Grace Presbyterian Church

November 22, 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

Prelude

Call to worship(based on Psalm 100)
Shout with joy to God, all the earth!
Remember that our God is the only God—
the One who made us,
the One who sustains us,
the One whose Spirit lives within us.

Let us enter God's house with thanksgiving;
and come into God's presence with praise.
For God is good,
with unfailing love that lasts forever,
and faithfulness that extends to all generations.

Hymn #385 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Call to Confession
Let us confess our sins,
not as frightened servants
but as children of the household of God.

Prayer of Confession
Whenever we live like losers,
without the faith-optimism of those who have received grace upon grace;
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Whenever we serve slavishly,
forgetting the glorious liberty
of those who have been named children of God;
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Whenever we only laugh sarcastically,
mocking human faults
instead of participating in the joy of the redeemed;
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

God our Saviour-Friend, by the grace of Christ Jesus please bring us to repentance and forgive our sins by the infusion of your Spirit.
Help us to recover the joy for which we are created.
With all the enlightened souls on earth and in heaven, we long love you all the days of our life,
to live in constant gratitude,
and adore you throughout eternity.
For your name's sake. Amen!

<u>Words of Assurance</u>
With joy draw waters from the well of salvation!
Forgiveness is real!
Trust it and share it; forgive as you have been forgiven.
Jesus said: "There is joy in heaven over one sinner who repents."
Truly, God is our salvation
we shall trust and not be afraid!

~ written by Bruce Prewer, http://www.bruceprewer.com/

Sung response #701 "Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary" (please remain seated and sing 2x)

We Reflect

Prayer for Understanding

O God of wisdom,
you delight in deep truth.
Let these words of scripture teach our hearts,
that we may hear your joy and gladness,
for the sake of Christ, your wisdom for us. Amen.

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

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 12:1-6

Time with Children

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 15:32-38

Sermon

Hymn #645 "Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above"

We Respond

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Offering- Invitation to Bring Offering and Pledges Forward
(congregation will sing #654, "In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful" repeats until everyone has had the opportunity to make an offering.)

Prayer of Dedication
Creator of all, the earth is yours,
the world and all who live in it.
You have entrusted us with gifts—
time, talent, energy, money, relationships, resources of creation, the good news of your grace,—and asked us to use them to build your kingdom.
With thanks and praise as we respond to your call.
We bring the gifts you have given to us,
remembering your generosity, paying it forward, sharing all we have and are so that all might be filled.
We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our resources and our hours.
We commit ourselves to work for your kingdom coming, to love and serve wherever you call.
We ask your blessing on this, your church,
as we seek to follow you with heart, body, mind, and soul.
Bless these gifts and pledges, that they may bear good fruit as your kingdom comes near, 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

We Are Sent

Hymn#643 “Now Thank We All Our God”

*Charge and Benediction

May God, the giver of all good gifts, fill your hearts with gratitude and your hands with generosity.
Go forth into the world to use what you have received in service to your neighbor and glory to God.
And the blessing of God Almighty—Creator, Redeemer and Spirit—be upon you, and remain with you always.
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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