

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
March 1, 2026



Thought for Meditation

“The prophet denies that any external forms will make up for the want of spiritual qualities. The sacrifice of the heart is what God demands; but “man convinced of sin is ready to sacrifice what is dearest to him rather than give up his own will and give himself to God” (W. Robertson Smith). *Cambridge Bible*

— GATHERING —

Prelude

“Adagio in C Major”

L. Vierne

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Call To Worship**

Psalm 121

Michael Cochenour

L: I lift up my eyes to the mountains, where does my help come from?

P: Our help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

L: The Lord will not let your foot slip; He who watches over you will not slumber.

All: Come, let us lift our eyes to God, Let us worship the Lord our God! Hallelujah

*** Hymn of Praise**

“Worthy the Lamb That Was Slain”

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***Prayer of Confession:**

Colossians 3:13

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you have a grievance against someone. Forgive as the LORD forgave you.” With faith in God's grace, let us come together to acknowledge our sins and receive His forgiveness.

Dear God,

You call us to go, following the plan that You have set out for us. You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust Your words. We cling to what we already know, we trust in what we can see and touch, we make excuses for our failure to trust in You. Lord, call us again this season, that we may be born again through Your Spirit. Help us to believe and give us the abundant life that comes from following Your will. Amen *Silent Prayer of Confession...*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 1:18 (GNT)

“The LORD says, “Now, let's settle the matter. You are stained red with sin, but I will wash you as clean as snow. Although your stains are deep red, you will be as white as wool.”

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

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

*** Passing of the Peace**

John 16:33

L: "I have told you all this so that you will have peace of heart and mind. Here on earth, you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart! I have overcome the world!"
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

— THE WORD —

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read, and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and love. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 9:51-54

Sermon

"Set Your Face to Jerusalem"

Tithes and Offerings

2 Peter 3:8-15

All things in heaven and earth belong to God, who is coming in glory to reveal a new creation. Let us offer our lives and tithes to the Lord.

Offertory

"Forth Days and Forty Nights"

arr. C. Callahan

*** Doxology**

#815

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all Creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

***Hymn of Preparation**

“Jesus Paid It All” (v.1-2)

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INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

This is the Lord’s table, and our Savior invites those who trust Him to share the feast which He has prepared.

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(refer to projection screen)

BREAKING THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

JOHN 15:1-3; 4:14

~I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry~

~Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*UNISON*)

Loving God, at Your table, we have tasted the goodness of Your love and now with the eyes of our hearts open to Your promise, empower us to hear and see the needs of our neighbors and act justly and love mercifully and to walk humbly with Your Jesus Christ, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen

— SENDING —

***Hymn of Dedication** “What Wondrous Love Is This” (v.1-2) #314

* **Charge and Benediction** *Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord makes His face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace. **Amen!**

* **Congregational Response** “What Wonderous Love Is This”” (v.3) #314

* **Postlude** “Andante in F Minor” A. Raison

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church

Today’s Music: We welcome Dane Skroupa to our service and thank him for serving our church during this difficult time.

We extend a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and we hope that you will return. Please join us in coffee fellowship in Cana Hall (downstairs). Today’s Deacon greeter is Terri Ludwig.



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! Samaritan's Purse recommends wash cloths, toothbrushes for the month of March for Operation Christmas Child. Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 2 - Alice Atkinson

March 5- Dave Highfield

March 11- Ann Bayruns

March 11- Katie Sevic (Ludwig)

March 13- Bonnie Carroll

March 18- Stephanie Tutka

March 30- Wendy Aurednik

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

March 1, 2026- March 7, 2026

Today	Reach Out Meeting	9:00am
	Worship- Communion	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship (Cana Hall)	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School (Library)	11:00am
Monday	Scouts Committee Meeting	
Thursday	Cub Scouts- Pack Meeting	6:00pm
	Ladies Group	6:30pm

Looking Ahead

March 8, 2026- March 14, 2026

March 8	Worship- Children's Sermon	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
March 12	Cub Scout- Den Meeting	6:00pm

Sermon Notes:

For Sunday __/__/____

Scripture Reference _____

What spoke to my heart from today's sermon:

Prayer Concerns for this week:



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