



GRACE

Presbyterian Church

March 8, 2026

10th Lord's Day of 2026

Sunday Morning Divine Service – 9:30am

Sunday Evening Service – 5:00pm

Morning Divine Service

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

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth. (Psalm 57:9-11)

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 96:1-9

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

#256 God Moves in a Mysterious Way

* 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

#435 Not What My Hands Have Done

* Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

TPH pg 852

* Grace of God's Law – Zechariah 7:8-10

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 tithe 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)

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)

* Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

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.

* Sermon Text – Ephesians 2:4-7

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon – Alive in Christ

Rev. Marcos Zapata

— GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE —

* Hymn of Preparation

#397 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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

#476 It Is Well with My Soul

* 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)

Morning Service Notes:

1. Alive by God's Mercy (v.4)

2. Alive through Union with Christ (vv.5-6)

3. Alive for God's Glory (v.7)

Justice — we receive what we deserve.

Mercy — we do not receive what we deserve.

Grace — we receive what we do not deserve.

Additional 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?

Missionaries of the Month



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:

Hello Grace Sierra Vista! Thank you so much for your prayer and support of RUF at the University of Arizona! We have had a great start to 2026 with about 35-40 students coming out to our weekly dinner & discussions, small groups, and social events. I have been teaching through a series looking at questions God asks in the Bible and letting them stir our reflection and application. Our student leaders have done a great job pursuing and inviting friends to our group and practicing sharing the gospel in our team meetings.

Here are a few ways you can pray for us in March and through the end of the semester in May:

- Pray for us to lead students well into understanding of the Bible and applying to their lives in our Tuesday night Dinner and Discussions
- Pray for our small groups to be places where students learn the basics of Christianity and teak them deeper into their lives
- Pray for our outreach to new students through tabling, social events, and direct invitation
- Pray for Russ & Paige (our interns) to drink deeply of God's love and grace as they pour themselves out in ministry.
- Pray for Matt, Sarah, and their girls to enjoy sweet time together and all grow in their love of Jesus



San Pablo Seminary "Servants for Christ's Sake"

Founded in 2000 as a ministry of Christ the King (PCA) in El Paso, TX, San Pablo Seminario has graduated more than 60 people who now serves as pastors, leaders, and church planters in Mexico and the southern United States.

The seminary has also recently received the formal endorsement of the Rio Grande Presbytery of the PCA, which has decided to accept seminary graduates as ministerial candidates within its denomination. As a result of this growing relationship, two graduates have recently been ordained as pastors within the PCA, and several more are in the process of ordination.

- Please pray for the faculty and staff of the college: that they be strengthened through the challenges inherent in working for a Christ-honoring college, and that they reflect the love, integrity, and faith of Christ to their students and the community.
- Please pray for the students and prospective students of the college: that instead of college being the end of their faith, it be the catalyst of a deep and lifelong faith through which they come to rely on Christ for every aspect of their lives.

Visit the college's website (stpsanpablo.org) for more information.

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?

Grace 101 is a class designed to introduce the history, doctrines, practices, and people of our church. It is offered for visitors who are considering membership. It is also recommended for current members who want a refresher course. See the Announcement section for information on the next class or talk with Pastor Jud.

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 3/8/2026</i>	3/1/2026:	2026 Totals:	YTD Income <small>minus</small> Expenses as of January 31, 2026
General Offering	\$4,521.54	\$50,391.69	\$24,352.93 Income
(which includes) Deacons' Benevolence	\$150.00	\$1,226.17	- <u>\$16,232.95</u> Expenses \$ 8,119.98
Attendance 3/1: Morning Service – 86 Sunday School – 39 Evening Service – 29			

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday, 3/8

9:30am – Morning Service
11:15am – Children’s Choir Rehearsal AND
-- *Marcos Zapata Mission Presentation* --
5:00pm – Evening Service

Wednesday, 3/11

6:30pm – Mid-week Prayer Meeting

Friday, 3/13

6:00pm – Youth Night @ Ellisons’ home

Saturday, 3/14

10:00am - Women’s Ministry Friends
and Fellowship @ Marvels’ home

Sunday, 3/15

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

Music for Next Lord’s Day, Sunday 3/15/2026

Morning

227 – How Great Thou Art
433 – Amazing Grace
340 – There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood
338 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Evening Service

214 – Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
29A – Now unto the LORD
426 – How Vast the Benefits Divine

Deacons’ Mercy Corner

The job of a Deacon is, most simply stated, to be a minister of mercy.

Within the church body our Deacons provide help to members of the congregation in times of need. That need might be help with a physical task such as moving furniture or yard work, financial help during a loss of job or for expenses related to an emergency, or even something as simple as a ride to church.

Our Deacons also help tie our congregation to other local organizations which share in ministering mercy. Two such organizations which GPC financially supports are Veritas Christian Community School and CareNet Crisis Pregnancy Center of Sierra Vista.

Here is how you can help our Deacons minister to our own congregation as well as how you can partner with the Deacons to support Veritas and CareNet.

- **CareNet** will be hosting their annual Walk for Life on Saturday, May 16th. More information on several ways you can participate will be available soon.
- We currently have two Deacons, both of whom are dedicated to serving our congregation! They are also husbands and fathers with responsibilities to their families. Please join us in **praying for God to raise up additional deacons** to join them in their service to the church.

Announcements

Family Sunday School & Children's Easter Choir Rehearsal – Today

The Children's choir will be meeting in Mrs. Walker's Sunday School class for Easter music rehearsal at 11:15.

Everyone not involved with the children's choir, please come during the Sunday School hour to hear Marcos Zapata, one of our supported missionaries, talk about his cross-border mission with an online seminary in Mexico.

Youth Night – March 13th

All youth ages 12-18 are invited to come to the Ellisons' home for a time of fun, fellowship, and Godly discussion. Come at 6pm. Dinner will be provided. An Elder will lead bible study and discussion, followed by prayer and fellowship. Contact Ryan or Molly with any questions.

Women's Ministry Friends & Fellowship – March 14th

The Women's Ministry Team invites the ladies of the church to gather for fellowship and a discussion on Family and Friendship on Saturday, March 14th from 10:am – 12:00pm at the Marvel's home. Please contact Jodi or any member of the Women's Ministry team with questions.

Grace 101 Class – Starts March 15th

Pastor Marvel plans to offer a 8-week class called Grace 101 starting March 15 during the Sunday school time. The class is designed to introduce the history, doctrines, practices, and people of our church. It is offered for visitors who are considering membership. It is also recommended for current members who want a refresher course. The class will start on March 15th and end on May 17th, taking off Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Please contact Pastor Jud with any questions or to sign up.

Covenant Family Groups – March 20th

Our covenant family groups will meet this Friday, March 6th .

- Pastor Ken Roth and RE Larry Walker will lead a group meeting at the church.
- RE James Bukle and RE Max Ellis will lead a group meeting at Kevin and Yvonne Grossi's home (3371 Herba de Maria).
- RE Kevin Christman and RE Jon Hardy will lead a group meeting at John and Susi Childress' home (401 Canterbury Drive).

Each group will start with a potluck meal at 5:30pm with study on the book of Jude starting around 6:30pm. Please feel free to come for the study even if you are unable to make it to dinner. Studies will meet on March 20th, April 17th, and May 1st and 15th.

No Sunday School on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday

There will be no Sunday School on Palm Sunday, March 29th and Easter Sunday, April 5th. However both the Children's choir and the Adult choir will have rehearsal at 11:15am on Sunday March 29th.

Good Friday Service

We will have service at 7pm on Good Friday, April 3rd. (Covenant Family Groups will not meet.) Please add this to your calendar and plan to attend.

Ways to Serve here at Grace Presbyterian Church

- 1) 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 of Scripture, Sermons, and Hymns

Welcome & Silent Prayer

* Call to Worship – Psalm 135:1-3

* Opening Hymn – #214 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

* Prayer of Adoration and Confession

* Responsive Reading – Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q 63-66 TPH pg 973

Congregational Prayers

* Psalter Hymn – #29A Now unto the LORD, All You Sons of the Mighty

* Sermon Text – Exodus 20:12

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon – The Fifth Commandment

Rev. Judson Marvel

* Closing Hymn – #426 How Vast the Benefits Divine

* Benediction

* Doxology - #569

* Please stand if you are able.

Sermon Notes:

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Additional Evening Service Notes:



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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).

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Women's Ministry Team

Contact: Jodi Marvel

Communion

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Fellowship Snack Coordinators

Contact: RE Jon & Shannon Hardy

Children's Sunday School Superintendent

Contact: RE Max Ellis