

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
July 5, 2026

**"EVERYTHING IS PERMISSIBLE,"
BUT NOT EVERYTHING IS
BENEFICIAL. "EVERYTHING IS
PERMISSIBLE," BUT NOT
EVERYTHING IS EDIFYING.
- 1 CORINTHIANS 10:23**

— GATHERING —

Prelude

“Variations on America”

A. Lovelace

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Call To Worship**

1 Corinthians 10

Stephanie Tutka

L: Brothers and sisters, we gather today remembering the words of the Apostle

Paul: *“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”*

P: We come to glorify the Lord in all we say and do.

L: We are reminded that we are one body, though many, sharing in the same bread and the same cup.

P: We come as one people, united in Christ, nourished by His grace.

L: God is faithful; He will not let us be tempted beyond what we can bear.

P: In every trial, He provides a way out so that we can stand firm.

L: So let us flee from idols, turn our hearts toward the living God, and worship Him in spirit and in truth.

All : We lift our voices, our hearts, and our lives to the glory of God!

*** Hymn of Praise**

“God of Our Fathers”

#809

Prayer of Confession

1 John 1:1:9

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 draw near to God and confess our sins.

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 One, and by Your forgiveness, offer us a chance to try again. 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** #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.

Solo "God Bless America" Wendy Aurednik

~THE WORD~

Scripture 1 Corinthians 10:23 – 11:1

Sermon "Being Free"

***Responding Hymn** "Faith of Our Fathers" #404

Prayers of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings Deuteronomy 14:22-23

“You shall certainly tithe all the produce from what you sow, which comes from the field every year. You shall eat in the presence of the Lord your God, at the place where He chooses to establish His name, the tithe of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and your flock, so that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always.”

Offertory “Improvisation from A Patriotic Suite” C. Callahan

*** My Country, Tis of Thee** #807

Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation and Opening Prayer (Lord’s Prayer)

Prayer after Communion

— SENDING —

*** Hymn of Dedication** “America the Beautiful” (vs.1-3) #799

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Congregational Response** “America the Beautiful” (vs. 4) #799

*** Postlude**

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

C. Callahan

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church

We welcome Reverend Ken Foust back to our pulpit today.

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). Today's Deacon greeter after the service is Terri Ludwig.



The flowers gracing the sanctuary are from Glenn Nordmark's memorial 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! Samaritan's Purse recommends for the month of July clothes small enough to fit in a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.

JULY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

July 7- Sharon Rupert

July 17- Owar and Apay Ojulu

July 22- Jennifer Beck

July 30- Dave and Melody Highfield

July 31- Paul Zunich

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

July 5, 2026- July 11, 2026

Today	Reach Out Meeting	9:00am
	Worship-Communion-Rev. Ken Foust preaching	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship- Cana Hall	11:00am

Looking Ahead

July 12, 2026- July 18, 2026

July 12	Worship-Rev. Byrom preaching	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship- Cana Hall	11:00am
July 14	Garden Club	6:00pm
July 16	Ladies Group	6:30pm

Sermon Notes:

For Sunday __/__/__

Scripture Reference _____

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
2751 Grant Street, Lower Burrell, PA 15068
(724) 339-9661
Website: www.gracecommunitypresbyterian.org
Worship Service is at 10:00am

Church Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Owar O. Ojulu
pastorowar@gracecommunitypresbyterian.org
Secretary: Kellie Newcomb
secretary@gracecommunitypresbyterian.org
Christian Ed: Bill Ludwig
Organist: Dane Skroupa/Lisa Clark
Treasurer: Ray Zerjav
Custodian: John Baron and Paul Zunich

Elders

Reitha Bieranoski
Cathy Brady
Dave Briscoe
Bonnie Carroll
Cathy Christoforetti
Valerie Lester
Sharon Rupert
Todd Taylor
Steph Tutka

Deacons

Margie Bistline
Sheri Cieslinski
Michael Cochenour
Kerri Colaianni
Melissa Gott
Heidi Hacker
Cindy Irvin
Linda Johnson
Terri Ludwig
June Cicola
Shirley Trinclisti