

Grace Community Presbyterian Church

March 22, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN
LENT



Thought for Meditation

“We often suspect that where there is a more than ordinary sufferer, there is a more than ordinary sinner. The disciples believed this so much so that they wondered if this man had actually sinned before he was born, causing his blind condition.” *Enduring Word*

—GATHERING —

Prelude

“Adagio” from Organ Concerto in A Minor

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Call To Worship**

Psalm 122:1

Rev. Paul Milz

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to You, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our voices! Let Your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.

Leader: We wait for the Lord, our souls wait, and in His Word, we put our hope.

People: For with the Lord is unfailing love and redemption!

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who brings hope from despair!

All: We lift our hearts in praise and thanksgiving!

*** Hymn of Praise**

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (v. 1-3)

#21

***Prayer of Confession**

Joel 2:12-13

“Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity, let us come before God and pray together.

Gracious God,

We humbly come before you, acknowledging the darkness that blinds us to your truth. Like the man born blind, we confess our need for healing and forgiveness. Help us to see with Your eyes and to extend grace to others, remembering our own need for mercy. Transform our hearts and restore our vision, so we may walk in Your light and share Your love with the world. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession...

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Romans 10:10

“For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”

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.

Anthem

“In the Garden”

Chancel Choir

Children’s Message

Elsie Deem

— THE WORD —

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

John 9:1-12

Sermon

“Sight for the Blind: A Story of Grace”

***Hymn of Response**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#630

Sharing Joys and Concerns and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

2 Corinthians

9:7

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Offertory

“O Lamb of God Most Holy”

German Chorale(16th Century)

*** 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** “Open My Eyes That I May See” (vs.1)

#563

*** Charge and Benediction**

May His light guide your path, illuminating the way as you walk in His truth.
May the God of healing touch your eyes this day, that you may see the needs of others.
As you go forth, may you carry the hope of the Gospel into every part of your life,
and may Christ's peace fill your heart today and forever. **Amen.**

*** Congregational Response** “Open My Eyes That I May See” (vs.2)

#563

*** Postlude**

“Basse et Dessus de Trompette”

L. Cherambault

*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 for a staff appreciation luncheon in Cana Hall (downstairs). Today's Deacon greeters after the service are Rich and Marcia Sackett.



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 washcloths and 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 11- Ann Bayruns

March 13- Bonnie Carroll

March 30- Wendy Aurednik

March 5- Dave Highfield

March 11- Katie Sevic (Ludwig)

March 18- Stephanie Tutka

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 22, 2026- March 28, 2026

Today	Worship- Children's Message	10:00am
	Staff Appreciation Luncheon(Cana Hall)	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School (Library)	11:00am
Monday	Session Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday	Cross Currents assembly/ mailing	9:00am
	Lions Meeting- (Cana Hall)	
Thursday	Cub Scouts- Den Meeting	6:00pm
Saturday	Knead Café	8am-12p
	Recovery Workshop (Cana Hall)	10a-12pm
	Hoagie/Pizza/Pie Pick Up- Parking Lot	11am-2p

Looking Ahead

March 29, 2026- April 4, 2026

March 29	Deacons Meeting-Easter Baskets	9:00am
	Worship-Palm Sunday- Fish Banks Due	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship (Cana Hall)	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School (Library)	11:00am
March 30	The Chosen- Library	5:00pm
March 31	Rabbits Foot Association (Cana Hall)	6:00pm
	The Chosen- Library	5:00pm
April 1	The Chosen-Library	5:00pm
April 2	Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service	7:30pm
April 4	Children's Free Easter Event	11a-1pm

Sermon Notes:

For Sunday __/__/____

Scripture Reference _____

What spoke to my heart from today's sermon:

Prayer Concerns for this week:



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