

Grace Community Presbyterian Church

October 13, 2024



Thought for Meditation

The concept of a "new covenant" represents a transformative promise that redefines the relationship between humanity and the divine. Specifically, the New Covenant in Christ refers to the sacred commitment made by and through Jesus, emphasizing fundamental themes such as grace, forgiveness, and the pursuit of a personal relationship with God. Unlike earlier covenants, which were often based on adherence to a set of laws or rituals, the New Covenant invites believers into a more intimate and direct engagement with God. In essence, the New Covenant is not merely a set of theological concepts; it is an invitation to a radical shift in how we understand and engage with the God.

— GATHERING —

Prelude "More Love to Thee" Hamlin
Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Call To Worship** *Psalms 122:1-9* Michael Cochenour

L: We gather before God together,
imperfect but present.

**P: Let us worship God together earnestly,
with our whole selves.**

L: We gather before God together,
desiring deeper faith.

**P: Let us learn from God together
as we seek harmony between our words
and our actions!**

*** Hymn of Praise** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (V 1-2) #21

***Prayer of Confession** *Ephesians 6:10-18*

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**O Lord, You are the maker of justice
and the source of righteousness,
the One who hears the cries of the suffering
and who fills the hunger of the poor.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we fail to reflect Your just love:
when we have food and food leftover,
yet we do not share with any in need;
when we have power for good and power for change,
yet we use it only for our own self-preservation;
when we have the words of the prophets before us,
yet we cover our ears lest they make us uncomfortable.**

Forgive us, O Lord, and teach us to follow in Your way. Amen

Silent Prayer of Confession...

***Assurance of Forgiveness** *Colossians 2:13*

You were once dead because of your failures and your uncircumcised corrupt nature. But God made you alive with Christ when he forgave all our sins. Friends, believe this Good News of the Gospel!

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

*** Passing of the Peace** *Colossians 3:15*

L: Let the peace of heart that comes from Christ be always present in your hearts and lives, for this is your responsibility and privilege as members of his body. And always be thankful. 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

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.

#817

Piano Solo

— THE WORD —

Brian Hacker

Prayer for illumination

Scripture

Hebrews 8:3-6

Sermon

“Covenant: *Take a Closer Look*”

*Responding Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation” (v. 1-2)

#408

Joys and Concerns and the Lord’s Prayer (debts & debtors)

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Acts 20:35

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Offertory

* Doxology

O Bless the Gifts

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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.
The rest, O God, is in Your hand.

* Prayer of Dedication

— SENDING —

* Hymn of Dedication

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (v. 1-2)

#11

* Charge and Benediction

2 Cor. 13:13

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen**

* Congregational Response

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (v.3)

#11

* Postlude

“Fanfare”

Lemmens

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church

We extend a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and hope that you will return. Please Join us for Coffee Fellowship following the service.

Help fill shoeboxes all year long! The Operation Christmas Child items for the month of October are small toys (Matchbox cars, sewing kits, jump ropes, small balls). Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.

Rev. Dr. Ojulu 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.



The **SPAGHETTI DINNER** is Saturday, 10/19 from 4-7 pm. Cost is \$15/adult and \$10/child. Take-out is available. Advance tickets with a \$1 discount will be sold Sundays after worship in Cana Hall on 10/9, and 10/16. They will also be available in the church office during daytime hours.

Also, we will be having a Silent Auction at October's Spaghetti Dinner. If you would like to donate an already-assembled gift basket or new items to include in a gift basket, these may be dropped off in the "OCC basket room" downstairs (look for signs on the door) by Sunday, October 13.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October 4 Kellie Newcomb
October 14 Bill Renard
October 18 Brandon Daughtry
Zoe Householder
October 19 Cindy Daughtry
October 25 Paul Berggren

October 5 Carl & Kathy Dolan
October 8 Bill & Terri Ludwig
October 12 Steve & Valerie Lester

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.

Sermon Notes:

For Sunday __/__/____

Scripture Reference _____

What spoke to my heart from today's sermon:

Prayer Concerns for this week:



Week's Calendar
October 13- 19, 2024

Today	Reach Out Committee	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
	Field House Restaurant Gathering	1:30pm
	Autumn Cruise	4:00pm
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
Wednesday	Choir Practice	7:00pm
Thursday	Boy Scouts	6:00pm
	Men's Group	6:00pm
	Ladies Group	6:30pm
Saturday	OCC Spaghetti Dinner	4:00-7:00P

Looking Ahead
October 20 - 26, 2024

October 20	Deacon's Meeting	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
October 21	Sewing Group	1:00pm
October 22	Bible Study	1:00pm
October 23	Choir Practice	7:00pm
October 24	Boy Scouts	6:00pm
October 26	Knead Cafe	8:00am

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