

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
March 6, 2022

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God The Father Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS
CHRIST...

Thought for Meditation:

The Second Article (of the Apostles' Creed) does not just follow the First, nor does it just precede the Third; it is the fountain of light by which the other two are lit... Tell me how it stands with your Christology and I'll tell you who you are. *Karl Barth*

Prelude

Arioso

Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Doug Marshall

*Call To Worship

Ephesians 2:19-20

Michael Cochenour

L: We are not strangers or aliens, but citizens of God's Kingdom.

P: We are members of God's family,

L: Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,

P: With Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

L: The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord.

* Hymn of Praise

The Church's One Foundation

#401

Prayer of Confession

O Jesus, Word of God Incarnate, you came to this world to bring salvation. By your grace you call us to repent and to be crucified with you, so that we might be raised as a new creation. We confess that too often we follow the ways of the world rather than following you. We choose our own sin over your kingdom. We let the fruit of the Spirit be choked by the weeds of evil.

Forgive us, Lord Jesus, so that we may live for your glory. Transform us that we may work to bring your justice, peace, and love to all we meet. Help our lives to show evidence of your abiding presence in our lives.

Silent Prayer of Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Exodus 33:19

L: God said to Moses, "I will proclaim to you my name, the LORD."

P: "I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious."

L: "I will show mercy on whom I will show mercy."

P: God has been gracious to us.

L: God has shown us mercy.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

ALL: Praise the name of the Lord!

* 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

Special Music I'd Rather Have Jesus (Martin) Chancel Choir

Scripture **Mark 8:27-30; (page 875)**
Romans 3:21-26 (page 979)

Sermon Apostles' Creed: I Believe in Jesus Christ

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 into 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.

*** Hymn of Response** There Is a Redeemer #308

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Trio on St Flavian Lasky

*** 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 Preparation** Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus #340

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*** Hymn of Dedication** 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus #581

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Congregational Response** 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus #581

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

*** Postlude** Improvisation on Hyfrydol Westenkuehl

***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning. There will be Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after the service today. Your hosts will be Beulah Brown and Connie Markle.

Congregational Meeting

Session has called a special meeting of the congregation after worship on March 13. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the idea of changing the by-laws of the congregation to reduce the number of elders on session, from the current fifteen (15) down to twelve (12). This would be done by electing four elders each year, which means that for next year Grace Church would have 14 members on session. The next year there would be 13 elders on session. The following year GCPC would be down to 12 elders on session.

Volunteers Needed for coffee fellowship, sign-up sheet is located near the office or see a member of the Reach Out committee.

Thank You!



Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, March 12 so you are on time for church Sunday, March 13.

While some people love gaining the extra hour of afternoon daylight, most don't enjoy losing the extra sleep. Daylight Saving is a good time to get in the habit of changing the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide

Nomination Time: It's time to nominate church officers. See insert.

Easter Memorial Flowers: See insert form to place your flowers. Orders must be placed by Sunday, April 3rd.

TODAY'S MUSIC: The inspiring words of a hymn by Mrs. Rhea Miller influenced the direction of 23-year old George Beverly Shea. Shea grew up with devoted Christian parents and often used his fine singing voice in the services of the Wesleyan Methodist churches his father pastored. Financial needs made it necessary for him to leave college and work in an insurance office. He was able, however, to continue singing in churches and for Christian radio programs. Unexpectedly he was offered (and declined) an audition for a secular singing position, giving him the opportunity for a significant salary increase and wide recognition. One Sunday morning as he was preparing a song for the morning service he found the poem "**I'd Rather Have Jesus.**" He was deeply moved by the challenging message of the text. Immediately he began to compose the music and used the song that same day in his father's church service. Shea has commented that "over the years, I've not sung any song more than *I'd Rather Have Jesus*, but I never tire of Mrs. Miller's heartfelt words."

"**Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days**" signals the beginning of Lent. It first appeared in *Child's Book of Praise; A Manual for Devotion in Simple Verse* (1873). It was not included in hymnals, however, until the mid-twentieth century, when it appeared in the Irish Church Hymnal (1960) and Hymns for Church and School (1964). By the 1970s, it was a standard hymn in most hymnals in the United States. It is based on the account of the temptation of Jesus found in three Gospels (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13).

In the hymn, Christ's life becomes a model for how his followers should confront temptation. The first two lines of each stanza focus on a response of Christ when he faced temptation; the last two lines encourage Christians to model their behavior on Christ's example.

Fasting and prayer (stanza one);

Struggle with Satan and sin (stanza two);

Dying to self, meditation on scripture (stanza three);

Penitence (stanza four);

Looking toward the joy of Easter (stanza five).

St. Flavian is the hymn tune commonly associated with "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days". The tune is an adaptation of the music from the first half of Psalm 132 in John Day's *English Psalter* of 1562.

This Week's Calendar

March 6	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Youth Group (Jr & High School age)	6:00pm
March 7	CS Pack Cmte. Mtg.	6:45pm
March 8	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Garden Club	6:30pm
March 9	Choir	7:00pm
	CS Pack Mtg.	7:00pm
March 10	CE Mtg.	3:00pm

Looking Ahead

March 12	Turn your clocks forward one hour	2:00am
March 13	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Youth Group (Jr & High School age)	6:00pm
	Congregational Meeting	11:00am
March 14	Mission Mtg	6:30pm
March 15	Bible Study	1:00pm
March 16	CS Den Mtg	6:00pm
	Choir	7:00pm
March 17	CS Den Mtg.	6:00pm
	Ladies Club	6:30pm

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
2751 Grant Street, Lower Burrell, PA 15068
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Website: www.gracecommunitypresbyterian.org

Worship Service is at 10:00am

Church Staff:

Pastor: Doug Marshall, Interim Pastor
doug@gracecommunitypresbyterian.org
Secretary: Wendy Stein Clark
secretary@gracecommunitypresbyterian.org
Christian Ed.: Bill Ludwig (interim)
Organist: Kenneth McGeary
Treasurer: Ray Zerjav
Custodian: John Baron and Paul Zunich

Elders

Cathy Brady*
Dave Briscoe*
Arch Carroll
Cathy Christoforetti
Michael Cochenour*
Martha Gumbert
David Highfield
Dan Howard
John Irvin*
Henry Kedzierski
Val Lester*
Lew McNay
Glenn Nordmark*
Stephanie Tutka*
Cathy Vitari**

*Denotes Chairman

**Clerk of Session

Deacons

Darlene Artman
Rich Artman
Gary Barbiaux
Judy Barbiaux
Kitty Berkley
Margie Bistline
Beulah Brown
Jackie Chickerella*
Cindy Irvin
Linda Johnson
Terri Ludwig
Connie Markle
Judy Sulitz
Mary Ann Walter
Lou Walter

*Denotes Moderator

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Please check the flower(s) you would like, write in the dedication, and sign your name to the order. You can pay by cash or check. Your check should be made out to Grace Community Presbyterian Church and marked "EASTER FLOWERS". Please place your order in the envelopes that will be on the secretary's desk, and deposit in the specially marked basket in the office.

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING FLOWERS IS
SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022**

Daffodils	6" pot	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow	\$7.00
Easter Lilies	4 to 6 flowers	<input type="checkbox"/> White	\$8.00
Florist Pot Mums	6-1/2" pot	<input type="checkbox"/> Assorted colors	\$7.50
Hyacinths	6" pot	<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Pink	\$7.00
Hydrangea	8" pot	<input type="checkbox"/> Pink <input type="checkbox"/> Blue	\$12.95
Tulips	6" pot	<input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow <input type="checkbox"/> Pink	\$7.00

Dedication

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Your Name _____

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

The strength and vitality of a Presbyterian church is greatly dependent on the dedication of its lay leadership. The elders serve on Session, the ruling body of our church and chair or serve on the committees of the church. The primary service of the Deacons is to keep in contact with our shut-ins and hospitalized members. You are encouraged to suggest names for the office of Elder and/or Deacons. These are the names of those currently serving:

Elders

<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Dave Briscoe	CathyChristoforetti	Cathy Brady
Arch Carroll	Dave Highland	Dan Howard
Michael Cochenour	Lew McNay	John Irvin
Martha Gumbert	Stephanie Tutka	Henry Kedzierski
Glenn Nordmark	Cathy Vitari	Val Lester

Deacons

<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Gary Barbiaux	Darlene Artman	Judy Barbiaux
Kitty Berkley	Rich Artman	Margie Bistline
Linda Johnson	Jackie Chickerella	Beulah Brown
Connie Markle	Lou Walter	Cindy Irvin
Judy Sulitz	Mary Ann Walter	Terri Ludwig

I suggest for Elder_____

I suggest for Deacon_____

If you prefer, you can contact anyone on the Nominating Committee: Reitha Bieranoski, Kathy Brady, Michael Cochenour, and Cheryl Landis.

The officers for the class of 2025 will be elected at the May Congregational meeting.