Grace Presbyterian Church

November 15, 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.**



"All whom God makes holy"

We Gather

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission: Stewardship

Prelude

Call to worship Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all you nations!
Worship him, all you peoples!
Because God's faithful love toward us is strong,
the Lord's faithfulness lasts forever!
Praise the Lord!

Hymn # #850 "In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness" vss. 1-3

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing loves is this;
while we were sinners, Christ died for us
Because we have faith in him
we dare to approach God with honesty and confidence
that there is mercy and forgiveness.
Let us pray together…

Prayer of Confession

So many voices trumpet their greatness,
so many images boast of their beauty,
flaunt their power,
squander their wealth;
and all too many of them do so in your name,
Jesus.

And here we are in a world which is daily broken
by the foolish arrogance of people just like us;
And so we pray for the healing and humility
to flood every corner of our world:
wherever there is exploitation
and God-imaged people are dehumanised;
wherever there is neglect
and the needs of the poorest are ignored;
wherever there is disdain,
and the sacred value of your creation is denied;
wherever there is violence,
and the gifts of difference and dignity are rejected.

Wherever people are tempted to think of
themselves as better than others, more worthy,
more deserving, more important to you,
may your humility break in and challenge us,
reminding us of our brokenness and need,
and teaching us to serve and to love everyone
with the grace and humility you show toward us.
Amen. ~ written by John van de Laar, and posted on Sacredise.com.

<u>Words of Assurance</u>
Hear the good news…
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, rose for us, reigns in power for us, and intercedes for us.
This is good news, we are forgiven
and may live in peace. Amen.

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

We Reflect

Prayer for Understanding

The Word of God is planted in our hearts.
May our hearts be receptive to the Word.
The Love of God rains down on us.
May our souls soak in the wonder of God's love.
The Breathe of God blows softly within us.
May our minds be stirred by the power of God's spirit. 2001. Copyright Katherine Hawker. http://liturgyoutside.net/CPr27.html

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 20:32-37

Time with Children

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 18:9-14,

Sermon

We Respond

Hymn #486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

The Sacrament of Baptism (see insert)

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Minute for Mission: RAINN

Offering- Invitation to share

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#692 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

*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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