

Grace Community Presbyterian Church

January 4, 2026

“For  
**I KNOW**  
the plans  
I have for you,”  
declares the LORD,  
“... plans to give you  
**HOPE** and a  
**FUTURE.**”

Jeremiah 29:11, NIV



— GATHERING —

**Prelude**

“Organ Hymn”

Haan

“For God alone my soul in silence waits” (Psalm 62:1)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Call To Worship**

*Psalm 29*

*Cathy Brady*

L: Praise the Lord, you angels of God; praise His glory and strength

**P: Praise Him for His majestic glory, the glory of His name.**

L: Come before Him clothed in sacred garments of His Hope.

**All: Let us worship God in spirit and truth! Amen**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

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**\*Prayer of Confession:**

*Psalm 127:1*

Leader: Friends, we gather today aware of our need for God's grace. Scripture reminds us, "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor is in vain, unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain."

**All: We acknowledge that we have often relied on our own strength and understanding.**

Leader: In our pride, we forget that all our efforts are futile without God's guiding hand.

Let us come before Him in humility, confessing our reliance on ourselves instead of the Lord.

**All: We seek Your mercy, O God, for the times we have faltered and built on our own. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us.**

Leader: Together, let us enter a moment of silent confession, opening our hearts to the One who hears us.

*Silent Prayer of Confession...*

**Assurance of Forgiveness**     *Romans 12:17-21*

Acting in love, even towards those who hurt us, allows us to be healed and reconciled, enabling us to receive from God the forgiveness that transforms us into Christlikeness. Grace church, believe the God News of the Gospel.

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

**\* Passing of the Peace**     *John 16:33*

L: "I have told you all this so that you will have peace of heart and mind. Here on earth, you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart! I have overcome the world!"  
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**

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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.

**Anthem**

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"     Chancel Choir  
"Music by George Shea, Words by Rhea Miller"

— THE WORD —

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

Jeremiah 29:11

**Sermon**

"A Vision for Your Life"



Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name: (see Projection screen)

## **BREAKING THE BREAD**

### **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

~I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry~

~I am the vine. Apart from me you can do nothing~

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (IN UNISON)**

**We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

— SENDING —

\* **Hymn of Dedication**                      “Worthy, You Are Worthy”      (v.1)      #260

\* **Charge and Benediction**                      *Numbers 6:24-26*

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**                      “Worthy, You Are Worthy”      (v.3)      #260

\* **Postlude**                      “Jesus Shall Reign”                      Haan

\*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 (located downstairs) hosted by the Markle/Newcomb families in celebration of our Mom's (Connie Markle) milestone birthday.



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 hats, gloves, scarves for the month of January for Operation Christmas Child. Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS-ANNIVERSARIES

January 5- Melody Highfield

January 21- Randy & Cindy Daughtry

January 10- Rich Sackett

January 17- Debbie Acre

January 21- Cheryl Landis

January 26- Bill Ludwig

January 29- Ammani Ojha

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

**January 4, 2026- January 10, 2026**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship- Communion</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
	<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Boy Scouts Den Meeting</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
	<b>Ladies Group</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>

## Looking Ahead

January 11, 2026- January 17, 2026

January 11	Reach Out Meeting	9:00am
	Worship	10:00
	Congregational Meeting	11:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
January 15	Boy Scouts- Den Meeting	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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