

WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH

A people gladly serving the Lord Jesus and neighbors near and far

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We worship our Savior on October 27, 2024 (9 a.m.)

(“Come as you are ... then go home different”)

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PASTOR: W. Michael Langford

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Chris Peters (9 a.m.- 5 p.m. on Thursdays)

MINISTERS: All of us! (We are all ministers of God's grace and we're on-duty '24/7')



BLESSING US WITH THEIR MUSIC...Chris Peters (*piano*), Linda Langford (*organ*)

SHARING HER PIANO GIFT Miss Keira Slaybaugh

OPENING HYMN (U.M. # 526) “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

(1) *What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!*

*What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.*

(2) *Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?*

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

A WELCOME from our liturgist: Sherry Hoy

A CALL TO WORSHIP Psalms

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Hear us, O Lord, as we call out to You. Listen to the humble cry of our hearts.

Give ear to our prayer, O God. Know that it does not rise from deceitful lips.

You who alone sets things right, see our righteousness as You probe and examine us.

As you test us, may You find that we have resolved to speak only what is true.

We do our best to make sure that our every step holds to Your perfect path

But we need Your help, O Savior. Strengthen us so that our feet would not slip.

Whenever we have called upon You for help, You have always been there for us.

Show us the wonder of Your great love, You who saves by Your right hand

Keep us as the treasured apple of your eye. Hide us within the shadow of your wings.

Rise up, O Lord of Life. Show us what it means to experience Your deliverance!

You satisfy the hunger of all whom you cherish. You have been so good to our families.

So we worship You, Lord. As we awaken to this new day, may we seek Your face!

OPENING HYMN (U.M. # 110) “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

(1) *A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.*

(2) *Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man
on our side, the man of God’s own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus,
It is he; Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.*

(3) *And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear,*

for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

*(4) That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also; the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.*

INVITATION OF GOD’S PRESENCE

Offer your own “GOD IS GOOD” greeting to those seated nearby!

PRAISE SONG “Make A Joyful Noise”

(VERSE) Make a joyful noise unto the Lord for He is worthy to be praised
Sing with your spirit clap with your hands **(clap twice)**
Our God is greatly to be praised

(CHORUS) Worthy, worthy...He is worthy to be praised.
Hallelujah...Our God is greatly to be praised

PRAISE SONG “God With Us”

(1) He walked where I walk **(echo)** ... He stood where I stand **(echo)**
He felt what I feel **(echo)** ... He understands **(echo)**
He knows my frailty **(echo)** ... Shared my humanity. **(echo)**
Tempted in every way **(echo)** ... Yet without sin **(echo)**

(CHORUS) God with us, so close to us, God with us, Immanuel.
God with us, so close to us, God with us, Immanuel...Immanuel

(2) One of a hated race **(echo)** ... Stung by the prejudice **(echo)**
Suffering injustice **(echo)** ... Yet He forgives **(echo)**
Wept for my wasted years **(echo)** ... Paid for my wickedness **(echo)**
He died in my place **(echo)** ... That I might live **(echo)** **(CHORUS)**

BODY BUILDING Joys, Announcements and testimonies of God’s grace

PRAYER CONCERNS We lift our hearts to a Savior who cares

PRAYER SONG “A Broken Spirit”

(CHORUS) A broken spirit and a contrite heart...
You will not despise, You will not despise

You desire truth in the inward parts, a broken spirit and a contrite heart.

(VERSE) Lord, my heart is prone to wander, prone to leave the God I love
Here’s my heart, Lord ... take and seal it, Seal it for Your courts above. **(CHORUS)**

PRAYER

GOD’S HOLY WORD Ephesians 3:14-21

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church

and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

TODAY'S MESSAGE Pastor Mike

Langford

“More Than You Can Imagine”

CLOSING HYMN (# 368) “My Hope Is Built”

(1) My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

(REFRAIN) On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

(2) When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. **(REFRAIN)**

(3) His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay **(REFRAIN)**.

(4) When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! **(REFRAIN)**

A BENEDICTION

We thank you for presenting your tithes and offerings in the plates found at the exits.

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This worship service is over. NOW BEGINS our Christian service in Jesus’ Name!



We are **not** on a “167-hour vacation from faith” after this worship ends. We show the grace daily!

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MINISTRY CHALLENGE ... Continue to lift your prayer concerns with church family. Keep praying for your old friends; they are probably praying for you! Of course, you are always free to share your prayer needs during worship time. Or you may submit a prayer concern to our church office or even drop a note in the offering plate.

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LAST WEEK...October frights! There many phobias out there. Jesus tells of a man who seemed to have a fear of failure (atychiphobia!). He just seemed afraid of his master. A parable of talents is a practical look at investing God’s gifts. Long ago, rich guys delegated the control of their wealth to trustworthy employees, expecting a return on their money. Three servants were entrusted with great gifts (their master was going on a trip). One man received about 5 million dollars. One got 2 million. The third: a million. The first two put their ‘trusts’ to work and thus increased their holdings. They were praised by their master. The third guy dug a hole and buried his ‘trust’. So he was roundly excoriated. Good stewards don’t ‘bury God’s blessings’; they ‘plant them in His field of service’. We have all been gifted; don’t hide your unique gift in a hole. Use your given talents and opportunities to God’s glory. And don’t compare what you’ve

*received to what someone else has been given. Each is given according to his own ability. Boldly serve! This is how we can ALL win "THE TALENT SHOW"!
(Matthew 25:14-30)*