 27, 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.**



"God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do." Genesis 41:25

We Gather

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to worship (based on Psalm 145: 3-7)

Great is our God, and worthy of praise!

God's goodness knows no limit;

God's faithfulness toward us is boundless!

God, your majesty and glory surround us here.

We've come together to celebrate your presence,

and to offer songs of praise and worship.

We've come to rejoice in your mighty acts,

and to retell the story of your goodness

throughout history and in our own lives.

Move among us as we worship together;

may your Spirit guide and inspire our thoughts and actions as we spend this time in your presence.

Hymn #2 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession

**O God, our protector, we take refuge in you;
you alone are the source of all our good.**

We seek to be counted among the godly and upright, but we confess that we have run after other powers, and we have brought trouble upon ourselves and others.

**O Lord, our portion and our cup,
You sustain us and lead us in good and pleasant
ways. We confess that we have trusted in false
wisdom and set our hearts on short-sighted
desires.**

Forgive us, God of our life.

**Help us set You always before us,
and sustain us in your righteousness.**

**Let our hearts be glad, our spirits rejoice,
and our bodies rest in hope,**

**for you do not abandon us to our sin
or let your chosen ones dwell in the pit. Amen.**

Rev. Nathan Williams, Covenant Presbyterian Church, West Des Moines, IA

(time of silent prayer for personal confession)

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.

Song of Response #634 "To God Be the Glory" (verse 1
and refrain.

We Reflect

Prayer for Understanding

Insistent God,
by night and day you summon your slumbering people,
So stir us with your vision,
and enlighten our lives with your grace
that we give ourselves fully
to Your purpose for our lives. Amen.

A Reading from Genesis excerpts 40-41

Sermon

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

In his dreams, he heard a calling in the middle of the night.

Joseph, dreamer, there in prison saw a famine on the way.

So his wondrous gift of vision set him free and saved the day.

When his brothers came in hunger, begging, "Help us!
Give us food,"

Joseph told them, "Weep no longer! "God intended this for good."

(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

Prayer of Dedication

We give these offerings in gratitude,
rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.

We give these offerings in faith,
trusting that you will provide for our needs.
We give these offerings in hope,
knowing you can use them to spread your love in this
world. God of the wilderness,
And with these offerings, we give ourselves;
May we live with generous hearts, with open hands.

Amen

~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on her Spacious Faith

(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

We Are Sent

Hymn#546 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

*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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