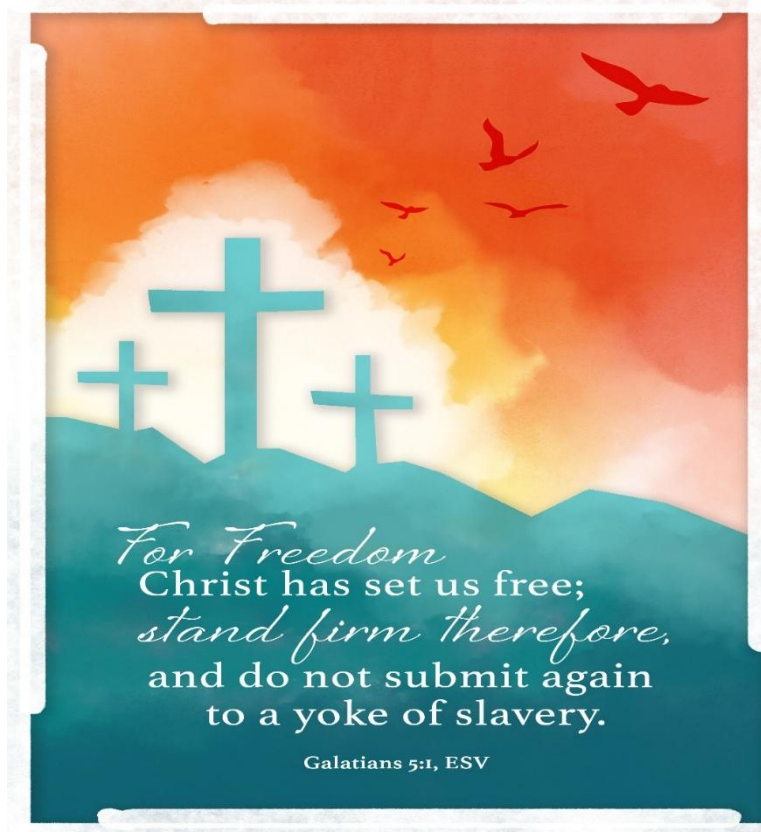


Grace Community Presbyterian Church  
June 28, 2026



**Thought for Meditation**

“Paul's criticism of this stress on days is quite clear and logical. He says, "You have been rescued from all this tyranny of legal rules. Why do you want to enslave yourself all over again? Why do you want to go back to Jewish legalism and abandon Christian freedom?" The spirit which makes Christianity a thing of regulations is by no means dead yet.” *William Barclay*

— GATHERING —

**Prelude**

“Prelude on an American Folk Hymn”

W. Held

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Call To Worship**

*Psalm 100:1-3*

Rev. Paul Milz

L: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,  
Worship the Lord with gladness;

**P: Come before Him with joyful songs.**

**Know that the Lord is God.**

**All: It is He who made us and we are His;**

**We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

L: Let us worship the Lord!

**\* Hymn of Praise**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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**Prayer of Confession**

*Daniel 9:5*

We have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from Your commands and laws. Friends, let us draw near to God in prayer.

**Holy Lord,**

**You shower us with blessings, with chances to know Your grace. Still, O Lord, we twist Your promises and pray for blessings we can own. You call us to leave our selfish ways and follow Your call to compassion. Still, O Lord, we choose shallow belief over transformative faith. You have told us that Your love is enough, that the waters of mercy will not run dry. Still, O Lord, we choose fear instead of trust, hiding behind the illusion that we can survive on our own. Forgive us, Holy God, and by Your mercy wash us clean. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer of Confession...*

**Assurance of Forgiveness** Hebrews 10:18

Now, when sins have once been forever forgiven and forgotten, there is no need to offer more sacrifices to get rid of them. Friends, believe this good news of the gospel.

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

**\* Passing of the Peace**

L: Since we have been forgiven and given new life through Christ Jesus, let us then share peace between one another. 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**

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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

Children’s Message

Brian Hacker

~THE WORD~

**Scripture**

Colossians 2:16-23

**Sermon**

“Beyond Rules and Rituals”

**\*Responding Hymn**

“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

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\* **Postlude**

“Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”

J.S. Bach

\*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 transitional time.

We extend a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and we hope that you will return.

There will be no Coffee Fellowship today because of the bereavement luncheon.

Today’s Deacon greeters after the service are Rich and Marcia Sacketti.



The flowers gracing the sanctuary are to honor Glenn Nordmark.



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 for the month of June toys small enough to fit in a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.

## JUNE\JULY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

June 28- Mary Ann Walter

June 28- John and June Cicola

July 3 – Karen Legters

July 17- Owar and Apay Ojulu

July 7- Sharon Rupert

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**

**June 28, 2026- July 4, 2026**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship- Children's Message</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
	<b>NO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TODAY</b>	
	<b>Glenn Nordmark Visitation</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
	<b>Glenn Nordmark Memorial Service</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
	<b>Bereavement Luncheon</b>	<b>3:00pm???</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Garden Club Meeting-Library</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Ladies Group</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Happy Birthday USA!!</b>	

**Looking Ahead**

**July 5, 2026- July 11, 2026**

**July 5**

**Reach Out Meeting**

**9:00am**

**Worship-Communion- Ken Foust preaching**

**10:00am**

*Sermon Notes:*

**For Sunday** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Scripture Reference** \_\_\_\_\_

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