

# Grace Devotion

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Week of November 9, 2025

*4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:4-9 NRSVUE)*

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*4-5 Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in him! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute!*

*6-7 Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.*

*8-9 Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies. (Philippians 4:4-9 (The Message))*

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*4 Always dance with joy before our Honored Chief! I will say it again: dance with joy! 5 Let everyone see how kind and thoughtful you are. Our Honored Chief is close at hand. 6 Do not let your hearts be weighed down with anything. Instead, with every step you take, send your voice to the Great Spirit, asking him for the things you need. And in all your prayers remember to give him thanks. 7 Then the peace and harmony of the Great Spirit, which goes far beyond our small and weak ways of thinking, will watch over your hearts and minds through the Chosen One, Creator Sets Free (Jesus). 8 Last of all, my sacred family members, if anything can be seen as good and honorable, think deeply about these things. Things that are true and noble, upright and pure, full of beauty and worthy of respect. 9 Follow the way of life you have seen in me, the things you have learned from me, heard from me, and received from me. Keep walking in the traditions I have passed on to you. Then the Great Spirit of Peace will continue to walk with you on this road. (Philippians 4:4-9 (Dancing for Joy and Walking in Peace))*

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Greetings!

We continue to focus on rejoicing in all that God is doing in our lives, in our church, and in the world around us—seeing grace in both the big and small moments. Often, we get distracted by in the day-to-day activities and we sometimes forget to offer praise and prayer. As we continue to incorporate movement and community in our worship, I offer you these two activities for the week. I hope you enjoy these activities and feel free to find a friend to join you. *“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”* (Matthew 18:20 NRSVUE)

## STATION #3

### Thankful

What gives you a reason to be thankful this season?

Write why you are thankful on the piece of paper.

Place the paper in the cornucopia.

## STATION #2

### Philippians 4:4-9

Read the three translations of scripture and discuss:

- What do you notice or feel differently when reading these three translations?
- Where is God inviting you to “dance with joy” or “walk in peace”?

**Prayer:** God of joy and peace, We come to You today and every day with grateful hearts. Help us notice Your presence in the small moments in our lives. May each experience we share, bring us closer to You. Fill us with Your Spirit as we offer our prayers, our thanks, and our open hearts. May we share Your grace with everyone we meet, bringing each person and ourselves, closer to You. Amen

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy

*I am thankful for...*

November 9, 2025

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome/Announcements  
Westminster Chimes and Prelude

\*\*+“This is Amazing Grace”

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\*\* Call to Worship

Lector: Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say, rejoice!

**Congregation: We will rejoice, and lift our hearts in gratitude and praise.**

Lector: Let your kindness flow from you to all you meet.

**Congregation: We gather full of peace and hope.**

Lector: Bring your worries, your joys, your prayers, and your thanks to God.

**Congregation: Let us celebrate God’s presence and share the joy and peace we have received.**

\*\* Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)

**God of joy and peace, We come to You today and every day with grateful hearts. Help us notice Your presence in the small moments in our lives. May each experience we share, bring us closer to You. Fill us with Your Spirit as we offer our prayers, our thanks, and our open hearts. May we share Your grace with everyone we meet, bringing each person and ourselves, closer to You. Amen**

\*\* Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*\*° Hymn: “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

#43

Joys and Concerns  
Praying for Others  
Lord’s Prayer

Celebration of Our Gifts

\*\* Offertory Response: “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

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\*\* Prayer of Dedication

° Hymn: “He is Lord”

#105

Scripture Readings:

Psalms 98

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Time for the Young at Heart

Message: “Rejoice Anyway”

~One or two stations

Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

Holy Communion

\*\*Prayer of Thanksgiving:

**Loving God, We are thankful for this meal we have shared. In the bread and the cup, You remind us that we are never alone. Thank You for the love that holds us together and the joy that lifts our spirits. Help us carry Your light out into the world. Let us find kindness in the ordinary moments, courage in the challenges we face, and compassion for each person we meet. May our lives reflect the peace and goodness we have found here. In Jesus’s name we pray, Amen**

\*\*+“Old Church Choir”

#40

\*\* Final Blessing

\*\* “A Choral Benediction”

Postlude

\*\* Please stand, if you are able.

+ Black contemporary folder

° Blue hymnal



### Announcements

- Youth Sunday School Kick-off started September 21<sup>st</sup>
- Harvest Home collections – If you have any nonperishable items, please remember to bring them in. Donations are going to God's Meal Barrel
- There are over 800 families in need of Thanksgiving Dinner this year. We are collecting 800 cans (15 oz) of fruit cocktail for donation to New Hope Ministries

### Upcoming Events

- Bible Study Group & Movie, November 12<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30 PM
- Women's Ministries Zoom on November 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM. In Person cancelled on November 26<sup>th</sup>
- Monthly Movie, November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm
- Annual Meeting, November 16<sup>th</sup>, following worship
- Thanksgiving Evening Service, November 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM with Trinity UCC Hanover & Trinity UCC Gettysburg @ Grace UCC

### Upcoming Meetings

- Staff Meeting, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30
- Consistory Meeting, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM
- Pastoral Relations, November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM
- Worship & Music, November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4:45 PM
- Faith Formation, November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM



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Pastor - Amy Fawks

Lector -

Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller

Head Usher – Susan Dienes & Joleen Fennell



## Psalm 98

A A P T I R Q M E N Q O W Z  
 I Y P A A P H N O I N T J M  
 M P B O D R K I Q X F X V M  
 F C R E H L T U L U E Y E E  
 N V B J W A S L T L S X I R  
 U E Q Q V O M S G G S J G C  
 W Y X L T Q O A N X C D X Y  
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 Z K Y R W D E K K K W D M I  
 D X S F H X F Z K W F A V P  
 R G O C R L H I M H W V C R

- O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous \_\_\_\_\_: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.
- The LORD hath made known his \_\_\_\_\_: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
- He hath remembered his \_\_\_\_\_ and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: \_\_\_\_\_ a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.
- Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of a psalm.
- With trumpets and \_\_\_\_\_ of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.
- Let the sea \_\_\_\_\_, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
- Let the floods clap their hands: let the \_\_\_\_\_ be joyful together
- Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with \_\_\_\_\_.

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| • THINGS    | • SOUND  |
| • SALVATION | • ROAR   |
| • MERCY     | • HILLS  |
| • MAKE      | • EQUITY |
| • VOICE     |          |



## 2 Thessalonians 2

D R S W T M W O R K M L U O R O  
 Z E P L E A S U R E J A G R L F  
 U E C C Q G A T H E R I N G S A  
 P T S E C T W H E R E U N T O T  
 W O U J I I C N C N S I A P A H  
 I H H J M V O C I H Z H T C T E  
 T W D Y T I A B N K R H A A W R  
 H I E R S H R B A E G M H L H G  
 U Q P U E B E R L I I T Z M L X  
 I M L G A V M R M E W T Y C J Y  
 R E Z R F M E I E W N W H B P N  
 D H N A T W P A K F L E C E M X  
 B A E V E D A I L A O O S G R O  
 T T Y J R Q Q R Z E K R S S O F  
 P H S B W Y W V D Q D S E D K P  
 U N X I N I Q U I T Y K I N S F

- GATHERING
- NEITHER
- REVEALED
- THAT
- WITH
- MIGHT
- INIQUITY
- SHALL
- AFTER
- DECEIVABLENESS
- DELUSION
- PLEASURE
- HATH
- WHEREUNTO
- THEREFORE
- FATHER
- WORK

- Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our \_\_\_\_\_ together unto him,
- That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, \_\_\_\_\_ by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
- Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be \_\_\_\_\_, the son of perdition;
- Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all \_\_\_\_\_ is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.
- Remember ye not, that, when I was yet \_\_\_\_\_ you, I told you these things?
- And now ye know what withholdeth that he \_\_\_\_\_ be revealed in his time.
- For the mystery of \_\_\_\_\_ doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.
- And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
- Even him, whose coming is \_\_\_\_\_ the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
- And with all \_\_\_\_\_ of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
- And for this cause God shall send them strong \_\_\_\_\_, that they should believe a lie:
- That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had \_\_\_\_\_ in unrighteousness.
- But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God \_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:
- \_\_\_\_\_ he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- \_\_\_\_\_, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.
- Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our \_\_\_\_\_, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,
- Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and \_\_\_\_\_.

