

Grace Community Presbyterian Church

May 3, 2026

A large, stylized graphic of a dove, rendered in a red, textured, stippled style. The dove is positioned behind the main title text, with its wings spread upwards and outwards.

In His Steps

Thought for Meditation

“But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily upward into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at God’s right hand. And he told them, “Look, I see the heavens opened and Jesus the Messiah standing beside God, at his right hand!” (Acts 7:55-56 NIV)

— GATHERING —

Prelude

“Communion”

F. Dubois

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Call To Worship**

Psalm 119: 9-32

Cathy Brady

L: Praise be to You, Lord; our teacher and guide.

P: We rejoice in following Your statutes and delight in Your word.

L: May our hearts meditate on Your precepts, and our lips declare Your truth.

P: Your statutes are our delight, and Your word is our guide. Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise**

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”

#213

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 31:1-5

In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in Your righteousness. Turn Your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Trusting in God’s grace, let us draw near to God and confess our sin.

Lord,

I come to You in humility and repentance. I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and I ask for Your mercy. Forgive me for the ways I have turned from You and failed to trust in Your guidance. Be my refuge and my fortress. Hide me under the shelter of Your grace and lead me in Your righteousness for the sake of Your name. Into Your hands I commit my heart, my life, and my spirit. Wash me clean, restore me, and make me new. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Luke 6:37

Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

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

*** Passing of the Peace**

L: Since we have been united with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection and have been granted the gift of peace, let us share this peace with 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**

#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.

Anthem

“I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord”

Chancel Choir

— THE WORD —

Scripture

Acts 7:54-60

Sermon

“The Courage to Forgive”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles’ Creed** (*in unison-refer to projection screen*)

Prayers of the People

HOLY COMMUNION

***Hymn of Invitation**

“Come to the Table”

#464

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with His disciples, He took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized Him. 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 –(Please refer to projection screen)

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

John 6:41-51; Matt 26:28

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 (*in unison*)

Gracious God,

As we shared Your table, fill us with the joy of Your presence and the strength of Your grace. Open our hearts to notice the needs around us, and guide our hands to serve with compassion, courage, and humility. Teach us to seek justice, to show mercy, and to walk faithfully in the way of Jesus Christ, who is our life and our hope. Amen.

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. C. Callahan

***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**

— SENDING —

*** Hymn of Dedication**

"Revive Us Again" (vs. 1 & 2)

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*** Charge and Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

May the love of Christ fill you with joy,
and may His grace guide you as you serve Him.
Go in peace, bear witness to His mercy and presence. **Amen.**

*** Congregational Response**

"Revive Us Again" (vs 3)

#434

*** Postlude**

"God, We Give You Praise"

J.C. 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. Please join us downstairs (Cana Hall) for coffee fellowship. Today's Deacon greeter after the service is Kerrie Colaiani.



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 Personal Care Items (hairbrushes, combs, toothbrushes, water bottles, etc.) for the month of May for Operation Christmas Child. Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.

MAY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

May 3- Luke Ludwig

May 4- Alma Woodhall

May 14- Owar Ojulu

May 14- Bill Deem

May 17- Lilly Householder

May 21- Ojha Ojha

May 24- Kathy Dolon

May 3- Jack and Shirley Trinclisti

May 10- Bill and Elsie Deem

May 24- Rich and Marcia Sackett

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

May 3, 2026- May 9, 2026

Today	Reach Out Meeting	9:00am
	Worship-Communion	10:00am
	Adult Sunday School- Library	11:00am
	Coffee Fellowship- (Cana Hall)	11:00am
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
Wednesday	Hour of Prayer	12-1pm
Thursday	Cub Scouts- Den Meeting	6:00pm
	Ladies Group- Library	6:30pm

Looking Ahead

May 10, 2026- May 16, 2026

May 10	Worship Service-Happy Mother's Day!!	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship- Cana Hall	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School- Library	11:00am
May 12	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Garden Club- Cana Hall	6:00pm
May 13	Hour of Prayer	12-1pm
May 14	Cub Scouts Den Meeting- Cana Hall	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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Todd Taylor
Jack Trinclisti
Steph Tutka

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