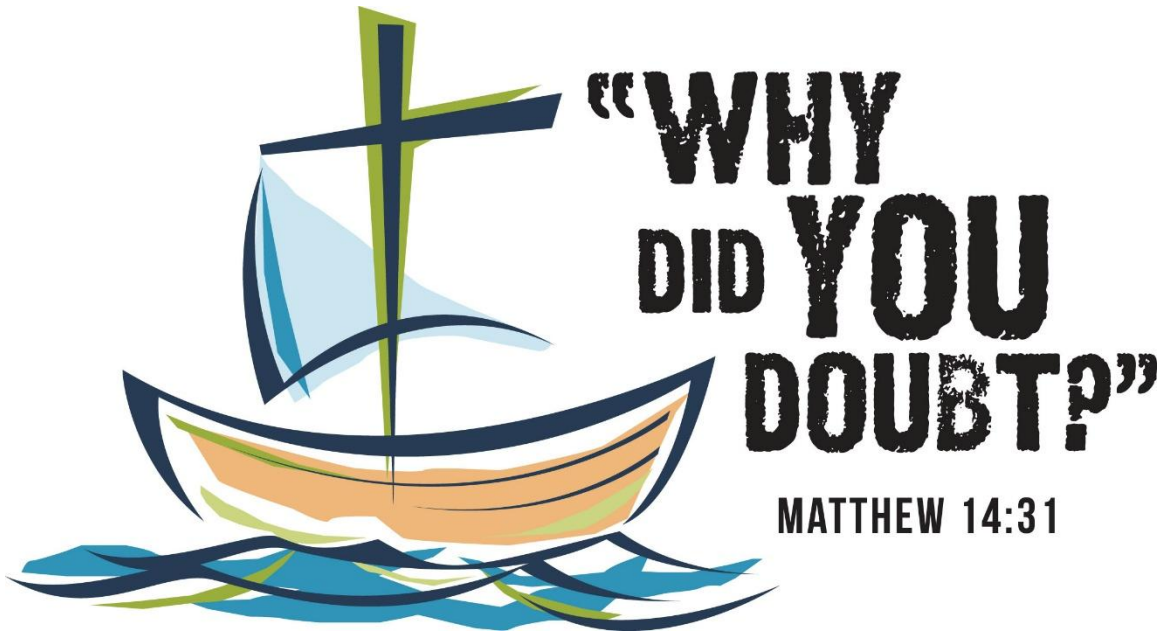


Grace Community Presbyterian Church

August 9, 2026



Thought for Meditation

“When confronted with the inexplicable reality of a God who controls chaos with his toes, Peter does the inexplicable: he asks to meet Jesus in the tumult. The text does not say that Jesus calmed the seas to make Peter’s steps easier. In fact, it is the wind that frightens Peter and causes him to sink. It was only Jesus’ call that made it possible for Peter to make any strides in the first place.” *Carla Works*

— GATHERING —

Prelude “Meditation on O God Our Help in Ages Past” G. Young

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call To Worship Psalm 145: 8-9 Elsie Deem

L: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

P: **The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.**

All: Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore. Alleluia!

*** Hymn of Praise** “This Is the Day” #209

***Prayer of Confession** 2 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” Grace Church, let us come before God and confess our sins.

Merciful Lord,

We confess that when the wind rises and the waves frighten us, we often take our eyes off You. Like Peter, we doubt Your presence and sink into fear instead of trusting Your steady hand. Forgive us for our little faith, for trying to face the storm on our own, and for forgetting that You are near. Reach out to us again, Lord Jesus, lift us by Your grace, and teach us to fix our eyes on You and trust You as our Lord and Savior of the World. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession...

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

“I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.” Friends, believe this good news of the gospel.

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

*** Passing of the Peace** John 14:27

L: "Peace, I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you." 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.

*** Glory Be to the Father**

#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

Children's Message

Michael Cochenour

— THE WORD —

Scripture

Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

"Why Do You Doubt?"

***Responding Hymn**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (vs. 1 &2) #682

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

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Romans 12:1

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives and our tithes to the Lord.

Offertory

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

W. Bradbury

*** 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**

— SENDING —

*** Hymn of Dedication**

“How Firm a Foundation” (vs. 1-3)

#408

*** Charge and Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless thee, and keep you

The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen**

***Congregation Response “How Firm a Foundation” (vs. 4)**

#408

***Postlude**

“Voluntary in B Flat”

J. Battishill

*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.
Please join us for coffee fellowship after worship in Cana Hall (downstairs).



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 August school supplies (usually on sale at this time) for Operation Christmas Child. Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

August 4- Randy Daughtry

August 10- Beulah Brown

August 14- Rich Acre

August 22- Quintin McGeary

August 23- Margie Bistline

August 25- Scott Rupert

August 1- Mike and Sue Pish

August 5- Scott and Sharon Rupert

August 16- Lee & Linda Johnson

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

August 9, 2026– August 15, 2026

Today	Worship- Children's Message	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
Tuesday	Garden Club	6:00pm

Looking Ahead

August 16, 2026– August 22, 2026

August 16	Worship-	10:00am
	Deacons Meeting	11:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
August 17	Sewing Club- Cana Hall	7:00pm
August 19	Cub Scouts- Pack Meeting- Cana Hall	6-7:00pm
August 20	Ladies Group	6:30pm
August 22	Knead Café	8am-12pm

Sermon Notes:

For Sunday __/__/__

Scripture Reference _____

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