

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
November 13, 2022



Thought for Meditation

Neighborliness is not a quality in other people, it is simply their claim on our lives. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Prelude My Lord, What a Morning Haan

Welcome and Announcements Doug Marshall

Call To Worship Colossians 1:19-20 Michael Cochenour

L: In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

P: Through Christ God was pleased to be reconciled to all creation.

L: All people have peace with God through the cross of Jesus.

P: Let us worship the Prince of Glory, who died on the wondrous cross.

*** Hymn of Praise** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #324

Prayer of Confession

God of peace we confess that we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights. We have been distracted by our fears and the struggles of the world. We have ignored your command to love our neighbor and not be afraid.

Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, fill us with your peace, and renew in us the ability to find our comfort and hope in you. *Silent Prayer of Confession...*

Assurance of Forgiveness Colossians 2:13-14

L: When we were dead in sin, God made us alive with Christ.

P: God forgave all our sins, nailing them to the cross.

L: Grace Church, Jesus died for us!

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

* 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.

Children's Time Brian Hacker

Special Music We'll Understand It Better By and By (Tindley) Chancel Choir

Scripture Luke 10:25-37 (Page 902)

Sermon Go And Do...

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church.

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for worship. Glenn Nordmark will be your greeter today. We hope you can join us for Coffee Fellowship after worship today. Margie Bistline and Cindy and John Irvin will be your hosts.

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 by November 17 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

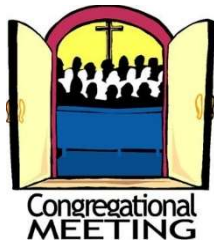


Worship Committee will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 26 at 10:00am. If anyone would like to help, please come. ALL ARE WELCOME!



The Amy's Angels Tree is ready for the adoption of angels. When you've chosen your angel, remove the angel from the tree and sign your name and phone number on the clipboard next to the corresponding number of your angel. **Please return your wrapped gift, with the angel taped to the outside, to the Narthex by Sunday, December 3rd.** Thank you for supporting the Hope Center and their annual Adopt-A-Family campaign.

Congregational Meeting



Please plan to stay after worship on December 11 for the Annual Congregational Meeting. We will review the 2023 budget.

TODAY'S MUSIC: "We'll Understand It Better By and By" by Charles Albert Tindley

*We are often tossed and driv'n on the restless sea of time,
somber skies and howling tempest oft succeed a bright sunshine;
in that land of perfect day, when the mists have rolled away,
we will understand it better by and by.*

"Tossed and driven" describes Tindley's early life. His father was a slave, but his mother was free, thus Tindley was free. His mother died when he was only two and his father was forced to "hire him out." Hired-out workers often labored alongside slaves, but with two major differences - he was paid and he was free to go home.

As a young man he made a rule to learn at least one new thing each day. Primarily self-taught, he never graduated from college or seminary, yet acquired and read more than 8,000 books in his library. He learned Greek through Boston School of Theology and Hebrew through a synagogue in Philadelphia and was awarded two honorary doctorates of divinity.

In 1902 he was assigned to Bainbridge Street Methodist Church in Philadelphia, where he had been employed as a janitor for 16 years. Though 17 years had passed, people still remembered Tindley as a janitor and his return as pastor was not universally appreciated. But the church's 150th anniversary journal notes that "All were pleasantly surprised, for as Tindley mounted the rostrum he had the dignified bearing acquired during his previous appointments." They were further surprised when he delivered a masterful sermon. He was a captivating preacher and took an active role in the betterment of the people in his community. His songs were an outgrowth of his preaching ministry, often introduced during his sermons.

Silas Vail was born in Brooklyn and became a prominent and successful businessman. Though an amateur composer, he was very prolific in compiling song collections. Prohibitionists Horace Walters and W. F. Sherwin requested his services to compile *Songs of Grace and Glory* (1874) to support this movement. According to Fanny Crosby's book, *Memories of Eighty Years* (1906), Vail brought the poet one of his new melodies: "Toward the close of a day in 1874 I was sitting in my room thinking of the nearness of God through Christ as the constant companion of my pilgrim journey, when my heart burst out with the words." Thus, **Close to Thee**, was born

*Thou, my everlasting portion, More than friend or life to me;
All along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with Thee.*

**This Week's Calendar
November 13 - 19**

Sunday	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Youth Group	6:00pm
Monday	Mission & Evangelism Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Session Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Cub Scouts Den Meeting	6:00pm
	Worship Meeting	6:30pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thursday	Cub Scouts Den Meeting	6:00pm
	Ladies Club	6:30pm

**Looking Ahead
November 20 - 26**

November 20	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	F&N Meeting	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Deacons Meeting	11:00am
	Youth Group	6:00pm
November 22	Bible Study	1:00pm
November 24	Thanksgiving Day	OFFICE CLOSED

**November 14-21 Operation Christmas Child Drop-off Center
Drop-Off Center Hours**

Monday	Nov. 14	5:30pm-8pm
Tuesday	Nov. 15	11am - 1pm & 5:30pm - 8pm
Wednesday	Nov. 16	11am - 1pm & 5:30pm - 8pm
Thursday	Nov. 17	11am - 1pm & 5:30pm - 8pm
Friday	Nov. 18	5:30pm - 8pm
Saturday	Nov. 19	12pm - 3pm
Sunday	Nov. 20	12pm - 2pm
Monday	Nov. 21.	10am - 12pm

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
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Worship Service is at 10:00am

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