



GRACE

Presbyterian Church

August 23, 2026
34th 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.

Preparation for Worship

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
(1 Peter 2:4-5)

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

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

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

Call to Worship

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

* Call to Worship — Psalm 117

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

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

* Hymn of Approach

#245 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

* Prayer of Adoration

— GOD RENEWS US IN CHRIST —

Confession of Sin:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their sins. Restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

* Assurance of Pardon – Romans 8:31-39

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

#433 Amazing Grace

* Profession of Faith

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* Grace of God's Law – James 1:19-27

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 #572**

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.

*** New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 2:5**

*** Sermon Text – Acts 17:22-31**

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – Four Questions

Rev. Judson Marvel

— GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE —

- * Hymn of Preparation
#172 Speak, O Lord

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
#446 Be Thou My Vision
- * 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:

Additional Sermon Notes:

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(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

What doctrine does this teach?

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Missionaries of the Month



DH and Emily Henry working jointly with MTW and RUF serving the *Diné* (the Navajo) people and especially students in Flagstaff, AZ share the following information and prayer requests:

I just wanted to start by saying thank you. Because of your partnership, we are able to live here in Flagstaff, collaborate with Northern Arizona University students and indigenous Bible college students and people here in the native community. Your support truly helps us bring the hope of the gospel to life here.

We're doing something unique which is specifically trying to reach the 10% of the student body population here that is indigenous. We are just having a blast walking through life with students and seeing how God is really already at work in their lives. We also have the privilege of continuing to do life coaching at Indigenous Bible College.

Please join us in praying:

- MTW's team has been working together to form a stronger understanding of the animistic culture and especially the way it impacts spiritual health and vitality of missionaries serving in those cultures. DH has really been encouraged by his time with that Animism survey with the wider MTW team serving amid Native American Tribes. He really wants to apply what he's learned and be more vigilant against our spiritual enemy. Please pray that the Henry's not be ignorant of Satan's schemes (2 Corinthians 2:11).
- Life out in Flagstaff continues to be non-stop for the Henrys, no matter what stage or time of year (maybe part of it is their having two teens and two more under age 10). Pray that they might balance their schedules well and prioritize the most important aspects — especially time with God.
- Pray for our family and the Navajo families we serve alongside...for children, grandparents, parents, and extended family members, that God will be very real to us all and glorify Himself in our lives. Pray that family relationships will be strengthened. Pray that we will grow stronger in the Lord.

Jeff and Heather, MTW

Jeff and Heather are providing member care for those working with Muslims in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia, and Southeast Asia. They counsel workers and their families and help equip national partners with skills to care for those in their community. There has been some exciting fruit among churches throughout the region who are reaching out to refugee populations.

- Please pray for the many families affected by the continuing conflict(s) in the Middle East.
- Please pray for the missionaries in the ME as well as their families, that they might be filled with the peace that passes all understanding, and that those around them will see that peace and come to know more about the One who gives them that peace.
- Please pray for Jeff and Heather as they counsel those missionaries effected by the emotional, physical, and spiritual tolls of escalated conflict in the ME.

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 Grace Presbyterian Church?

Pastor Jud offers a few pastoral visits to visitors considering membership. These visits allow Pastor Jud to tailor an introduction to the church and to answer your questions personally. Please contact Pastor Jud if you are interested.

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 8/23/2026</i>	8/16/2026	2026 Totals:	YTD Income minus Expenses as of June 30, 2026
General Offering	\$5,816.62	\$168,736.70	\$132,309.18 Income
(which includes) Deacons' Benevolence	\$0.00	\$4,635.83	- <u>\$123,300.77 Expenses</u> \$ 9,008.33
Attendance 8/16: Morning Service – 91 Evening Service - 30			

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday, 8/23

8:45am - Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:30am – Morning Service
11:15am – Congregational Prayer Meeting
5:00pm – Evening Service

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Music for Next Lord's Day, Sunday 8/30/2026

Morning

212 – Come, Thou Almighty King
459 - My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
425 – How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place
446 – Join All the Glorious Names

Evening

24B - The Earth and Its Riches
Requested Hymn(s)
42A - As the Deer Pants for the Water

Ways to Serve

- 1) **Communion preparation:** We are in need of a couple more people to set up communion plates once or twice a month on Sunday mornings. **Please see Yvonne Grossi for additional information on or to volunteer for this small but important task.**
- 2) **Fellowship Snack Coordinator:** Jon and Shannon Hardy have been managing fellowship snacks (from setting up and taking down on Sunday morning to keeping track of inventory and letting the office know when to order additional items) and the coffee making. These tasks could be managed by one person or by a group of people. **Please talk to Jon or Yvonne for more information or to volunteer.**
 - a) **Fellowship snack set up/take down:** We also need volunteers to set up the snacks for fellowship time after morning service. Snacks are prepped before morning service, bring them out after service, then return dishes to the kitchen after fellowship time.
 - b) **Future need for coffee set up/take down:** Jon will make coffee again when he returns, but when he leaves to join Shannon permanently, we will need a new person or people in charge of the coffee.

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.

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 Worship Guide — Fall 2026

The Family Worship Guide for Fall 2026 is now available in the narthex — take one for your household. Beginning the week of August 30 and running through November 22, it walks through the book of Genesis in five readings a week, with a prayer for each week and a hymn from the *Trinity Psalter Hymnal* that we will also sing together in worship. Though written with families in mind, it serves couples and individuals just as well.

Secretary Out of Office – August 27th through September 9th

Susi will be out of the office from Thursday, August 27th through Wednesday, September 9th. Please turn in all requests no later than Monday August 24th so she has time to work on them before she leaves. Pastor Marvel, our Elders, and our Deacons will all be available as usual via email/text/phone. Susi will be back in the office on Thursday, September 10th.

Art Night – Friday, September 11th

Psalms 50 says, “Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth” (2). God’s choice of His people for salvation is a work of beauty. One way we bear witness to God is by making beautiful things—food, music, crafts, or literature. We want to encourage and inspire artists among our congregation (all levels and ages!) by holding an “Art Night” on Sept. 11 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Please contact Cara Butterfield for more details.

Ladies Friends and Fellowship – Saturday, September 12th

All ladies are invited to attend our Friends and Fellowship event September 12, 2026 at 10:00am. Please join us for fellowship, coffee, and light-bites as we engage in a discussion on Contentment. You only need to bring your Bible! Hosted by Molly Ellison at 1921 Sunview Way. Feel free to contact Molly with any questions.

Sunday School Starts on Sunday, September 13th

Our Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 13th. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for children's classes. Parents and older children, please include full name and grade level on the sign-up sheet so we have an idea of how many curriculum sets we need to get for each class.

If you are willing to act as a substitute teacher for any of these classes, please contact our Sunday School superintendent, Max Ellis.

Adult Sunday School: The Westminster Confession of Faith

Beginning Sunday, September 13, Pastor Jud will lead the adult Sunday school class through the Westminster Confession of Faith. The Confession is our summary of what Scripture teaches, and we will work through it together, chapter by chapter. No preparation is required — come as you are and bring your questions. *"Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me."* (2 Timothy 1:13)

Grace Church Study

Beginning Friday, September 18, our church family will gather in one another's homes for Grace Church Study — a shared meal, discussion of the Lord's Day sermon, and prayer together. The meal begins at 6:00 p.m., and Pastor Jud will lead the discussion.

Fall dates: September 18 and 25; October 2, 9, and 23; November 6, 13, and 20. We will break for the holidays through December and January, and resume in February for a spring season running through May.

This is one gathering for the whole congregation, not a program for a few. Come as you are and bring your children.

The Bukles have graciously offered to host in September. We are looking for a household to host in October and another in November. Hosting means opening your door and coordinating the meal — it does not mean cooking for everyone, and it does not require the largest house in the church. If your household would consider hosting for October or November, please speak with Pastor Jud or one of the elders.

Men's Fellowship

Beginning in October, the men of Grace Presbyterian will gather quarterly for an activity or a service project — time spent working and building alongside one another. The aim is straightforward: that the men of this church would know one another well and be ready to help one another.

Every man is welcome, members and visitors alike, young and old. Fathers, bring your sons; a boy learns a great deal about being a man by working beside them.

Details for the October gathering will be announced shortly. To learn more, to lend a hand, or to suggest a project, please contact RE Max Ellis.

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17)

Evening Service

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering of Hymn Requests

- * Call to Worship – Psalm 113:1-3
- * Opening Hymn – #24B The Earth and Its Riches
- * Prayer of Adoration and Confession
- * Hymn Requests
- * Scripture Reading – Isaiah 1

Praying for Each Other

- * Sermon Text – Genesis 2

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon – Creation of Eve

Rev. Judson Marvel

- * Closing Hymn – #42A As the Deer Pants for the Water
- * Benediction
- * Doxology - #567

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

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Contact: RE Max Ellis

Website Coordinator

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