

Grace Community Presbyterian Church  
May 17, 2026

**“STAY DRESSED  
FOR ACTION AND  
KEEP YOUR  
LAMPS BURNING.”**

LUKE 12:35. ESV



— GATHERING —

Prelude

“Prayer”

L. Boellmann

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

**\*Call To Worship**

*Psalm 168: 1-10*

Michael Cochenour

L: Sing to God, sing in praise of His name,

**P: Extol Him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before Him—His name is the Lord!**

L: When You, God, went out before Your people,

**P: When You marched through the wilderness;**

L: The earth shook, the heavens poured down rain.

**P: You gave abundant showers, O God; You refreshed Your weary inheritance.**

**All: Praise the Lord!**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (vs. 1-3)

#11

**Prayer of Confession (Responsively)**

*Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16*

*The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us.*

*Because we have faith in Him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

Lord Jesus,

Like the disciples, we often ask for the wrong things. We want certainty, control, and our own version of Your kingdom, but You call us to trust Your wisdom and wait for Your timing.

Forgive us for our impatience, for our tendency to focus on power instead of obedience, and for the times we try to define Your work by our own hopes. You told Your followers to be Your witnesses, yet we confess that we are often silent, distracted, or afraid. You call us to pray, to wait, and to depend on Your Spirit, but we confess that we rush ahead in our own strength.

Teach us to trust Your promises. Unite our hearts in prayer, secure us in faith, and fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that we may be faithful witnesses to Your risen life and Your kingdom. In Your mercy, forgive us, renew us, and lead us forward. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession*

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**                      *Ephesians 4:32*

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” Grace church, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

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

**\* Passing of the Peace**                      Matthew 5:9

L: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.”

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

“Alleluia, Praise”

Chancel Choir

— THE WORD —

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

*Acts 1:6-14*

**Sermon**

“When God Says Wait”

**\*Hymn of Response**

“Rejoice, The Lord Is King” (v. 1-2)

#370

*Sharing Joys and Concerns and the Lord's Prayer*

**Tithes and Offerings**

*Malachi 3:10*

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

**Offertory**

“Andantino”

C. Franck

**\*Doxology**

**“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**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (vs 1-2)

#16

**\* Charge and Benediction**    *2 Corinthians 13:14*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God our Father  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all now and forever. Amen*

**\* Congregational Response**

““All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (v.3)

#16

**\* Postlude**

“Chorale”

L. Boellmann

\*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 Lisa Edwards.



Do you miss fresh flowers in the sanctuary? If you wish to purchase altar flowers, the sign-up calendar and order form is on the bulletin board outside the church office. The cost is \$60 for 2 arrangements and provided by "Just for You" florist.



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 17, 2026- May 23, 2026**

|                  |  |                 |
|------------------|--|-----------------|
| <b>Today</b>     | <b>Worship-Congregational Meeting</b>  | <b>10:00am</b>  |
|                  | <b>Adult Sunday School- Library</b>    | <b>11:00am</b>  |
|                  | <b>Coffee Fellowship- (Cana Hall)</b>  | <b>11:00am</b>  |
|                  | <b>Deacon's Meeting</b>                | <b>11:00am</b>  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Sewing Group (Cana Hall)</b>        | <b>7:00pm</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Primary- Polls Open (Cana Hall)</b> |                 |
|                  | <b>Bible Study</b>                     | <b>1:00pm</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Hour of Prayer</b>                  | <b>12-1pm</b>   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Ladies Group</b>                    | <b>6:30pm</b>   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Knead Café</b>                      | <b>8am-12pm</b> |

Looking Ahead

May 24, 2026- May 30, 2026

|        |                                       |         |
|--------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| May 24 | Worship-Pentecost- Children's Message | 10:00am |
|        | Coffee Fellowship- Cana Hall          | 11:00am |
|        | Adult Sunday School- Library          | 11:00am |
| May 25 | Happy Memorial Day!!!                 |         |
| May 26 | Bible Study                           | 1:00pm  |
|        | Session Meeting                       | 6:30pm  |
| May 27 | Hour of Prayer                        | 12-1pm  |
| May 28 | Cross Currents Assembly/Mailing       | 9am     |

Sermon Notes:

For Sunday \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Scripture Reference \_\_\_\_\_

What spoke to my heart from today's sermon:

Prayer Concerns for this week:

Grace Community Presbyterian Church  
2751 Grant Street, Lower Burrell, PA 15068  
(724) 339-9661

Website: [www.gracecommunitypresbyterian.org](http://www.gracecommunitypresbyterian.org)  
Worship Service is at 10:00am

**Church Staff:**

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**Elders**

Dave Briscoe  
Cathy Christoforetti  
Michael Cochenour  
Valerie Lester  
Glenn Nordmark  
Todd Taylor  
Jack Trinclisti  
Steph Tutka

**Deacons**

Margie Bistline  
Sheri Cieslinski  
Kerri Colaiani  
Lisa Edwards  
Heidi Hacker  
Cindy Irvin  
Linda Johnson  
Terri Ludwig  
Marcia Sackett  
Rich Sackett  
Dee Shaffer  
Shirley Trinclisti  
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