



GRACE

Presbyterian Church

September 6, 2026
36th 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

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether (Psalm 19:7-9)

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 145:1-7

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

#236 To God Be the Glory

* Prayer of Adoration

— GOD RENEWS US IN CHRIST —

Confession of Sin:

Merciful Father, we openly acknowledge and confess our sin to You. Our transgressions are many. We have been slow to do good and quick to do evil. We have allowed our hearts to grow cold in love for You. At times we have loved the things of this world more than You, our Creator and Redeemer. We have not loved You as we ought, and we have not grieved over our sins as we ought. In Your mercy, forgive us and renew our hearts. Blot out our transgressions for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By Your Spirit, enliven us to love You more and to walk in Your ways. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

* Assurance of Pardon – 1 John 4:7-12

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

Apostles' Creed

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* 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 #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.

*** Old Testament Reading – Exodus 32:32**

*** Sermon Text – Romans 9:1-5**

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – Apostolic Anguish

Rev. Judson Marvel

— GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE —

* Hymn of Preparation

#351 How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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)

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?

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



Mike & Robin McMahan

Equipping Leaders International/Equipping Farmers International

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support! We are so blessed to be part of ministries that carry the gospel to the world in a variety of ways.

Last month Mike spent a week in Cajabamba, Ecuador, while Robin stayed at home preparing for an upcoming training for oral delivery of EFI's farming training. In Ecuador, Mike served alongside Manuel Padilla of Equipping Leaders International (ELI), helping to prepare a group of indigenous church leaders for ministry. About a third of the group are already pastors, while others are preparing themselves for gospel ministry. It was a challenging week for Mike teaching on the doctrine and work of the Holy Spirit—at a much higher altitude than he is used to and completely in Spanish. They visited two Quichua churches where Manuel preached in one and Mike in the other. Then they spent several days teaching at a Bible training center in Cayabamba. After nearly 15 years away from Ecuador, Mike had the opportunity to eat cuy—guinea pig, a Quichua delicacy—again. In addition to teaching in Cajabamba, he also had a day to visit with several Ecuadorian friends in Quito.

Did you know that 80% of smallholder farmers in the Global South are oral-preference learners? Traditional written manuals leave them behind, but God is doing something new! Through our new Oral Farmers Curriculum, we are teaching sustainable agriculture and biblical discipleship entirely through stories, imagery, and verbal retellings.

You may remember that Robin has been part of working on the oral curriculum for the last year. In August, we will have our first in-person training of oral delivery trainers here in Panama. We will soon be piloting the curriculum in several countries. Please pray for all the details around this pilot program.

Last month we mentioned that Mike will be stepping into a new role with EFI. Those who know us realize that prayer has long been a passion for us. For the last year and a half we have been moderating EFI's 3rd Monday Prayer Meeting, but Mike continues to be convinced that we need more opportunities to engage folks in prayer for the global goals and reach of EFI. He has recently been named EFI's Prayer Coordinator and is working on a 24-hour prayer calendar for the organization. Look for more about this in future newsletters!



Héctor and María Bautista

CPI through MTW

Héctor Bautista and his wife María lead a church plant that was 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).

Conexión de Gracia has been struggling with finding a place to worship, having moved multiple times since Héctor and María first arrived in Hermosillo in 2020, just before the pandemic radically changed the way people could (or couldn't) congregate together for any reason.

In late June of this year we received the following message from Héctor:

“Brothers, may the Lord Bless you! It is a pleasure to greet you. Since we began the planting work until today, we have been gathering for services in a rented hall, and during the week we had small group activities, and the Lord allowed us through this testimony to keep growing and strengthening. We approached a small mission. It was an opportunity for both groups to get to know each other. However, over time a mutual appreciation arose along with a very earnest and sincere desire to be able to share church life together, so they expressed a desire to unite. More than a merger, I consider that the planting project has added these 10 people, and the project has been strengthened. We have moved forward. Thank God, we have a space to gather, although we have many physical needs, but at least we now have a place to gather for services. We are already working unanimously on our unity plans for the remainder of this year, and God willing, next year we will work hard to achieve the organization of a Presbyterian church here, in the city of Hermosillo. Receive from me, my family, and this growing congregation, brothers, a big hug and our blessings for you as well.”

The name of the new congregation: Roca Eterna (Eternal Rock)

Plan 2027: Presbyterian Identity and election of officers

Plan 2028: Roca Eterna church organization

Please be in prayer for this fledgling congregation, for Héctor and María as they work toward moving into the mission though it needs a lot of maintenance and doesn't currently have a stove or refrigerator. Pray for continuing spiritual growth, and that this new congregation may attract many more people in the area hungry for the Word of God.

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 9/6/2026</i>	8/30/2026	2026 Totals:	YTD Income minus Expenses as of June 30, 2026
General Offering	<i>To be reported on 9/13/26</i>	\$174,721.70	\$132,309.18 Income
(which includes) Deacons' Benevolence		\$4,735.83	- <u>\$123,300.77 Expenses</u> \$ 9,008.33
Attendance 8/30: <i>To be reported on 9/13/26</i>			

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday, 9/6

9:30am – Morning Service
11:15am – Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm – Evening Service

Friday, 9/11

6:30pm – Art Night

Saturday, 9/12

10:00am – Women's Friends &
Fellowship @Ellisons' Home

Sunday, 9/13

9:00am – Children's choir rehearsal
9:30am – Morning Service
11:15am – Sunday School for All Ages
5:00pm – Evening Service

Music for Next Lord's Day, Sunday 9/13/2026

Morning

216 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
460 - Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ
452 – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
270 – At the Name of Jesus

Evening

100B - All People That on Earth Do Dwell
Requested Hymn(s)
159 – Abide with Me

Ways to Serve

- 1) **Communion preparation:** We are still 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 or to volunteer for this small but important task.**
- 2) **Fellowship Snack/Coffee 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 for more information or to volunteer.**

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 – until September 9th

Susi will be out of the office until Wednesday, September 9th. 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.

Children's Choir Rehearsal – Today at 11:15am

If your child would like to sing with the children's choir for offertory on September 13th, please join rehearsal today at the piano at 11:15am. Please contact Anna or Brandon Wilson with any questions.

Art Night – Friday, September 11th

Psalm 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 18th, 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. October and November locations will be announced later this month.

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 147:7-11
- * Opening Hymn – #100B All People That on Earth Do Dwell
- * Prayer of Adoration and Confession
- * Hymn Requests
- * Scripture Reading – Isaiah 3-4

Praying for Each Other

- * Sermon Text – Nahum 1:1; Habakkuk 1:1; Zephaniah 1:1

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon – Providence Purifying a People

Rev. Judson Marvel

- * Closing Hymn – #159 Abide with Me
- * 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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Fellowship Snack Coordinators

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Contact: RE Max Ellis

Website Coordinator

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