

# 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 24, 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)*

**GATHERING HYMN (U.M. # 131) ..... “We Gather Together”**

- (1) We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known. The wicked oppressing  
Now cease from distressing. Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.*
- (2) Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining,  
Maintaining His kingdom divine; so, from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be Thine!*
- (3) We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation; Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

*A WELCOME from our liturgist: Jerry Graham*

**A CALL TO WORSHIP ..... “Praise and Thanks”**

- WE PRAISE AND THANK our God for all that we have been given!  
**We bless Him for bringing forth the earth and oceans, rain and sun, food and homes.**  
WE PRAISE AND THANK our God for the blessings of life and faith and hope...  
**We rejoice in the awesome Creator who made us,  
The Christ who saved us and the Spirit who guides us day by day.**  
WE PRAISE AND THANK our God for family and friends, for neighbors and co-workers...  
**We celebrate Him who has blessed us beyond all expectations.**  
WE PRAISE AND THANK our God for all blessings which compel us to reach out to others.  
**May His presence in our lives inspire us to be selfless in His service**  
WE PRAISE AND THANK our God for reminding us to keep company with the unwelcome...  
...to seek peace and to make friends of our enemies.  
**Let us now worship our God. Come, all of you thankful people and bless the Lord!***

**OPENING HYMN (U.M. # 694) ..... “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

- (1) Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.*
- (2) All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield; wheat and tares  
Together sown are to joy or sorrow grown; first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn  
Shall appear; Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.*
- (3) For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;  
From the field shall in that day all offenses purge away, giving angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast; but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.*
- (4) Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home; gather thou thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;  
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.*

**INVITATION OF GOD’S PRESENCE**

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

**PRAISE SONG ..... “It Is A Good Thing To Give Thanks”**

*It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord! It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord!  
And to sing praises unto Thy Name, O most high!*

**PRAISE SONG ..... “Pure In Heart”**

**(Chorus) Lord make me pure in heart, make my heart faithful and true,  
So when You look at me it’s Your righteousness You see, Lord make me pure in heart.**

**(Verse) I know the only way that I can be made clean,  
It’s only by Your blood, Only by Your blood.  
So, fill my heart with faith and grace that I might see  
The wonder of Your love the wonder of Your love.**

**BODY BUILDING ..... Joys, testimonies & announcemnts “for the good of the cause”**

**SONG OF THANKS ..... “Give Thanks”**

**(Chorus) Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son. (Repeat)**

**(Verse) And now let the weak say “I am strong”; Let the poor say “I am rich”,  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat)**

**PRAYER CONCERNS ..... We lift friends and needs before God’s gracious throne**

**PRAYER SONG ..... “Jesus, Lover Of My Soul”**

**(Chorus) It’s all about You, Jesus,  
And all this is for You, for Your glory and Your fame  
It’s not about me, as if You should do things my way  
You alone are God and I surrender to Your ways**

**(Verse) Jesus, lover of my soul...all consuming fire is in Your gaze  
Jesus, I want You to know...I will follow You all my days**

**(Bridge) For no one else in history is like You...and history itself belongs to You  
Alpha and Omega, You have loved me...and I will spend eternity with You**

**PRAYER**

**GOD’S HOLY WORD ..... 1 Timothy 6:6-11,16-19**

**“In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation  
for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”**

**TODAY’S MESSAGE ..... Pastor Mike Langford**

**“Life That Is Truly Life”**

**CLOSING HYMN (# 715) ..... “Rejoice, The Lord Is King”**

**(1)** Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;  
Mortals, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

**(2)** Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains, He took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

**(3)** His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

**(4)** Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,  
And take his servants up to their Eternal Home.  
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice

**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**...Begin to engage in little expressions of service, springing from your thankfulness! What expressions are they? We can't tell you! Be creative. Let your thanksgiving show in all that you do: the words you speak, the joy you bring!

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**LAST WEEK** ... Jesus was in a crowd, but He still had time for synagogue ruler Jairus, who asked that the rabbi come to help his dying 12-year old daughter. Jesus still had time for the woman who was suffering with a 12-year bleeding that wouldn't stop. As she reached out to touch Him, power went from Him and healed that woman. It wasn't magic. It was faith. Jesus went along to the ruler's home, even though news had come of her death. Our Lord reached out and touched her, and she was revived! He prescribed a little food for her. For us, Jesus prescribes faith. The faith that these “outsiders” had when they approached Jesus (one from the back, the other from the front) is just the kind of faith that we need today. Jesus longs to make a change in us. We might think that it is our “pressing through the crowd” that makes all the healing difference. In reality, it is Jesus “pressing through the crowd” to us that restores us from all brokenness. Thank the Lord for always “Reaching Out To You”. **(Mark 5:21-34)**

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