

Grace Community Presbyterian Church

September 7, 2025



Thought for Meditation

Achan took some of the spoil of Jericho. The love of the world is that root of bitterness which is hardest to uproot. We should take heed to our own sins, lest by them many be defiled or disquieted (Hebrews 12:15), and we should be cautious about having fellowship with sinners, lest we share in their guilt. It is our duty to watch over one another to prevent sin, as the sins of others may cause us harm. The easy conquest of Jericho fostered a contempt for the enemy and a tendency to expect the Lord to do all for them without their using proper means. Thus, people can abuse the doctrines of divine grace and the promises of God as excuses for their own sloth and self-indulgence. We are to work out our own salvation, even though it is God who works in us. This victory was dearly bought for the Canaanites, awakening Israel, reforming them, and reconciling them to their God, while hardening the people of Canaan to their own ruin.

—GATHERING —

Prelude

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Call To Worship**

Psalm 1:1-6

Cathy Brady

Leader: Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked;
nor walk in step with the wicked,

**People: But their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on His law, they meditate day and night.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in season and whose leaves do not wither.

People: Whatever they do prospers.

Leader: Let us come together in worship, rooted in God's love,
drawing strength from His Word and bearing fruit for His kingdom.

**All: We gather to praise and worship the Lord,
who guides our paths and fills our hearts with joy. Amen.**

*** Hymn of Praise**

“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know” (v.1-2) #535

***Prayer of Confession**

1 John 2:1-2

If anyone sins, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf—Jesus Christ, the righteous one. And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but also the sins of the whole world.
Friends, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

God of mercy,

We confess that we too often give in to the yearnings of the flesh. We have impure thoughts. We idolize those who misuse power. We harbor jealousies and are quick to anger. We neglect to care for others and gratify our own desires. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us of our sin. Lead us to ways of love, joy, and peace. Send your Spirit to produce patience, kindness, and generosity, and lead us to be gentle in our care for all of your people. Amen. *Silent Prayer of Confession...*

***Assurance of Forgiveness** *Ezekiel 36:25-28*

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Grace Church, believe the good News of the Gospel.

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

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

L: May God's peace, which goes beyond anything we can imagine, guard your thoughts and emotions through 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, world without end.
Amen, Amen.

Solo

“Be Not Afraid”

Judy Barbiaux

— THE WORD —

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Joshua 7:1-5
Sermon “The Cost of Disobedience”
Sharing Joys and Concerns

Tithes and Offerings Proverbs 3:9
“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.”

Offertory “It Is Well with My Soul” DeCou

* Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own” #816

* Prayer of Dedication (in unison)
Loving God, You have appointed us to be your witnesses in our neighborhoods and beyond.
Consecrate these gifts of tithes and offerings with the power of the Holy Spirit and make
them a blessing to your people everywhere, in the love of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation “Let Us Break Bread Together” #460

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Blessed are you, O Lord our God: In the beginning, you created the heavens and the earth. Who
are we, O God, that you are mindful of us?
Yet you have crowned us with glory and honor.
Therefore, we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**
Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: To Jesus you have given all authority in heaven and on earth.
Risen from the dead and ascend into heaven, still He leads us
to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them in your holy name.
Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share
this joyful feast.
Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and
blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. By your Spirit, help us to live as sisters and brothers, in the body
of Christ and the communion of saints, sharing your love and peace with all the world...

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, we bless you, God of glory, and pray in unison:
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People John 6:35
I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never go hungry,
I am the vine.
Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Prayer after Communion

— SENDING —

- * Hymn of Dedication

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling" (v. 1,3)

#648
- * Charge and Benediction

Numbers 26:22-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.". Amen
- * Congregational Response

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling" (v.4)

#648
- * Postlude

"Menuet Gothique"

Boëllmann

*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 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 September are clothing and flip flops. Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex.



Thank you.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- September 5 Shirley Trinclisti

Woody Woodhall

September 8 Jeff Speer

September 8 Paige Newcomb

September 10 Ken McGearry

September 16 Bob Brady

September 22 Andi Householder

September 30 Merle Brown

Killian Matarrese
- September 13 Steph and Tom Tutka

September 27 Beulah and Merle Brown

September 29 Rich and Darlene Artman

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
September 7 - September 13

Today	Worship	10:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Garden Club	6:00pm
Wednesday	Choir Practice	7:00pm
Thursday	Boy Scouts	6:00pm

Looking Ahead
September 14 - 20, 2025

September 14	Reach Out Committee	9:00am
September 14	Worship - Baptism	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
September 16	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Sewing Group	7:00pm
September 17	Choir Practice	7:00pm
September 18	Boy Scouts	6:00pm
	Ladies Group	6:30pm

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