

Grace Presbyterian Church

November 10, 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.**



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

If it were not for You, O Beloved,
you who make all things new,
fear and chaos would reign in every heart;

in You will we trust forever.

When doubt threatens to overwhelm and separate us,
When anger makes us blind

**Then You, O Merciful One, are ever ready
To awaken the holy, the sacred within us;**

Then Your living streams of grace enfold us.

**Blessed are you, who are a very Presence to us,
A comfort to our troubled hearts!**

Grant us the strength of eagle wings,
The courage to soar to new heights!

**Break within us the bonds of fear
That we may live with love!**

Psalm for Praying, an Invitation to Wholeness, by Nan Merrill

*Hymn #35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Stewardship: Our Mission Statement in Action

2025 Financial Campaign

Each year a theme for the campaign is selected and this year's theme is

"Our Mission Statement in Action"

Several people will talk about each vision. When you fill out your pledge card you will have an opportunity to choose the 2 that you think should be tackled first

VISIONS

1. Strengthen our connection/collaboration with other religious communities
2. Continue Christian Education which will deepen our faith and help us practice our faith outside the church
3. Expand GFD to address underlying
4. Our congregation continues to welcome all and expands it reach outside our physical boundaries

Call to confession

Trusting God's steadfast love and mercy, let us pray...

Prayer of Confession

God of Everlasting Love,

We confess that we are short-tempered and short-sighted. We do not have patience for those who cry out for justice because we are focused on ourselves. We do not perceive how our lives are connected to others when we blame others for all our troubles. We fail to remember that our days are short, and You are the one who reigns forever. You remind us time and again that we are connected to

each other. You have commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves. You call us into Your work of justice and reparation. God, hold us accountable. Remind us when we are focused only on ourselves instead of the world You called us to participate in. Keep us to Your ways of love, justice, and mercy. Amen.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

Declaration of Forgiveness

This is the good news; There is more than enough love to go around. More than enough resources to be shared. More than enough of everything, when we remember we are all children of God. We are loved and needed, and called to love one another. If we love each other, our needs will be met in the care of God's beloved community.

Let us work to build up the reign of God on earth as it is in heaven, for you are loved, forgiven, and restored. Amen.

Hymn #449 Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love"

(please remain seated and sing vs. 1

We Reflect

Prayer for Understanding

Come among us, living Lord.

**Through the power of Your Holy Spirit,
transform our hearts and minds
so that we may recognize Your presence,
hear Your voice,
know Your will,**

and walk in Your way.

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Saviour. Amen.**

Reading from the Story of Ruth 2:1-13

Time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from The Gospel of Mark 12:38-44

SERMON

*Hymn #316 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

We Respond

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Offertory Invitation

Musical Meditation

Prayer of Dedication

(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.**

We Are Sent

*Hymn #346 "For the Healing of the Nations"

*Charge and Benediction

May God give you justice and freedom;
May Christ Jesus set you free for love;
and may the Holy Spirit go where you go
and protect you on your way.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
in the name of Christ. 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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