

Grace Presbyterian Church

June 28, 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

In the beginning God created all things,
and God saw that they were good.

At our beginning, God created us
unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God,
known and treasured by God.

In all our beginnings, God creates something new
We will seek God in the freshness of this morning,
in the challenges of relationships
in the diversity of creation,
and in the blessing of community.

Loving creator,
open our eyes to see your presence,
our souls to sense your presence,
and our hearts to love your presence in all creation,
Amen. ~ Adapted from Liturgy of Creation

Song #664 Morning Has Broken

Call to Confession

Let us speak from our hearts, the truth of our lives, the
times and ways we have not lived as the people God
creates and calls us to be.

Prayer of Confession

(Silence is kept for us to reflect and confess)

Words of Assurance

Even as the first humans
faced the consequences of their disobedience,
God prepared a way for them to remain connected
to the earth,
to each other
and to the living presence of God.

So it is with all of us:

Through the life and ministry,
death and resurrection of Christ.

We are able to move forward, upright and strong,
because we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

We Reflect

Bible Study the Flawed Families of God

**Scripture Genesis 1, 2, 3 (1:26-31, 2:7-9, 18-23,
2:25-3:19)**

Questions for discussion around the tables

What do we usually picture when we hear the word
“family”? What did families look like in the bible? How
have the images of family changed in your lifetime?

What gender do we usually imagine God to be, and how
has/does that impact our relationship with God, family,
and structure of our faith community? How has it or how

might it change if we could image God in more inclusive ways?

How have women and men been impacted by the story of humanity's fall? Are there other ways to think/talk about it?

Gathering our thoughts and questions.

We Respond

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Offertory Invitation *Place gifts in the basket on table.*

Prayer of Dedication

Help us truly to live in appreciation and awe of all creation and the creativity that you have planted within. Give us the patience and courage to nourish all creation, the strength and persistence to creatively express it through generous sharing and service.

In Your name we pray,
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 Lord's Prayer

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days —
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One.

By Parker Palmer

We Are Sent

*Song "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

**He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**She's got the wind and the rain in Her hands,
She's got the wind and the rain in Her hands,
She's got the wind and the rain in Her hands,
She's got the whole world in Her hands.**

He's got the land and the seas in His hands,

**He's got the land and the seas in His hands,
He's got the land and the seas in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**She's got you and me, brother, in Her hands,
She's got you and me, brother, in Her hands,
She's got you and me, brother, in Her hands,
She's got the whole world in Her hands.**

**He's got you and me sister, in His hands
He's got you and me sister, in His hands
He's got you and me sister, in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands**

**God's got ev'rybody here in God's hands.
God's got ev'rybody there in God's hands.
God's got ev'rybody everywhere in God's hands.
God's got the whole world in God's hands.**

*Charge and Benediction

In mystery and grandeur,

we see the face of God;

in earthiness and the ordinary,

we know the love of Christ.

In heights and depths and life and death,

the Spirit of God is moving among us.

And may the triune God, the beginning, the end, the
everlasting one, make shine in you like the sun, bearing
the light of God to all your meet. 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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