GRACE
Presbyterian Church

November 1, 2026
44th Lord's Day of 2026

Sunday Morning Divine Service – 9:30am
Sunday Evening Service – 5:00pm

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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

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
(Romans 5:1-2)

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 95:1-7a

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

#247 We Praise You O God, Our Redeemer

* 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

#429 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

* Profession of Faith

Apostles' 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 #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 Text – Numbers 15:17-21

* Sermon Text – Romans 11:11-24

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon – God's Kindness

Rev. Judson Marvel

— GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE —

* Hymn of Preparation

#203 According to Thy Gracious Word

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

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)

— GOD BLESSES & SENDS US OUT —

* Hymn of Response

#244 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

* Benediction

* Congregational Threefold Amen #575

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



Michael Fennema, incoming RUF Pastor at University of Arizona, shares the following:

During my Monday morning phone call with Russ (the intern who is on campus with the students right now), I asked him the question: *"How do you really think the students are doing this semester?"* From what I heard—both the challenging and the encouraging—I realized that it was time to send a "letter" to our student leaders. Russ tells me that they were encouraged and excited for me to reach out. Rather than unpack all that Russ and I talked about, I thought that the best way to give you a glimpse of what's going on is to share that same letter with you. Here's the letter:

Hey Ministry Team! It's been about six weeks since I last saw you all, and it feels like a lot longer. Russ and I talk on the phone every week, and every time we hang up I feel a little FOMO. I get the same feeling catching up on the MT group chat. I can't tell you how excited Marie and I are to be headed your way.

I wanted to reach out for two reasons. First, to share some things I've noticed that have really encouraged me. And second, to set up time to talk with each of you as we start thinking about next semester.

So, first: I'm really encouraged by you all.

When I was a sophomore in college, the solo pastor of my small church left after a long tenure. We didn't know how long we'd be without a pastor, and the church didn't grow during that time. But something more important than numbers happened. We started knitting together in a new way. Without a pastor, more people stepped up, and we developed a clearer identity and a stronger bond as a group. When we finally got a new senior pastor, there was a collective exhale. It was wonderful to have a leader and a shared vision again, and the church did grow considerably after that. But I don't think any of us would trade what we learned in those months.

As I listen to Russ talk about you, I think something similar is happening here, and it's worth naming. I've heard your concern about fewer new faces at Dinner & Discussion, and I really appreciate your creative ideas for reaching more students. Now is a great time to try new things, so keep at it. But I want to point to the invisible growth, the stuff happening under the soil.

Russ tells me that, compared to past years, you're more solidified as a single group. You're having more vulnerable, spiritually focused conversations with each other. You're not just here to have a good time; you're here to encounter Jesus and grow. And you want to pull others into that. With Matt and Paige gone, you've stepped up. You've MC'd, run the Instagram, led the prayers, and become the first faces people associate with RUF. Russ says that for student-run events, all he has to do is show up, because you've taken such ownership.

I want to draw your attention to this because being in transition, this limbo, can feel really weird. And honestly, it should. RUF probably doesn't feel like it did when Matt, Paige, and Russ were all here together. When Marie and I arrive, it will feel different again. This season comes with some discomfort.

But even if things don't feel settled, I'm hearing about important things happening in and between you. And I have a feeling that when we're at our last Dinner & Discussion in May, or driving down I-10 to SUCO together, we'll be saying that this Fall was pivotal for you as a group, and for RUF as a ministry.

So I want you to hear this: important things are happening, and I'm really proud of you all.

Now, second, let's talk about next semester. Russ, Marie, and I have been scheming, and we're getting really excited!

One thing I can share now is that in Ministry Team, we'll be focusing on <u>evangelism</u>. I know many of you care about this because of the people in your lives. We'll talk about the barriers other people have to hearing the gospel, and the barriers we have to sharing it. We'll talk about how to restructure our lives to be on mission, how to be really good listeners to our friends' stories, doubts, and questions, and finally, how to share the gospel in ways they might find compelling.

That's just one piece. As we continue to set a vision for next semester and the semesters beyond, it matters a lot to me to hear from you: what you love about RUF, and what you think RUF at the U of A could be. What are the core things that should never change? And what opportunities for change are you excited about?

So over the next few weeks, I'd love to FaceTime or call each of you to check in on how your semester is going and to hear what gets you excited about next semester. I'll text you individually over the next weeks to find a time before the semester ends!

Again, I'm so grateful for you and proud of you, and I can't wait to hit the ground running in January.

Thanks, Team! Michael

Missionaries of the Month (cont'd)

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.

Marcos Zapata, son of Aaron Zapata (who Grace Presbyterian supported through MTW up until his death in 2023), is the Associate Pastor of Christ the King PCA in El Paso, TX, and also serves on the board of San Pablo Seminary as a professor. He sends the following update:

> For many years, our professors served San Pablo faithfully and without compensation. Many had served since the time of my father and uncle, who founded the seminary. Over time, several needed rest or began experiencing health challenges, so we prayed that God would provide additional professors.
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> In His providence, God connected us with Rev. José Portillo, a PCA pastor in Charlotte, North Carolina. He knew several bilingual PCA pastors who had also been praying for an opportunity to serve an institution like San Pablo. They have now joined our faculty and are faithfully teaching several courses. Each holds an M.Div., and some also have doctorates in theology. Through them, the Lord has strengthened our faculty and further enriched the quality of our theological education. We are deeply grateful for His provision.
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> If anyone would like to receive future updates, they may email me at marcos@ctkpca.com, and I will gladly add them to the San Pablo newsletter

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.

If this does not describe you, please talk with the Pastor or an elder following the service. Use the time of communion 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 join Grace Presbyterian Church?

Pastor Jud will offer a two-part class to visitors considering membership with Grace Presbyterian Church finishing today following morning worship. Please speak with Pastor Jud if you didn't make part 1 but would like to attend the second half today.

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, 11/1
9:30am – Morning Service
11:15am – Children's Choir Rehearsal
AND Membership Class (part 2)
5:00pm – Joint Evening Service at
United Korean Presbyterian Church
2230 E Choctaw Drive

Wednesday, 11/4
4:30pm – Session Meeting

Sunday, 11/8
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 11/8/2026

Morning

239 - Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
459 - My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
202 - Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face
222 - O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Evening

249 – For the Beauty of the Earth
Requested Hymns
146 – Praise the Lord! My Soul, O Praise Him!

Attendance & Giving Updates

As of 11/1/2026	10/25/2026	2026 Totals:	YTD Income minus Expenses as of September 30, 2026
General Offering	$4,210.77	$219,173.10	$197,070.38 Income
(which includes) Deacons' Benevolence	$300.00	$7,025.83	- $160,091.09 Expenses $ 36,979.33
Attendance 10/25: Morning Service – 106		Sunday School – 52	Evening Service - 34

How Can I Serve My Brothers and Sisters in the Church?

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul compares the church to a body, each person as different parts of the body with a gift to serve one another. Below are listed some ways to serve. If you would still like to serve in a different way, please talk to an elder or Pastor Jud and ask, "How can I serve?"

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.

- Please pray for VCCS's upcoming Fall Festival on November 20th from 4-7pm. Tickets are $5 per person (with a family max of $20). Tickets will provide entrance to the event. Hot Chocolate and Apple Cider, lemonade, and tea will be provided as long as supplies last. Bounce house, face painting, raffle tables, and the school spirit store will all be available. Proceeds from the event will go toward the playground and shade funds. Contact the school or Phillip McCluskey for information on how to purchase tickets.

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

Children's Choir Rehearsal – Today, November 1st

If your child would like to sing with the children's choir for offertory on November 8th, please join rehearsal at the piano today at 11:15am. Please contact Anna or Brandon Wilson with any questions.

Cards of Encouragement – Today, November 1st

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

Joint Reformation Sunday evening service – Tonight, November 1st

Please join us on Reformation Sunday, November 1st, for a joint service with our sister PCA congregation at United Korean Presbyterian Church (on Choctaw) at 5pm. The United Korean PCA congregation will provide a light buffet meal after service.

Christmas Choirs

Both the children's and the adult Christmas choirs will begin rehearsing in November for Advent services and Christmas Eve service. There are sign-up sheets on the foyer table. All who are interested in joining either choir, please sign up so we can contact you directly with additional information.

Women's Friends and Fellowship – November 14th at 10am

The next Women's Friends & Fellowship will be on Saturday, November 14, at Laurinda Wallace's home, from 10:00-12:00. Light bites are provided, and we'll be talking about biblical discernment.

Annual Congregation Meeting – November 22nd at 11:15am

The session is calling for the annual congregational meeting on Nov. 22 at 11:15am for the purpose of receiving reports and presenting the 2027 budget.

Fellowship Lunch November 22nd after Congregation Meeting

Join us after the annual business meeting on Sunday, November 22, for a soup-and-bread fellowship lunch. We'll provide soups, breads, and dessert, so come prepared to stay and enjoy time together.

Save the Dates

Women's Christmas Cookie Exchange – December 5th

For our final Friends & Fellowship of 2026, the Women's Ministry Team is hosting a Christmas cookie exchange on Saturday, December 5, at 10:00 am at the church for the women and girls of Grace. Along with sweet treats and hot drinks, we'll have carol singing and great fellowship. Bring a dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to share. Look for a sign-up sheet in the foyer when we get closer to the date.

Christmas Caroling – December 20th

Join us for Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 20th after evening service. More information and a sign-up sheet will be available in early December.

Christmas Eve Service – December 24th

Please mark your calendars with our 6:30pm Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols service. This is a great opportunity to invite family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to join as we celebrate the Christ child, Emmanuel, God with us. Look for more information as we get closer to the date.

Game Night – December 31st

Please Join us for Game Night on New Year's Eve from 6:30-9:30pm. Bring your favorite snack to share, and the drinks will be provided.

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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)

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