



# GRACE

Presbyterian Church

## May 3, 2026

### 18<sup>th</sup> Lord's Day of 2026

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

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. (Colossians 3:1-4)*

## 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 135:1-4

Minister: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

**People: therefore let us keep the feast,**

not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness;

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

## \* Hymn of Approach

#374 All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name!

## \* Prayer of Adoration

\* Please stand if you are able.

— GOD RENEWS US IN CHRIST —

Confession of Sin:

*We, poor sinners, acknowledge before You, our God and Creator, that we have terribly and in many ways sinned against You, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections, as You, our Lord and God, know well, and we cannot deeply enough deplore. But we repent of these things, and are sorry for them, and heartily ask You for mercy, for the sake of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*(Silent Confession)*

\* Assurance of Pardon – 1 John 2:1-2

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

#352 Man of Sorrows! What a Name

\* Profession of Faith

Apostle's Creed

TPH pg 851

\* Grace of God's Law – Exodus 20:1-17

**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 #567

**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 – Exodus 20:2

### \* Sermon Text – Romans 7:1-13

**Minister:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

### Sermon – Principles of the Law

Rev. Judson Marvel

— GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE —

\* Hymn of Preparation

#291 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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

#243 How Firm a Foundation

\* 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)

## A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

1. A hymn of glo-ry let us sing; new songs through-out the world shall  
 2. The ho-ly ap-os-tol-ic band up-on the Mount of Ol-ives  
 3. To whom the an-gels, draw-ing nigh: "Why stand and gaze up-on the  
 4. "A-gain shall you be-hold him so as you to-day have seen him

ring: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ, by a road be-fore un-stand;  
 Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! and with his fol-low-ers they  
 sky?" Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! "This is the Sav-ior," thus they  
 go, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! in glo-rious pomp as-cend-ing

trod, as-cends un-to the throne of God.  
 see Je-sus' re-splen-dent ma-jes-ty. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-  
 say. "This is his no-ble tri-umph day.  
 high, up to the por-tals of the sky."

lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

## Morning Service Notes:

### 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?

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# Missionaries of the Month

## **Mike & Robin McMahan**

### **Equipping Leaders International/Equipping Farmers International**

From Mike & Robin: Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial gifts. We are blessed to have the privilege of serving Christ through Equipping Farmers International. Though we live in Panama, many of you know that our roles are international. This update is about work in Panama, in the US, and in Africa.

Last fall, our pastor in Panama asked if we would do the premarital counseling for a couple. The guy, James, is from the UK and doesn't speak Spanish. The girl, Laura, is a member of our church in Panama. Since the pastor doesn't speak English, he asked if we would help. It has been tricky since James lives in the UK and has an unpredictable work situation. On April 1 they got married in Panama. Robin was away, but Mike was excited to celebrate their wedding day with them!

Meanwhile, Robin had traveled to the US to help her Mom. Robin's mom had spent the last 3 months in Florida and needed help driving home to Texas. After helping her mom for a bit, Robin traveled on April 11 to Equatorial Guinea. From April 13-17, Robin helped our Southern and Central Africa Regional Director to teach an ICCA (International Certificate of Conservation Agriculture) in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea. Some time ago, Xolani asked if Robin would be available to come help teach and translate, since Equatorial Guinea is the only Spanish-speaking country in Africa. This is our first training in Guinea with a new partner—a network of churches throughout the country. They have carefully selected 20 individuals to be trained as trainers. Since Equatorial Guinea imports about 80% of their food, food insecurity is a very real concern.

When we were in Zimbabwe at Worringham Presbyterian church, Xolani (on the right) translated into Ndebele for us. Now Robin gets to go translate EFI training into Spanish for Xolani! Please pray for Robin and for Xolani as they travel and train. Pray for Robin's translation to be effective!

You may remember that last May EFI did an internship at Empower Farms in Knoxville, TN. This year, we will be there again! At Empower, interns have an opportunity to get the ICCA training, get some experience in a hydroponic greenhouse and also take part in classroom activities designed to encourage and prepare them to live out agricultural discipleship. Many participants are international students, so this is also a strong cross cultural experience. Please pray for us as we plan for this 4-week internship which begins with the ICCA on May 11.

## **Héctor and María Bautista**

### **CPI through MTW**

Héctor Bautista and his wife María lead a church plant named **Conexión de Gracia** (Grace Connection) in Hermosillo, Mexico as part of a church planting movement undertaken jointly between the Presbyterian Church of Mexico and Mission to the World through the Centro para la Plantación de Iglesias (CPI).

They have been working steadily since they arrived in Hermosillo in February 2020, just a month before the pandemic started. Though they had to rearrange things early on to meet the demands of imposed health and safety regulations, they have since been able to meet regularly with a growing congregation.

Prayer Requests:

1. That God would renew their spiritual lives.
2. That they would be able to get their own place to meet. They are no longer able to use the previous place they were renting. They are temporarily in a church building for 3 months.

## **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.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### **Sunday, 5/3**

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

### **Wednesday, 5/6**

6:30pm – Mid-week Prayer Meeting

### **Friday, 5/8**

6:00pm – Youth Night @ Ellison home

### **Sunday, 5/10**

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

## Music for Next Lord's Day, Sunday 5/10/2026

**May Communion Hymn:** 370 – A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

### Morning

253 – God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory  
 435 – Not What My Hands Have Done  
 256 – God Moves in a Mysterious Way  
 515 – How Firm a Foundation

### Evening Scripture and Song

219 – O Worship the King  
 1A – That Man is Blest  
 222 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past  
 567 - Doxology

## Attendance & Giving Updates

<i>As of 5/3/2026</i>	4/29/2026:	2026 Totals:	YTD Income <small>minus</small> Expenses as of March 31, 2026
General Offering	\$4,424.85	\$94,873.05	\$71,008.03 All Income
(which includes) Deacons' Benevolence	\$400.00	\$2,826.17	- <u>\$47,028.38</u> Expenses \$23,979.65
<b>Attendance 4/26:</b> Morning Service – 96    Sunday School – 45    Evening Service - 28			

## 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. They 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 16<sup>th</sup>.** Registration on the day starts at 7am with the walk starting at 8am. The church office has registration forms as well as pledge forms. You may also register online at <https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrsync/event/?e=31912> .
- 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**

### **Cards of Encouragement**

Please also stop by the Cards of Encouragement table to sign and write a short note to those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month or to build up our missionaries! Let's be a family who joins in celebrations with one another!

### **Looking for a Few Good Men**

The Deacons are looking for a few men (old, young, or anywhere in between) to help with the collection and counting of Sunday offerings. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer, or you may speak to Phillip or Ryan directly.

### **Youth Night – Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

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.

### **Ladies Friends and Fellowship – Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>**

All ladies are invited to attend our Friends and Fellowship event May 9, 2026 at 10:00. Please join us for fellowship, coffee, and light-bites as we engage in a discussion on Biblical Submission. You only need to bring your Bible! Hosted by Karena Christman at 8950 S. Black Bear Oak Drive Hereford. Feel free to contact Karena with any questions.

### **Covenant Family Groups – Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Our covenant family groups will meet Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. 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. This will be the last study for the spring.

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### **Sunday School Teacher Appreciation – Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

We will have a special fellowship treat after morning service on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> in honor of all our wonderful Sunday School teachers. Please remember to thank your teachers for the time, energy, and love they pour into teaching Sunday School!

# Evening Service of Scripture and Songs

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Welcome & Silent Prayer

\* Call to Worship – Psalm 95:6-7a

\* Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Scripture Reading – Acts 1-2 (ESV)

Leader: *Thus far ends the reading of God's Word.*

**People: Amen!**

\* Hymn – #219 O Worship the King

Scripture Reading – Acts 3-4 (ESV)

Leader: *Thus far ends the reading of God's Word.*

**People: Amen!**

\* Hymn – #1A That Man Is Blest

Scripture Reading – Acts 5-6 (ESV)

Leader: *Thus far ends the reading of God's Word.*

**People: Amen!**

\* Hymn – #222 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Scripture Reading – Acts 7-8 (ESV)

Leader: *May God bless the reading of his Word.*

**People: Amen!**

\* Hymn – #567 Doxology

\* Benediction

## **Sermon Notes:**

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## **Additional Evening Service Notes:**



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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

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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