

# WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH

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

BECAUSE OF THE LORD'S GREAT LOVE, WE ARE NOT CONSUMED, FOR HIS COMPASSIONS NEVER FAIL. THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING; GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS.

*We worship our Savior on November 10, 2024 (9 a.m.)*

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

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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'**)

Perhaps  
this is the  
moment for  
which you  
have been  
Created.  
Esther 4:14

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

**GATHERING HYMN (U.M. # 696) ..... “America The Beautiful”**

**(1)** O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain; For purple mountains majesties  
Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

**(2)** O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

**(3)** O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam,  
Undimmed by human tears! America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

A WELCOME from our liturgist: Sam Hepford

**OUR CALL TO WORSHIP ..... We join in words inspired by our veterans**

*Can the peace of God ever be known in a world of violence?*

**Can the love of God ever be experienced in this world of strife?**

*We acknowledge that our world isn't perfect; there are always wars and rumors of wars.*

**But we also know that this world is not without hope: The Lord is with us!**

*Our God has been our help in ages past, and He will continue to be for years to come.*

**He challenges His people to share the hope that they have found in Jesus Christ.**

*On this Veteran's Sunday, we gather for worship, remembering the sacrifice of others.*

**We are thankful that they have served their nation with courage and dedication.**

*Let us also live each day with a remarkable faith and courage.*

**May our confidence in God inspire our neighbors to seek the Lord.**

*Jesus is our Mighty Warrior, bringing freedom and peace to all who claim His Name.*

**So this morning we worship our Savior, who is our Highest Joy!**

**OPENING HYMN (U.M. # 159) ..... “Lift High The Cross”**

**(REFRAIN)**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name**

**(1)** Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine.

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name**

**(2)** Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name**

**(3)** O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name**

**(4)** So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory!

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name**

**INVITATION OF GOD’S PRESENCE**

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

**PRAISE SONG ..... “I Will Exalt Your Name”**

**(Chor.) I will exalt Your Name; I will exalt Your Name; I will exalt Your Name; O my God  
I will exalt Your Name; I will exalt Your Name; I will exalt Your Name; O my God**

**(verse) Never before...never again, Will there be One like You**

**PRAISE SONG ..... “Some May Trust In Chariots”**

**(CHORUS) Some may trust in horses, some may trust in chariots,  
But we will trust in the name of the Lord (Repeat all)**

**(1) In the name of Jesus our salvation lies;  
He will hear from heaven to answer every cry. (Chorus)**

**(2) By the blood of Jesus, sins are washed away;  
We sing for joy to God, our strength, His banner we wave. (Chorus)**

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

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**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**

**PRAYER**

**GOD’S HOLY WORD ..... Hebrews 5:1-10**

**“During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions  
with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death,  
and he was heard because of his reverent submission.”**

**TODAY’S MESSAGE ..... “Selected For The People” ..... Pastor Mike Langford**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**AN INVITATION, PRAYER of CONFESSION and BLESSING of the ELEMENTS**

**You do not need to be a member of this church or any church to receive Holy Communion.  
Thankful people who love God and neighbor, claiming Jesus Christ as Lord  
and pledging to walk in His ways are invited to share in this act of devotion.**

**We come forward in a continuous line of humble believers, praying for ourselves and others.**

**CLOSING HYMN (U.M. # 514) ..... “Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus”**

**(1)** Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss. From victory unto victory  
His army shall he lead, till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

**(2)** Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict, in this his glorious day. Ye that are brave now serve him  
Against unnumbered foes; let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

**(3)** Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone; the arm of flesh will fail you,  
Ye dare not trust your own. Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

**(4)** Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor’s song. To those who vanquish evil  
A crown of life shall be; they with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

**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** ... Encourage friends who are concerned about the future. Remind them that The Lord of Life will lead us and help us to embrace opportunities! Remember, it’s all about “F.R.O.G.”: Fully Rely On God. They can do it! So can you!

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**LAST WEEK** ... “Do not forsake me, O my darling”: The Ballad of High Noon tells of a cry for support in tough times. Today, Christians are called to “stay the course”. Long ago, Jesus had just fed thousands with a few morsels becoming a feast. Afterwards, He declared that it is ONLY by taking HIM into one’s life that we might receive Eternal Life. In this “least successful sermon of all time”, church membership seemed to go from thousands to about 12. Our loyalties are fickle. Church members often prove to be unfaithful when things aren’t going “swimmingly” and when others fall away. As Jesus watched many of the so-called disciples turn away from Him, he asked the core group “will you leave me, too?” Peter (“being typically Peter”) cried out: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life”. In a world with many diversions, distractions, callings, causes, philosophies and elections: to whom shall we go? Only Jesus, the One called “Bread Of Life” is the real deal. Is your faithfulness seen in your hanging in there when you feel wounded and weary? Jesus has promised to never leave or forsake us. Will you do the same for Him in seasons when you are spiritual stressed out and when your friends fall away? (**John 6:60-66**)

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