

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
July 12, 2026



Matthew

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Matthew 13:1-23

— GATHERING —

Prelude

“Stand Up. Stand Up for Jesus”

Webb

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Call To Worship**

Psalm 25:1-10

Rev. Paul Milz

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, come into His presence with singing.

People: To You, O Lord, we lift up our voices!

Leader: As we gather, may our hearts be open to Your guidance and wisdom.

People: For You, O Lord, we wait with expectancy all day long.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord together!

*** Hymn of Praise**

“Break Thou the Bread of Life” (vs. 1 &3)

#413

Prayer of Confession

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Grace church, let us make confession and seek God for forgiveness and restoration.

Loving God,

We come before You with humble hearts, acknowledging our weaknesses and sinfulness. Like the lepers, we often take Your mercy for granted and fail to express our gratitude for Your healing and grace. Forgive us for our indifference and our lack of thankfulness. Help us to recognize Your blessings in our lives and to live with an attitude of gratitude, always turning back to You in praise. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness *1 Corinthians 15:58*

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

P: 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.

Duet

"We Are Called"

Wendy Aurednik
Aubrie Newcomb

Children's Message

Terri Ludwig

~THE WORD ~

Scripture

Psalm 25
Matthew 13:1-23

Sermon

"Listening in Search of Understanding"

***Responding Hymn**

"The Solid Rock" (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

#526

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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

“Lord of All”

McHugh

*** 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**

“Open My Eyes That I May See”(vs. 1 &2) #563

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Response

“Open My Eyes That I May See” (vs. 3) #563

* Postlude

“Album Leaf”

Young

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church

We welcome Reverend Dean Byrom 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 Cindy Irvin.

The chancel choir is singing 2 of Ken McGeary's arrangements for the Memorial Service on Saturday, July 25th. We welcome all voices to join us. We are practicing at 9am on Sunday mornings and at 12:30 pm the day of the 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 12, 2026- July 18, 2026

Today	Worship- Rev. Byrom preaching-Children's	9:00am
	Message- Terri Ludwig	
	Coffee Fellowship- Cana Hall	11:00am

Looking Ahead

July 19, 2026- July 25, 2026

July 19	Worship-	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship- Cana Hall	11:00am
	Deacons Meeting	11:00am
July 21	VBS- Camping with Jesus	6-8:15pm
July 22	VBS- Camping with Jesus	6-8:15pm
July 23	VBS- Camping with Jesus	6-8:15pm
July 25	Knead Café	8am-12pm
	Ken McGeary Memorial Service	2:00pm

Sermon Notes:

For Sunday __/__/__

Scripture Reference _____

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