

WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH

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

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We worship our Savior on November 3, 2024 (9 a.m.)

("Come as you are ... then go home different")

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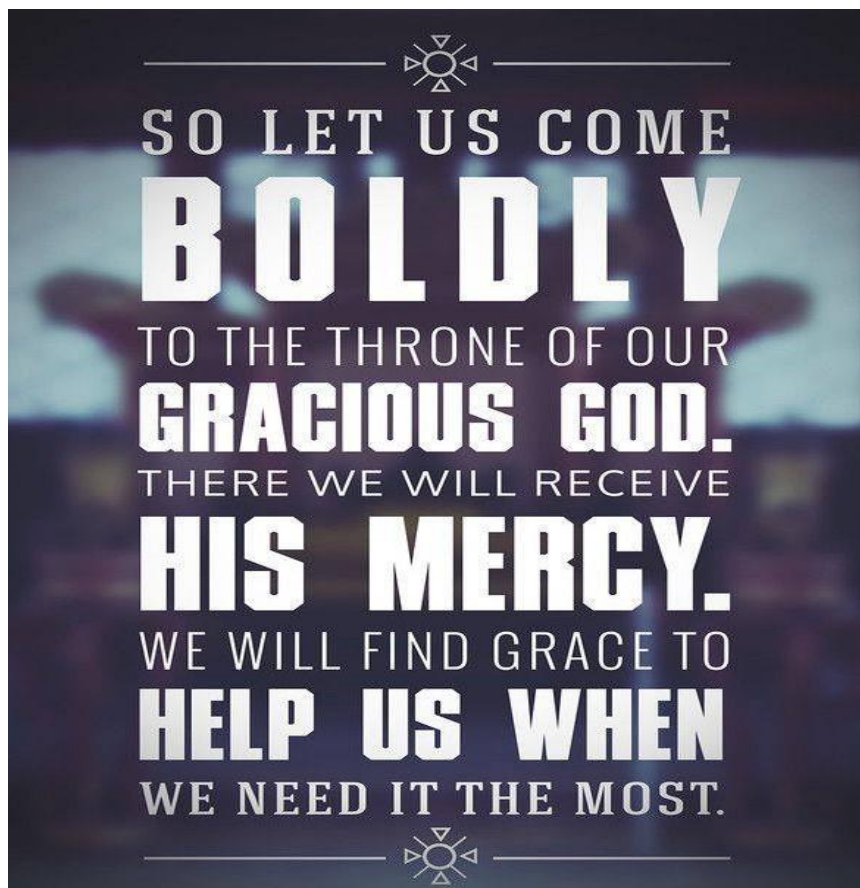
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PASTOR: W. Michael Langford (**Pastor's cell: 717-659-9613**)

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)

GATHERING SONG “More About Jesus”

(1) More about Jesus would I know, More of His grace to others show,
More of His saving fullness see, More of His love who died for me.

**(REFRAIN) More, more about Jesus, More, more about Jesus;
More of His saving fullness see, More of His love who died for me**

(2) More about Jesus let me learn, More of His holy will discern;
Spirit of God, my teacher be, Showing the things of Christ to me. **(REFRAIN)**

(3) More about Jesus in His Word, holding communion with my Lord,
Hearing His voice in every line, Making each faithful saying mine. **(REFRAIN)**

A WELCOME from our liturgist: Nancy Lieberman

A CALL TO WORSHIP “Encouragement For The Saints”

Today we remember and recognize the saints of God. Just who are the saints, anyway?
According to the New Testament, saints are those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord.

We have always considered them to be extraordinary people, now in Heaven.
Not all of them! Yes...saints are extraordinary. But they are not all “dearly departed”.

We would truly like to see a person. A saint would be an inspiration to many.
Saints inspire others to do their best. Daily they say “yes” to the King of Kings.

These “set apart lives” are made holy in service. There are surely saints in our midst!
Here we are...present and accounted for!

Many saints have “gone home” to be with God. We appreciate their offering to the Lord.
The witness of saints is a shining beacon to every new generation of believers.

Today, we are God’s saints. We stand for Him, as He fills us with His virtues.
Let us lift up the Lord as we boldly share His love with all people!

OPENING HYMN (U.M. # 384) “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

(1) Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

(2) Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

(3) Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing
Serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love

(4) Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

INVITATION OF GOD’S PRESENCE

HYMN # 70 **“Glory Be To The Father”**

*“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.”*

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

PRAISE SONG **“Lion Of Judah”**

(1) You’re the Lion of Judah, the Lamb who was slain, You ascended to heaven and evermore will reign...at the end of the age when the earth You reclaim... You will gather the nations before You.....And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb who was crucified ... With wisdom and mercy and justice You’ll reign at Your Father’s side (CHORUS)

(CHORUS) And the angels will cry,

**“Hail the Lamb...Who was slain for the world, rule in power” ... and the earth will reply:
“You shall reign as the king of all kings and the Lord of all Lords”**

(2) There’s a sheild in our hand and a sword at our side. There’s a fire in our spirits that cannot be denied...’Cause the Father has told us for these You have died ...for the nations that gather before You...And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb who was who was crucified ...Who descended to hell yet was raised up to reign at his Father’s side! (CHORUS)

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

A CELEBRATION OF SAINTS

After naming each friend, we will sing the response “world without end. Amen. Amen”

PRAYER CONCERNS *Please feel free to lift concerns to God*

PRAYER SONG **“Into Your Courts”**

(CHORUS) Into your courts we come,

Deep in our hearts we long to be near to the throne of Your glory;

As we draw near to You

know that we’re here to do Your will. God, how we long to be near to You

(VERSE) May our prayers be like incense rising up to Your throne.

May our songs be a fragrance unto You.

May our lives be as pleasing offerings in all that we do; God, how we long to be near to You

GOD’S HOLY WORD *John 6:57-69*

Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

TODAY’S MESSAGE *Pastor Mike Langford*

“To Whom Shall We Go?”

CLOSING HYMN (# 600) “Wonderful Words Of Life”

(1) Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

**(REFRAIN) Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.**

(2) Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life; sinner, list to the loving call,
wonderful words of life; all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. **(REFRAIN)**

(3) Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all,
wonderful words of life; Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. **(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...Share your vision for Grace Church at our annual Church Conference! God's ideas often travel between His people as they envision ministry. Church Conference is this coming Thursday, 6 p.m. at Shiremanstown U.M. Church.

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LAST WEEK ... Sometimes this world gives us the “pinata treatment”...beating us up every time we bob down into reach. But the apostle Paul assures us that the One True God fills us with His own power and love...making us “full-grown sharks”! Paul prays that we would rely upon God's riches...instead of our own ‘poor riches’. God approves of us, even if the world disrespects us, disparaging our dreams and efforts. When the devil tries to steal away our joy, God can restore us and more! God's Holy Spirit in our lives is standard equipment: giving us new insides. We need roots that go deep, sharing God's truth “together with all the saints”. “Fellowship” is more than a “covered dish dinner” or a “handshake”; it is committing to one another. God's ‘ecclesia’ (church) is “called out” to serve. Christians are the “glass-half-full” people who testify to an awesome God! Pastor Mike shared his experience from a missions trip, in which he heard the sad testimony of a Native American Indian tribal chief...who was pessimistic about his people's future. By contrast the local pastors on that same reservation had joyous hope...built on their relationship with Jesus. Believers marvel at God's love which is more than we can imagine! **(Ephesians 3:14-21)**

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