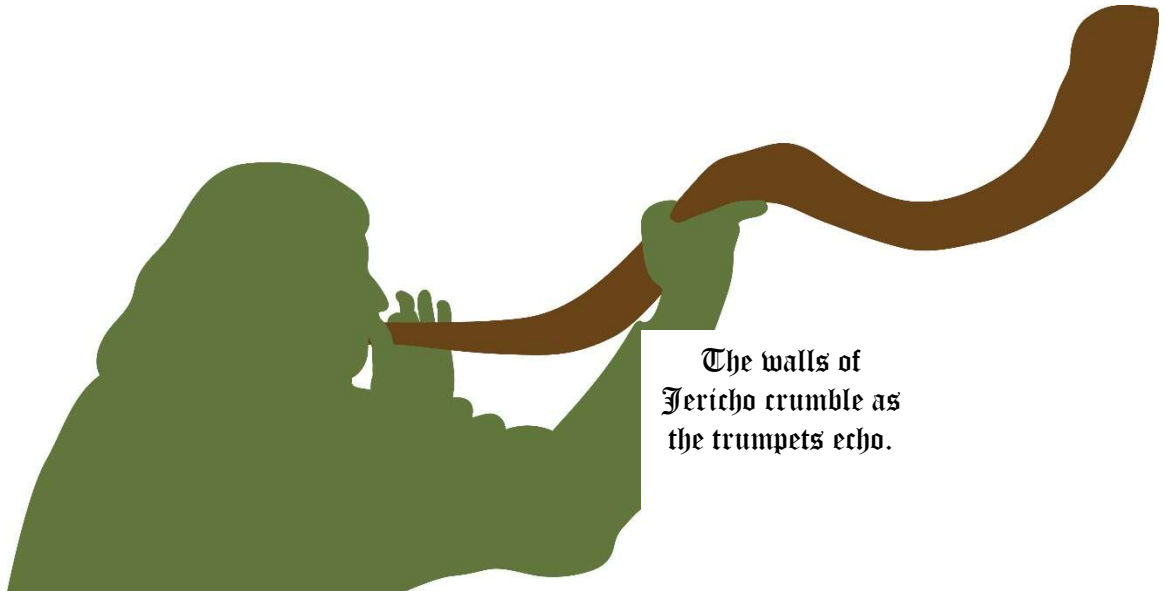


Grace Community Presbyterian Church

August 31, 2025



The walls of
Jericho crumble as
the trumpets echo.

Thought for Meditation

“Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. Then the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. ³March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.” Joshua 6:1-5

Prelude	“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”	Bach
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Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving!
Sing for joy to God our strength;
Shout aloud to the God of Jacob!

All: For our God is great and worthy of our praise,
Let's come before Him with joyful hearts,
and celebrate the love and grace He offers.
Together, let us worship! Amen.

I will protect those who know my name. When they call me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.” Trusting in God’s grace, let us come before Him to seek His blessing of forgiveness and restoration.

Almighty God,
You tell us, that, who may abide in your presence and who may dwell on your holy temple:
those who walk blamelessly, who do what is right, and who speak the truth from their hearts.
And yet, O Lord, we do not walk blamelessly. So often we stumble on the path of faith. The
truth makes us nervous, and we pretend not to know what is right. Have mercy, O God.
Convict us by your wisdom, cleanse us by your grace, challenge us by your presence, and,
through your forgiveness, free us to try again. Amen.

Silent

Prayer of Confession...

Praise be to the LORD, for He has heard our cry for mercy. The LORD is our strength and our shield; our hearts trust in Him, and He helps us. Our hearts leap for joy, and with our songs we praise him. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

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

L: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of His grace given you in Christ Jesus."

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.

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.

Duet “How Great Thou Art” Lisa Clark, Ken McGeary

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture	Joshua 6:1-7	
Sermon	“The Jericho Challenge”	
*Hymn of Response	“Lead On, O King Eternal” (v. 1,3)	#724

Sharing Joys and Concerns and the Lord’s Prayer

Tithes and Offerings *Luke 6:38*
 “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Offertory	“God Moves in Mysterious Ways”	Childs
*Doxology	“We Give Thee But Thine Own”	#816
We give Thee but Thy Own, what e’er the gift may be All that we have is Thine alone – A trust, O Lord, from Thee.		

***Prayer of Dedication** *(in unison)*
 Dear God,
 We come with grateful hearts, dedicating our offerings to Your work. Please bless these gifts and use them to further Your Kingdom, bringing hope to those in need. May our contributions, however small, make a difference. Help us give cheerfully and live generously. We entrust these gifts to You, asking that You multiply them for Your glory. Amen.

— SENDING —

*Hymn of Dedication	“Onward, Christian Soldiers” (v. 1)	#731
* Charge and Benediction	<i>Numbers 26:22-26</i> 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	“Onward, Christian Soldiers” (v. 3)	#731
*Postlude	“Fugue in G”	Bach

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

Today’s Music: We welcome Lisa Clark to our service. Lisa is organist for First Baptist Church in Upper Burrell. She is with us today to join Ken in a piano / organ duet of a favorite hymn, *How Great Thou Art*. **How Great Thou Art** has a fascinating history, from its birth through its spread world-wide:
 1885 written in Swedish by Rev. Carl Boberg, preacher and Swedish senator
 1907 translated into German by Mahnfred von Glehn, a resident of Estonia
 1912 translated in Russian by Rev. Ivan Prokhanoff, included a Russian hymnal
 1922 included in a Russian hymnal published in NYC by the American Bible Society
 1922 seen in this hymnal by Stuart K. Hine, who used it in his mission work in Ukraine
 1949 translated into English by Mr. Hine and printed in a Russian gospel magazine. Missionaries world-wide requested reprints of the song.
 1954 a magazine reprint was given to George Beverly Shea before a Billy Graham crusade in London.
 1954 Dr. J. Edwin Orr heard Naga tribes people from Assam, India sing *How Great Thou Art*, and introduced it to a conference in California
 Ever since Christians have sung of God’s creation, the sacrifice of Christ, and our joy when he returns. As you listen and contemplate the wonder of it all, keep in mind that “Thou” in the title and repeated phrases refers to God, our Savior. He alone is worthy of our thanks and praise.

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 following today’s worship 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! The Operation Christmas Child items for the month of September are clothing and flip flops. Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- September 5 Shirley Trinclisti

Woody Woodhall

September 8 Jeff Speer

September 10 Ken McGeary

September 16 Bob Brady

September 22 Andi Householder

September 30 Merle Brown

Killian Matarrese
- September 13 Steph and Tom Tutka

September 27 Beulah and Merle Brown

September 29 Rich and Darlene Artman

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 31 - September 6

Today	Worship	10:00am
	Ordination and Installation	
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
Monday	Labor Day - Office Closed	
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
Wednesday	Choir Practice	7:00pm
Thursday	Boy Scouts	6:00pm
	Ladies' Group	6:30pm

Looking Ahead
September 7 - 13, 2025

September 7	Worship	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
September 9	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Garden Club	6:00pm
September 10	Choir Practice	7:00pm
September 11	Boy Scouts	6:00pm

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