

Grace Community Presbyterian Church

August 16, 2026

**God ~~is~~ love,**

**and those who**

**abide in love**

**abide in = God,**

**and God**

**abides in them.**

1 JOHN 4:16, NRSV

— GATHERING —

Prelude

“Amazing Grace”

Hustad

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

**\*Call To Worship**

Psalm 84: 1-12

LaVonne Pelisari

L: My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

**P: Blessed are those who dwell in the house of the Lord;  
they are praising the Lord their God forever.**

**All: They go from strength to strength,  
till they appear before God in glory. Amen**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (vs. 1-3)

#648

**\*Prayer of Confession:**

Proverbs 28:13

“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.” Friends, let us call on the name of the Lord for healing and restoration.

**Merciful God,**

**We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole hearts, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us by Your grace, that we may walk in Your ways and honor You in all we do. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer of Confession...*

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Psalm 103:8-12

*“The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”* Grace Family, believe this Good News of the Gospel!

**\* Passing of the Peace**                      2 Thessalonians 3:16

**P: And also, with you.**

\* Gloria Patri #813

**Trio** “Jacobs Ladder” Wendy Aurednik,  
Aubrie Newcomb, Debbie Roskey

## Prayer for illumination

**Scripture** John 3:16

**Sermon** "How Does Grace Works?"

**\*Responding Hymn**                      “What Wondrous Love is This” (vs. 1-3)                      #314

## Sharing Joys and Concerns and the Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

**Call for Tithes and Offerings**

*Proverbs 3:9-10*

*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” –*

**Offertory**

“Like a River”

Glorious Mountain

**\* 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**

“Revive Us Again” (v. 1-3)

# 434

**\* Charge and Benediction**

2 Cor. 13:11

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice!  
Strive for full restoration,  
encourage one another,  
be of one mind,  
live in peace.  
And the God of love and peace will be with you. **Amen.**

**\* Congregational Response**

“Revive Us Again” (v. 4)

# 434

**\* Postlude**

“Rejoice in the Lord”

Purcell

\*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 after worship in Cana Hall (downstairs).



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 August school supplies (usually on sale at this time) for Operation Christmas Child. Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Holiday Vendor/Craft Fair to benefit Operation Christmas Child- Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm. Details to follow in a bit but we will be continuing the Basket Raffle and have added a Bake Sale/Grab 'N Go Food for all you Grace Church bakers/cooks who would like to participate.**

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

August 4- Randy Daughtry

August 10- Beulah Brown

August 14- Rich Acre

August 22- Quintin McGeary

August 23- Margie Bistline

August 25- Scott Rupert

August 1- Mike and Sue Pish

August 5- Scott and Sharon Rupert

August 16- Lee & Linda Johnson

**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**

**August 16, 2026- August 22, 2026**

|                  |                                            |                 |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Today</b>     | <b>Worship- Special Music- Trio</b>        | <b>10:00am</b>  |
|                  | <b>Coffee Fellowship</b>                   | <b>11:00am</b>  |
|                  | <b>Deacons Meeting</b>                     | <b>11:00am</b>  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Sewing Club- Cana Hall</b>              | <b>7:00pm</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Cub Scouts- Pack Meeting- Cana Hall</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

August 23, 2026- August 29, 2026

|           |                                          |         |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|---------|
| August 23 | Worship- VFW Pavillion- Picnic Afterward | 10:00am |
| August 24 | Session Meeting                          | 6:30pm  |
| August 25 | Lions Club Meeting- Cana Hall            | 4:00pm  |
| August 26 | Cross Currents Assembly/Mail             | 9:00am  |
|           | Cub Scouts Pack Meeting-Cana Hall        | 6:00pm  |

### Summer is almost over---sigh!!

Please join your church family for an outdoor service and picnic at the VFW Pavillion in Lower Burrell at 10am on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Reach Out Committee will be providing a sandwich and rigatoni and drinks.

Please bring a side dish or a dessert.

Sermon Notes:

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| For Sunday __/__/____ Scripture Reference _____ |
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Reitha Bieranoski  
Cathy Brady  
Dave Briscoe  
Bonnie Carroll  
Cathy Christoforetti  
Valerie Lester  
Sharon Rupert  
Todd Taylor  
Steph Tutka

**Deacons**

Margie Bistline  
Sheri Cieslinski  
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