

Grace Presbyterian Church

July 26, 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 (based on Psalm 46: 1-3, 1)

God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.

So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come,
and the mountains crumble into the sea.

Let the oceans roar and foam.

Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

The Lord Almighty is here among us;

Our God is with us in troubling times.

Hymn #22 God Of the Sparrow

1 God of the sparrow

God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

**How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise**

**2 God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save**

**3 God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks**

**4 God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life**

**5 God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace**

**6 God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home**

Call to Confession

Let us speak from our hearts, the truth of our lives, the times and ways we have not lived as God's people, when we have doubted God's presence or concern for us and for the world. Let us pray silently..

Prayer of Confession

(Silence is kept for us to reflect and confess)

Words of Assurance

Oh, what joy for those whose sins are forgiven,
whose mistakes have been wiped away
by God's mercy and grace!

**We will rejoice in God's unfailing love,
which has set us free yet again.**

We Reflect

Reading from Genesis 6:5-13

Reading from Hebrews 11:1-11

Sermon:

Be the Ark!

Questions for discussion around the tables

20 Questions about Noah and the Ark

1. Who was Noah's grandfather?
2. Who was Noah's father?
3. How old was Noah when he had his sons?

4. Name Noah's sons.
5. What was Noah's wife's name?
6. Did Noah have siblings?
7. How many decks are there in the ark?
8. How many animals did God command Noah to load on the ark?
9. How many animals? (Chapter 7:2 and Deut. 14: 3-20)
10. How old was Noah when the flood began?
11. How many people entered the ark?
12. How long did the rain last?
13. How long did it take for the rain to recede?
14. What was the first bird released from the ark?
15. What was the second bird released from the ark?
16. What item did the second bird return with?
17. What were the first two things Noah did after leaving the ark?
a. _____, b. _____?
18. What was God's sign of the new covenant?
19. What occupation did Noah begin, and he owed a _____ ?
20. Noah may also have been the first one to experience being;
_____, and
lying around _____?

Gathering our thoughts and questions.

Isaiah 54:8-10 NKJV (New King James Version)

With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; But with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you," Says the LORD, your Redeemer.

“For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; For as I have sworn That the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, So have I sworn That I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,” Says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

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

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.

(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 # 315 - In the Midst of New Dimensions

**1 In the midst of new dimensions,
in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?**

(Refrain)

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.**

**2 Through the flood of starving people,
warring factions, and despair,
who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care? (Refrain)**

**3 As we stand, a world divided
by our own self-seeking schemes,
grant that we, your global village,
might envision wider dreams. (Refrain)**

**4 We are man and we are woman,
all persuasions, old and young,**

**each a gift in your creation,
each a love song to be sung. (Refrain)**

**5 Should the threats of dire predictions
cause us to withdraw in pain,
may your blazing phoenix spirit
resurrect the church again. (Refrain)**

*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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