

Grace Community Presbyterian Church

October 30, 2022



**PRAY
ALWAYS
AND
DON'T
LOSE HEART**

Meditation:

The Primary purpose of prayer is to bring us into such a life of communion with the Father that, by the power of the Spirit, we are increasingly conformed to the image of the Son... Petitionary Prayer remains primary throughout our lives because we are forever dependent upon God. *Richard Foster*

Prelude Fantasia on "A Mighty Fortress" Bedford

Welcome and Announcements Doug Marshall

Moment For Mission Bob Wilson

Call To Worship Psalm 46:1-2, 7, 10 Ben Edwards

L: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

P: Even if the world falls apart we will not be afraid.

L: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

P: "Be still, and know that I am God!"

L: "I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

P: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

L: Let us worship the Lord our God, a mighty fortress and ever-present help.

* **Hymn of Praise** A Mighty Fortress #151

Prayer of Confession

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. *Silent Prayer of Confession...*

Assurance of Forgiveness Romans 5:8

L: God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

P: Christ died to pay the penalty for our sins.

L: What an amazing gift: Christ died for us!

P: We are forgiven and free!

All: Let us live as God's forgiven and beloved children.

* Passing of the Peace

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.

* **Glory Be To The Father** #813

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.

OT Lesson	Psalm 13 (Page 470)	
Special Music	God Is Our Strong Foundation (Hopson)	Chancel Choir
NT Lesson	Luke 18:1-8 (page 911)	
Sermon	Importunity: Faith Meets Resistance	
Hymn of Response	His Eye Is On the Sparrow	#624
*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed	
	I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;	
	And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended to heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.	
	I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.	
Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer		
Call for Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	Behold a Host	Ferguson
* Doxology		#815
	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 Dedication		
* Hymn of Dedication	More About Jesus	#560
* Charge and Benediction		
* Congregational Response	More About Jesus (refrain)	#560
	More, more about Jesus; More, more about Jesus;	
	More of His saving fullness see, More of His love who died for me.	
* Postlude	Fantasie on "Sine Nomine"	Bedford

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***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church.

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for worship. Terri Ludwig will be your greeter today. We hope you can join us for Coffee Fellowship after worship today. The Artman's and Johnson's will be your hosts.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

The Fellowship and Nurture Committee will be hosting a New Members Class on Sunday, November 6th following worship. Those interested should contact the church office (724-339-9661). Lunch will be provided.



College Students Addresses

In the past we have remembered our college students at the end of their fall and spring semesters. Parents please provide the addresses of your college students so that we can send them a note of encouragement and a gift card at the end of November. Contact the office @ 724-339-9661 or secretary@gracecommunitypresbyterian.org

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY

Our annual packing party will be **Sunday, Nov 6 from 6-8 pm**. Come out and help show God's love to a child in need. We hope to pack 400 shoeboxes this year!



Grace Church will serve as a Drop-off location during National Collection Week, **Nov 14-21**. Volunteers are needed to receive shoeboxes; a signup sheet is posted outside the office. Thank you!



REMINDER

Don't forget to set your clocks back (Fall back) before you go to bed Saturday night, November 5, so you can arrive at church at the proper time.

TODAY'S MUSIC: Few hymns will achieve the importance of "**A Mighty Fortress.**" It has been called the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation ". Not only is it a truly great hymn, it has an inestimable cultural significance because of its author and his era.

Our current English version, translated by Frederick Hedge in 1853, is by no means a literal translation, understandably taking certain licenses for the sake of meter and rhyme. As a translation, "a mighty fortress" is actually a little weak. A more precise translation is "a secure, immovable fortress." Next we sing, "a bulwark never failing." Luther's original is literally, "a good defense and weapon." God not only protects but leads us forward into victory. As we enjoy Hedge's admirable translation — for which we should be thankful — we can rest assured that Luther's original is even stronger. And Psalm 46 and Romans 8 are even better, and even stronger, than what Luther could capture in verse. The God we sing about will always be stronger, and better, than even our best songs can say.

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White is by Danish Pietist bishop and hymnwriter Hans A. Brorson (1694-1764) and set to a Norwegian folk melody. He began publishing hymns in 1732. His most important work was "The Rare Jewel of the Faith," which contained many translations of German Pietist hymns and 82 original pieces. His outward social success was contrasted by private sorrows (an insane son, the early death of his first wife).. Almost forgotten after his death, Brorson is now ranked with the greatest Danish hymn writers. His lyrics formed the basis of two of Edvard Grieg's *Fire Salmer* (Four Hymns) - 'God's Son Has Set Me Free' and 'O But You Are Beautiful.'

Today's postlude is based on Ralph Vaughan Williams' tune **SINE NOMINE**, composed for William How's hymn "For All the Saints." Some of his contemporaries denounced it as "jazz music." In 1906, the Anglican Church sang simple, and often dull, Victorian tunes. Vaughan Williams' sweeping melody and rhythmic Alleluias might have seemed jazzy by comparison. Our postlude has a 3-part form – the hymn presented in all of its majesty, a brief fugue, and a toccata finish. It was composed by Michael Bedford, Organist/Choirmaster Emeritus of St. John's Episcopal Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**This Week's Calendar
October 30 -November 5**

Sunday	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	PNC Meeting	1:30pm
	Youth Group	6:00pm
	(Halloween Party with Puckety Church)	
Monday	Happy Halloween	
Tuesday	All Saints Day	
	Bible Study	1:00pm
Wednesday	CS Den Meeting	6:00pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thursday	CS Den Meeting	6:00pm
	Ladies Club	6:30pm
Looking Ahead		
November 6 - 12		
November 6	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Communion	
	New Member Orientation	11:00am
	OCC Packing Party	6:00pm
	Youth Group	6:00pm
November 7	Cub Scouts Committee Meeting	6:45pm
November 8	Election Day	
	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Garden Club	6:30pm
November 9	PNC Meeting	5:30pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
	CS Pack Meeting	7:00pm
November 10	CE Meeting	3:00pm
	Garden Club	6:30pm
November 11	Veterans Day	

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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