

Grace Community Presbyterian Church

October 26, 2025



Thought for Meditation

“But as the true worship of the living God must have its roots in the heart, and spring from the heart, and therefore cannot be forced by prohibitions and commands, Joshua concluded by calling upon the representatives of the nation, in case they were not inclined ("if it seem evil unto you") to serve Jehovah, to choose now this day the gods whom they would serve, whether the gods of their fathers in Mesopotamia, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land they were now dwelling, though he and his house would serve the Lord. There is no necessity to adduce any special proofs that this appeal was not intended to release them from the obligation to serve Jehovah, but rather contained the strongest admonition to remain faithful to the Lord.” *Keil and Delitzsch OT Commentary*

— GATHERING —

Prelude “My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness/Morning Has Broken” Getty/Farjeon

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Call To Worship**

Michael Cochenour

L: As we gather today, let us choose for yourselves this day whom we will serve.

P: We choose to seek the Lord, to worship Him in spirit and truth!

L: Let us declare our commitment to serve God and follow His ways.

P: Together, we praise, choosing faith over fear, hope over despair.

Leader: Come, let us worship our God with all that we are!

All: We come with open hearts, ready to encounter the living God!

*** Hymn of Praise**

“We have Come to Join in Worship”

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***Prayer of Confession:**

Acts 3:19

"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." Friends, let us confess our sins to God so that our sins maybe wiped out, cleansed, and refreshed.

Loving God,

We confess that our choices have sometimes fallen short of our commitment to You.

Forgive us for placing other priorities above our relationship with You and for the distractions that have led us astray.

We confess our doubts, our fears, and our lack of trust in You. We repent of any attitudes or actions that have not honored You or brought glory to Your name. Father, today we choose to serve You and place our trust in Your unfailing goodness and mercy.

Amen

Silent Prayer of Confession...

***Assurance of Forgiveness** Isaiah 43:25

"I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Friends, believe this Good News of the Gospel!

All: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven, renewed, and sent. Amen!

Passing of the Peace *Philippians 4:6-7*

L: "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." 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.

Duet

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Wendy Aurednik,
Aubrie Newcomb

— THE WORD —

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Joshua 24:14-18

Sermon

"Choose This Day"

***Responding Hymn**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (v. 1-2)

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

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Luke 6:38

"Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back. "

Offertory

"Jesus Never Fails"

Luther

*** 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**

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. By your Spirit, make yourself known to us through the reading and preaching of your Word, that we might be faithful witnesses to your saving grace through Christ Jesus. Amen

— SENDING —*** Hymn of Dedication**

"Blessed Assurance (v. 1-2)

#572

*** Charge and Benediction**

Romans 15:5-6

Go in peace,
Go in love,
Go with God!
May Jehovah Adonai keep you from falling,
and sustain and sanctify you unto eternity. **Amen**

*** Congregational Response**

"Blessed Assurance " (v.3)

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*** Postlude**

"A Hymn of Glory"

***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

Today's Music: We welcome Lisa Clark to our service. Lisa is organist for First Baptist Church in Upper Burrell. Lisa is also a 5th grade Math teacher at Acmetonia Elementary School.

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church

We extend a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and we hope that you will return. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall following today's worship service.



Rev. Dr. Ojulu (Pastor Owar) is available anytime if you have any concerns, want to schedule a meeting, or if you need a prayer. You can contact him at the office @ 724-339-9661 or his cell 507-304-5958.



Help fill shoeboxes all year long! The Operation Christmas Child items for the month of October are small toys (yo-yos, puzzles, coloring books, etc). Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October 16 Chris Legters

October 18 Brandon Daughtry
Zoe Householder

October 19 Cindy Daughtry

October 25 Paul Berggren

October 27 Apay Ojulu

October 5 Carl & Kathy Dolan

October 8 Bill & Terri Ludwig

October 12 Steve & Valerie Lester

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.

Sermon Notes:

For Sunday __/__/__

Scripture Reference _____

What spoke to my heart from today's sermon:

Prayer Concerns for this week:



This Week's Calendar
October 26- November 1, 2025

Today	Worship	10:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
Monday	Garden Club (Library)	3:00pm
	Boy Scout Committee Meeting	6:00pm
	Session Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
Wednesday	Cross Currents Assembly	9:00am
	Choir Practice	7:00pm
Thursday	Boy Scouts	6:00pm
Saturday	Boy Scout Bike Rodeo-Parking Lot	12:00pm
Looking Ahead		

November 2, 2025- November 8, 2025

November 2	Worship	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
November 4	Bible Study	1:00pm
November 5	Choir Practice	7:00pm
November 6	Boy Scouts	6:00pm
	Ladies Group	6:30pm
November 7	Grace Church Private Rummage Sale	4-7:00pm
November 8	Rummage/Bake Sale	8:00am

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