

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
October 18, 2026



-GATHERING —

Prelude

“Idyll”

N. Warren

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Call To Worship**

(Psalm 100)

LaVonne Pelisari

Leader: We offer joyful noise to You, O God, all the earth.

People: We serve the Lord with gladness; coming into your presence with singing.

Leader: We know that You are God.

People: You made us, and we are yours; ^[a]

We are your people and the sheep of your pasture.

Leader: We enter your gates with thanksgiving and your courts with praise.

People: Thanks be to You; bless your name.

Leader: For God, You are good;

People: Your steadfast love endures forever and your faithfulness to all generations.

ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*** Hymn of Praise**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

#8

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Precious Spirit, we bring our brokenness before You because of Your deep grace.

You’ve set boundaries for us to protect us from ourselves. Yet, we repeatedly violate them, hating others, hurting ourselves, and harming creation. Please forgive us, Savior! Restore our desire to serve You and become fully yours. Now, please hear our personal confessions in these silent moments.

Silent Prayer of Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: The powers of God are love and justice and grace. On our own, we fail to repair ourselves. With God alone, grace defeats sin. In the name of Christ, our sins are forgiven!

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Passing of the Peace

2 Thessalonians 3:16

L: Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The peace of Christ be with you all.

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.

*** Gloria Patri**

#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, a world without end.
Amen, Amen.

Anthem

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"
arr. A. Lovelace

Chancel Choir

— THE WORD —

Prayer for illumination

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to the movement of Your guidance as we pursue the truths of the scriptures. In Christ's name, Amen.

Scripture

Isaiah 43:15-21
John 10:7-14

Sermon

“Our Partner in Change”

Sharing Joys and Concerns and the Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

*Responding Hymn

“Lord, Speak to Me”

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Call for Tithes and Offerings

Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” –

Offertory

“Andante in C Major”

C. Franck

* Doxology

O Bless the Gifts

#817

O bless the gifts our hands have brought;
And bless the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in Your hand.

* Prayer of Dedication

God of gifts. The world needs You. Through your grace, we give what we have. Expand our generosity. Empower our hospitality. Guide us as we breathe peace and friendship to those we will face this week, blessed by you love and power. In Christ, we pray. Amen

— SENDING —

* Hymn of Dedication

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” (vs. 1-3)

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* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Response

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” (vs. 4)

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*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church

We extend a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and we hope that you will return. Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Lon Weaver, Interim Executive Presbyter to lead us in worship. Please join us for coffee fellowship immediately following the Congregational Meeting downstairs in Cana Hall. The Deacon greeting you after the service today is Terri Ludwig.

A Congregational Meeting has been called for October 18, 2026, immediately following the worship service on that day. The purpose of this meeting is for the dissolution of the relationship between Grace Church and the Rev. Dr. Owar O. Ojulu and also for amending the bylaws to change the number of Elders on Session from 12 to 9.



Help fill shoeboxes all year long! Samaritan's Purse recommends for the month of October - toys for Operation Christmas Child. Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Holiday Vendor/Craft Fair to benefit Operation Christmas Child- Saturday, November 7th from 10am-3pm. If you would like to donate a 12 pack of pop (Coke products please) to defray the lunch food costs, there is a table in the narthex hall to put it. If you are able to help the week of or on November 7th, please see Val Lester.

PowerPoint Clicker Schedule: Today- October 18- Terri Ludwig
October 25- Terri Ludwig
November 1- Terri Ludwig
November 8- LaVonne Pelisari

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

October 4 -	Kellie Newcomb	October 5- Carl & Kathy Dolon
October 16 -	Chris Legters	October 8- Bill & Terri Ludwig
October 18-	Brandon Daughtry	October 12- Steve & Valerie Lester
18-	Zoe Householder	
October 19-	Cindy Daughtry	
October 25-	Paul Berggren	
October 27-	Apay Ojulu	

If your name does not appear, or if the listed information is incorrect, please contact the church office so that the records can be updated.

This Week's Calendar

October 18, 2026- October 24, 2026

Today	Choir Practice- Stage- Cana Hall	9:00am
	Deacons Meeting	9:00am
	Sunday School- Kids	9:15am
	Worship- Rev. Lon Weaver	10:00am
	Congregational Meeting	11:00am
	Choir Practice	11:30am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:30am
Monday	Sewing Club	1:00pm
Tuesday	Bible Study- Library	1:00pm
Wednesday	Promise House	2:00pm
	Cub Scouts Meeting	6:00pm
Thursday	Rabbits Foot Meeting-Cana Hall	5:30-8pm
Friday	Lions Club Meeting- Cana Hall	3:00pm
Saturday	Knead Café	8am-12pm

Looking Ahead
October 25, 2026 - October 31, 2026

October 25	Choir Rehearsal- Cana Hall- Stage	9:00am
	Sunday School- Kids	9:15am
	Worship- Karen Gray Preaching - Children's Message	10:00am
October 26	Session Meeting	6:30pm
October 27	Bible Study- Library	1:00pm
October 28	Cross Currents- Assemble-Mail	9:00am
	Cub Scouts	6:00pm

Sermon Notes:

For Sunday ___/___/___ Scripture Reference _____
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We are making shopping bags for our customers for the November 7th Vendor Fair. If you have any Christmas/Fall Greeting Cards you can donate, please bring them in ASAP. Thank You.

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