



**GRACE**

Presbyterian Church

**November 23, 2025**

**47<sup>th</sup> Lord's Day of 2025**

Sunday Morning Divine Service – 9:30am

Sunday Evening Service – 5:00pm

# Morning Divine Service

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## Time of Preparation

The Lord has set aside this Day to meet with His people. Use this time to prepare yourself for entering His presence by praying, such as this prayer.

## Votum

This prayer expresses our need for the Lord's help to worship Him properly.

## Call to Worship

The Lord summons us as His people to enter into His presence on the Lord's day (Psalm 100:4-5)

## Hymn of Approach

Singing praise is our first response as we enter His gates with thanksgiving (Psalm 95:2)

## Preparation for Worship

*May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*  
(Colossians 1:11-14)

## Prayer of Preparation

***O Lord, enable me this morning to worship You in sincerity and in truth. Help me to receive again Your gracious service to me in the Word and Sacrament. Help me to give to You the praise due Your name, the Father who loves me, the Son who died for me, and the Spirit who helps me walk in newness of life. Amen.***

— GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM —

Votum – *Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. Amen.*  
(Psalm 124:8)

## \* Call to Worship – Psalm 95: 1-3, 6-7a

Minister: This is the day that the LORD has made;

**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Let us worship the Triune God!

## \* Hymn of Approach

#250 I Sing the Almighty Power of God

## Prayer of Adoration

— GOD RENEWS US IN CHRIST —

Confession of Sin:

*Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, You are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with You! Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. Amen.*

*(Silent Confession)*

\* Assurance of Pardon – Romans 8:1-4

Minister: Therefore, as Christ's minister and by His authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving

#456 Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

\* Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

TPH pg 852

\* Grace of God's Law – Ephesians 4:17-32

**Confession of Sin**

Entering the presence of Almighty God, we are made aware of our own sinfulness and guilt. We humble ourselves and ask for the forgiveness of sins based on the work of Jesus alone. (Psalm 66:18)

**Assurance of Pardon**

God declares His forgiveness to all who trust in Christ. We stand firm in the truth of this good news. (Romans 5:1-2)

**Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Our response to the promise of deliverance is to offer thanksgiving. (Exodus 15)

**Profession of Faith**

God demands that we make personal, public profession of our faith. We join with the universal, historic faith of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 10:32-33)

**Grace of God's Law**

We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works. (Ephesians 2:10) After God announces our deliverance through Christ, God gives His law to summarize our duty as redeemed saints.

## **Tithes and Offerings**

As a sign of our thankful dedication to the Lord, we tithed a tenth of the profit which the Lord has blessed us and any freewill offering over and above.  
(Leviticus 27:30-32)

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Having been forgiven and renewed in Christ, we now confidently approach the throne of grace to pray for the church and the world.  
(Hebrews 4:14-16)

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## **Scripture Reading**

God speaks to His people through the reading of His inspired Word and we hear it.  
(Amos 4:1)

## **Sermon**

Christ equips and matures us through the preaching of His Word and we joyfully receive it. (Ephesians 4:12 -16)

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

### \* Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Prayer of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### \* Old Testament Reading – 1 Kings 18:37

Elder: *The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.* (Isaiah 40:8)

**People: Amen**

### \* Sermon Text – James 5:13-20

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### Sermon – Prayer

Rev. Judson Marvel

— GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE —

\* Hymn of Preparation

#292 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

The Administration of the Table

Sursum Corda

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks.**

The Lord's Supper

— GOD BLESSES & SENDS US OUT —

\* Hymn of Response

#403 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

\* Benediction

\* Congregational Threefold Amen

**The Lord's Table**

The Lord prepares a visible sign of the peace we have with Him through the once for all sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. By faith in Christ, we receive God's gift for our spiritual nourishment and growth. (1 Corinthians 11:24-26)

**Benediction**

In this final act, God assures us of His peace, promises, and presence as we return to the world. (Luke 24:50)

## **Sermon Notes:**

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”* (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

What doctrine does this teach?

What unsound teaching does this reprove?

How does it correct our wayward living?

How does it train us to walk in righteousness?

**Additional Morning Service Notes:**

# **Missionaries of the Month**

**Veritas Christian Community School** in Sierra Vista has provided a classical Christian education to students grades K-12 since opening in 2000. Mrs. Unger, Veritas' Head of School, offers the following ways we can support them:

## **PRAYER**

- Pray the school and staff will always seek to honor our Lord and Savior and His will for the Veritas ministry.
- Pray He will continue to provide for the needs of the school in finances, in staff, and in student numbers.
- Pray for specific funding for the development of our playground structure, shade, and additional play areas.
- Pray for favor in the resolution of ongoing serious problems with our HVAC system.
- Praise God for the many opportunities our students have had this quarter!

## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Unfortunately, most of what we do requires money; books, supplies, electricity, salaries, etc. You can help by making an end of your donation to the school, occasional donations, or regular monthly donations. Through our tax system there are two ways your donation(s) can benefit your own financial situation.

- Charitable donation: this can be ANY amount and is considered a Federal Charitable Deduction. It is listed on your tax filing paperwork as a deduction. This type of donation is given directly to Veritas and the school can use it for a variety of purposes. We will issue a Charitable Donation letter in January for any contributions for the entire year to each donor.
- (2) Tax Credit: The tax credit is a STATE tax credit and counts as paid state taxes. It is listed on your tax paperwork as a credit and has limits (approx. \$2500 for a married couple). This type of donation goes to a third party who, in turn distributes the money to the designated school. These donations may only be used for tuition. Locally, we recommend CCSTO.org. The Cochise Christian School Tuition Organization (CCSTO) is administered locally and working with them is stress free. The tax credit scholarship requires up front payment, however most, if not all of your contribution comes back to you as paid tax or in the form of a refund. Please see check out the website [www.CCSTO.org](http://www.CCSTO.org) for more information.



**Matt and Sarah Esswein**, serving at University of Arizona through Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), the campus ministry organization of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Matt shares the following praises and prayer requests:

## **PRAISES**

- Great fall outreach and turnout of 45 students at our first Dinner & Discussion
- Insightful discussions on the life of David and the gospel on Tuesday nights
- Engaged participation in our girls, guys, and book discussion small groups
- Lots of fun and connection at our fall campout in Oracle
- Fantastic welcome and ownership from our student leadership team at our meetings and events
- Many one-on-ones with staff and students talking about scripture, life, and how to apply the gospel in our lives

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Pray for our upcoming events specifically: Veteran's Day Hang (11/11), Hike (11/15), Friendsgiving (11/20), Christmas Party (12/6). Pray that these would be opportunities to welcome students well as we have been welcomed by Christ (Romans 15:7) and for students to experience Christ's love.
- Pray for Graduating Seniors and their opportunity to share about their experience within RUF on Tuesday, 12/2. (Praise God for 5 students graduating this December!)
- Pray for End-of-Year fundraising as we seek to raise \$75,000 by 12/31 to finish the year well and start 2026 with excitement for what God will do.
- Pray for encouragement and rest for our staff (Matt, Russ, Paige) as we have been pushing hard these first couple months of the semester and are seeing great fruit, but also feeling tired.

## Building Blocks

### **Pillar Verse**

*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.*

James 5:16

### **Weekly Bible Reading**

	<b>Old &amp; New Testament Readings</b>	<b>Psalm Reading</b>
Sunday, November 23	Acts 24, 1 Peter 3	Psalm 113
Monday, November 24	Acts 25, 1 John 1	Psalm 114
Tuesday, November 25	Acts 26, 1 John 2	Psalm 115
Wednesday, November 26	Acts 27, 1 John 3	Psalm 116
Thursday, November 27	Acts 28, 1 John 4	Psalm 117
Friday, November 28	Exodus 1, 1 John 5	Psalm 118
Saturday, November 29	Exodus 2	Psalm 119:1-88

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### **Today**

9:30am – Morning Service  
– *No Sunday School* –  
5:00pm – Evening Service

### **Sunday, 11/30**

9:30am – Morning Service  
11:15am – Sunday School for All Ages  
5:00pm – Evening Service

### **Wednesday, 11/26**

– *No Midweek Prayer Service* –

## Music for Next Lord's Day, Sunday 11/30/2025

### Morning

281 – Rejoice, the Lord Is King  
476 – It Is Well with My Soul  
196 – At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing  
222 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past

### Evening

100B – All People That on Earth Do Dwell  
68B – O Lord, Thou Hast Ascended  
417 – Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

## **Announcements**

### **Office Closed 11/20 through 12/1**

The office will be closed from 11/20 through the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Pastor Marvel on Study Leave**

Pastor Marvel will be on study leave from November 24<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup>. Our Elders and Deacons will be available as usual via phone, email, or text.

### **Adult and Children's Christmas Choirs**

We will have both adult and children's choirs for Christmas Eve service. The first adult choir rehearsal will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup> immediately after morning service. The first children's choir rehearsal will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Sunday mornings December 7<sup>th</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup> adult choir rehearsal will be held at 8:30am and children's choir rehearsal will be held immediately after morning service. Please sign up on the sheet on the foyer table. Contact Susi Childress with any questions.

### **Covenant Family Groups**

The Covenant Family groups (previously Friday Family Bible Study) will meet the first and third Friday of each month. The last meeting before Christmas will be on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Groups will begin with a potluck meal beginning around 5:30pm then discuss Pastor Jud's sermons on the book of James followed by a time of prayer.

Led by Ruling Elder Max Ellis

Hosted by the Ellis Family

3833 Loma Ventosa, Sierra Vista

Contact Mindy @mindy.ellis@yahoo.com

Led by Pastor Emeritus Ken Roth

Meeting at the church

4950 E Camino Segundo, Sierra Vista

Contact Susi @ SuzanneHelps@gmail.com

## **Ways to Serve here at Grace Presbyterian Church**

- 1) Would you be interested in helping our congregation to sing by providing musical accompaniment periodically? Please contact Pastor Jud or Susi Childress.
- 2) The Missions team is looking for a few more members! If you are interested in supporting our missionaries and missions, please contact Pastor Jud.

# Evening Service

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Welcome & Silent Prayer

Call to Worship – Psalm 136:1-2, 26

\* Opening Hymn – #159 Abide with Me

\* Prayer of Adoration and Confession

\* Responsive Reading – Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 6      TPH pg 874-875

Congregational Prayers

\* Psalter Hymn – #418 Arise, O God

\* Sermon Text – Exodus 11:1- 12:30

Minister:            This is the word of the Lord.

People:             **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – The Passover

Rev. Judson Marvel

\* Closing Hymn – #138B With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

\* Benediction

\* Psalm of Blessing – Psalm 72:18-19

**Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel, for he alone doth wondrous works in glory that excel. And blessed be his glorious Name to all eternity: the whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be. A-men.**

\* Please stand if you are able.

## **Sermon Notes:**

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”* (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

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## **Additional Evening Service Notes:**

## Who may come to the Lord's Table?

The Lord's Supper is for all who are baptized and a professing member in good standing at a church that professes the gospel. The Lord prepares the table for those displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their continuing weakness is covered by the blood of Christ, and who desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to walk by the Spirit.

But those who are unbelieving or living in ungodliness should not come to the table until they reform their lives, for one should not dishonor God's covenant and bring down his anger upon the entire congregation. Instead, use this time to meditate on the following prayer: *Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Lord and Savior. Amen.*

## How do I learn more about the church?

Pastor Marvel offers a Grace 101 class periodically. This class introduces interested visitors to the beliefs of our church and life together in this church family. Please contact Pastor Jud if you are interested in attending the next class.

## The Nursery & Training Room

Worship is the act of all God's people. We welcome children to worship with us! We do have a nursery (infant to 3yo) located in the last room on the left at the end of the hallway. We also have a training room in the back of the auditorium to train your young children both to sit quietly and participate as appropriate throughout the service.

## Attendance & Giving Updates

<i>As of 11/23/2025</i>	11/16/2025:	2025 Totals:	2025 Budget Deficit <i>As of 10/31/2025</i>
General Offering	\$6,267.56	\$250,447.44	\$(11,611.62)
Deacons' Benevolence	\$110.00	\$5,760.11	
<b>Attendance 11/16:</b> Morning Service – 112      Sunday School – 50      Evening Service - 34			

## **Message from the Session of Grace Presbyterian Church**

Grace to you and peace, church family,

The elders of Grace Presbyterian church recently restarted Shepherd Groups. "Shepherding" is the heart of the biblical picture of leadership. Paul instructs the elders in Acts 20, "Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood."

As the elders, we are accountable to our Lord Jesus Christ for the members of Grace Presbyterian Church (Heb. 13:17). The most basic responsibility is to know his sheep.

To know the members of Grace Presbyterian Church personally, elders have chosen a smaller portion of members to contact and to oversee. This follows the biblical pattern of members "entrusted" to elders (1 Pet. 5:3). The word for "entrusted" comes from the image of an allotment of land assigned to certain people. This smaller portion of members helps us to have a personal connection with each of you. For our sake, we call these smaller groups "Shepherd Groups".

Shepherd Groups are the placement of church members under one of the five ruling elders. (Pastor Jud will oversee the church officers.). The purpose of the Shepherd Group is to establish a formal and intentional plan of contact from a church officer to chosen members of the church every two months. It is our attempt to care well spiritually and regularly for all the members of the church. Contact can be made by text, phone, or email. It can also be accomplished before or after a divine service, or a home visit. For example, you might receive an email, asking, "How can we pray for you?" In the case that a husband receives this question, please remember that the question is directed for the family as well.

Your shepherding elder will be reaching out to you soon. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Jud or any of the elders.

In Christ,

Pastor Jud on behalf of the session of Grace Presbyterian Church



# GRACE

Presbyterian Church

## Our Mission

For the glory of our Triune God, the mission of Grace Presbyterian Church is to exalt Him, to equip His saints, and to evangelize southeast Arizona and the world with the gospel of Christ.

(Matthew 28)

## Our Vision

Our vision is to be a spring of living water to quench the spiritual thirst of our dry and weary land. We accomplish this by proclaiming the whole counsel of God; by maturing in Christ through the means of grace -- Scripture, sacraments, and prayer; by finding belonging in God's covenant family; by serving one another in love; by loving our neighbors. The result we seek is that each of his saints may yield fruit in their season to the praise and glory of the Triune God.

(Psalm 63; John 4; Psalm 1)

We are a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

## Teaching Elder

Judson Marvel, *Pastor*

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## Ruling Elders

James Bukle

Kevin Christman

Max Ellis

Jon Hardy

Larry Walker, *Clerk of the Session*

## Deacons

Phillip McCluskey

Ryan Ellison

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Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am–2pm

## Women's Ministry Team

Contact: Jodi Marvel

## Communion

Contact: Bonnie Northcutt and Yvonne Grossi

## Fellowship Snack Coordinators

Contact: Jon & Shannon Hardy

## Children's Sunday School Superintendent

Contact: RE Max Ellis