

# *Grace* Presbyterian Church

October 15, 2023

9:30 am

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## VISION 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.**



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## **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

Praise the Lord!

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord  
or declare all God's praise?**

Happy are those who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times.

**Remember us, O Lord,**

**when you show favor to your people;  
help us when you deliver them,**

that we may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,  
that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,  
that we may glory in your heritage.

\*Opening Hymn # 407 Spirit Divine Attend Our Prayers

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, We long to be faithful stewards of your  
abundant grace.**

**To serve each other in love and humility.  
To serve your world with wisdom and energy.**

**Forgive us when we stumble over pride,  
when our words and actions are not guided by love.  
Turn our hearts when we act in folly.  
Restore our energy when it is gone.**

**Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail.  
But your abundant grace is strong and eternal,  
And forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ.  
Thanks be to God.  
Amen.**

*~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on the Spacious Faith blog*

*(Silence is kept for personal confession.)*

### Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: the One who created goodness and beauty is also the One who shows no partiality, but offers grace and peace to all.

**God has heard our prayers and done the very thing  
we asked - forgiven us, healed us, restored us.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hymn # 437    You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy! (2x Stay Seated)

## **We Reflect**

### Prayer of Illumination

Compassionate God, all creation delights in your radiant presence of your Word.

May the authority of your Spirit

bring understanding into our confused minds  
and truth into our troubled hearts,  
that we may praise and serve Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

~ from a collection of prayers posted on the Worship@North website.

First reading from 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

A time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON

\*Hymn # 301 Let Us Build a House

## **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.**

The Lord's Prayer

**We Are Sent**

\*Hymn #546      Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

\*Charge and Benediction

\*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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