



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Awakening a Love for Christ in the Heart of Richmond*

October 1, 2017

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
World Communion Sunday

10:55 a.m.

*Please fill out the communication card and place it in the offering plate during the offertory.*

*†Please stand for these parts of the service.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Rhapsody No. 1 (Three Breton Songs, Op. 7)*

Camille Saint-Saëns, 1835-1921  
France

## WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Christopher Tweel

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
all creation speaks volumes of God's handiwork.

**All: Each sunrise proclaims God's faithfulness  
and the night reveals the Creator's awe.**

One: Without a word being spoken,  
all creation bears witness to the goodness of the Lord.

**All: So, too, may we join in witness with all creation.  
May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts  
be God's signature in the world.**

# †HYMN 473 (Blue Hymnal)

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Dix  
England

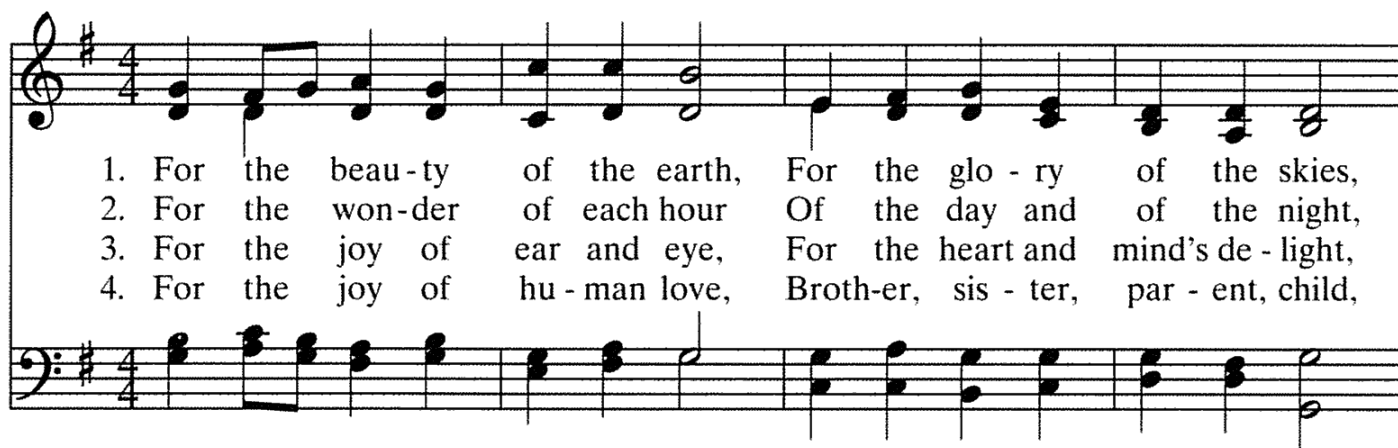
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Conrad Kocher, 1838

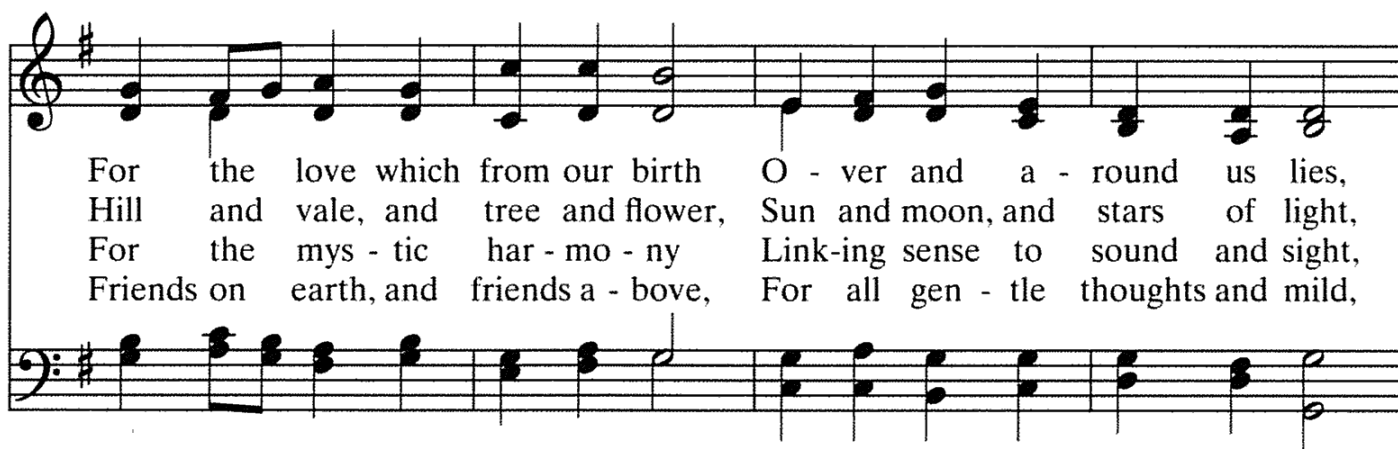
Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861

Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864



1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,  
2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,  
4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,



For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,  
For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,  
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

*Refrain*



Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

One: God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the mission of reconciliation to which he has called his church are the heart of the gospel in any age. Our generation stands in peculiar need of reconciliation in Christ. We confess our need, confident in God's forgiving grace.

## †PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

God of compassion and mercy, we are your wounded and wounding children. We bring our wounded selves, our divided society, and our broken world, seeking your healing and transforming grace. It is easy for us to point the finger at others, yet we know that we all need your forgiveness. So we lift into your presence today, not only the victims of conflicts, but also those we have called enemies. Break down the walls of hatred, distrust, and bitterness; open a way for us to reach one another in truth and love. Enable us to build a society where all can belong, to share our gifts in mutual respect, and to seek for the new future which you offer us, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

## †ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## †GLORIA PATRI 579 (Blue Hymnal)

Greatorex  
America

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.

*At this time, children 6 years old and younger are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary with Rev. Christopher Tweel who will lead worship with them in the chapel. They will be in "Children's Chapel" for the remainder of the morning and will be in Room 102 for pickup.*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 28:1-11

*Holy Bible*, pp. 716-717

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 18:38-39

*Holy Bible*, p. 989

## SERMON

"What Is Truth?"

Bobby Hulme-Lippert

# RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 507 (Blue Hymnal)

*I Come with Joy*

Dove of Peace

America

Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1977

American folk melody  
Arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, For - giv - en, loved, and  
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To find, as all are  
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, Each proud di - vi - sion  
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence, al - ways  
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, We'll go our dif - ferent

free, In awe and won - der to re - call His  
fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love In  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, And  
near, Is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: We  
ways, And as His peo - ple in the world, We'll

life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
stran - gers now are friends, And stran - gers now are friends.  
see and praise Him here, We see and praise Him here.  
live and speak His praise, We'll live and speak His praise.

Alternate tune: LAND OF REST, 522

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## †APOSTLES' CREED (IN UNISON)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and  
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND GIFTS

*On the first Sunday of each month, in addition to your tithe and regular giving, we receive our Mercy Offering.  
Half of this offering will go to "Five Cents Per Meal" and half to the "Loaves and Fishes" Fund.*

### ANTHEM

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

David Schelat, b. 1955  
America

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore you seated at your heav'nly board,  
may the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.  
In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

— Louis Fitzgerald Benson, 1924, *alt.*

### †DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth  
France

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### †PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*Those who are able are invited forward to receive communion. Please see details about today's process under the "General Announcements".*

### CHORAL RESPONSE

*Eat This Bread*

Taizé  
France

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever. Amen.

## WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

### †HYMN 339 (Red Hymnal; hymn reprinted on the opposite page)

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM Rhondda  
Wales

### †BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*Malawi Alleluia*

Traditional  
Africa

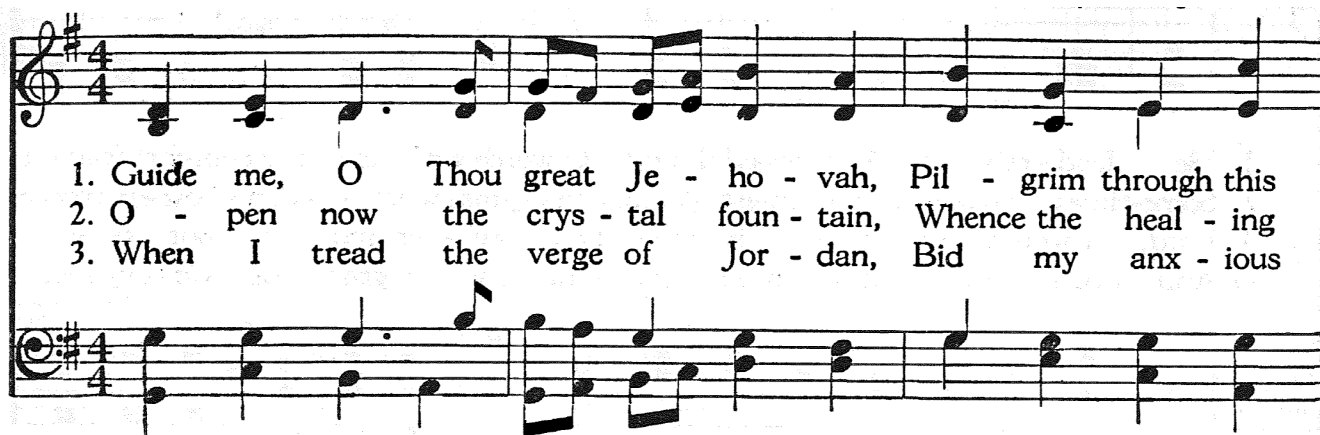
### †POSTLUDE

*Fiesta*

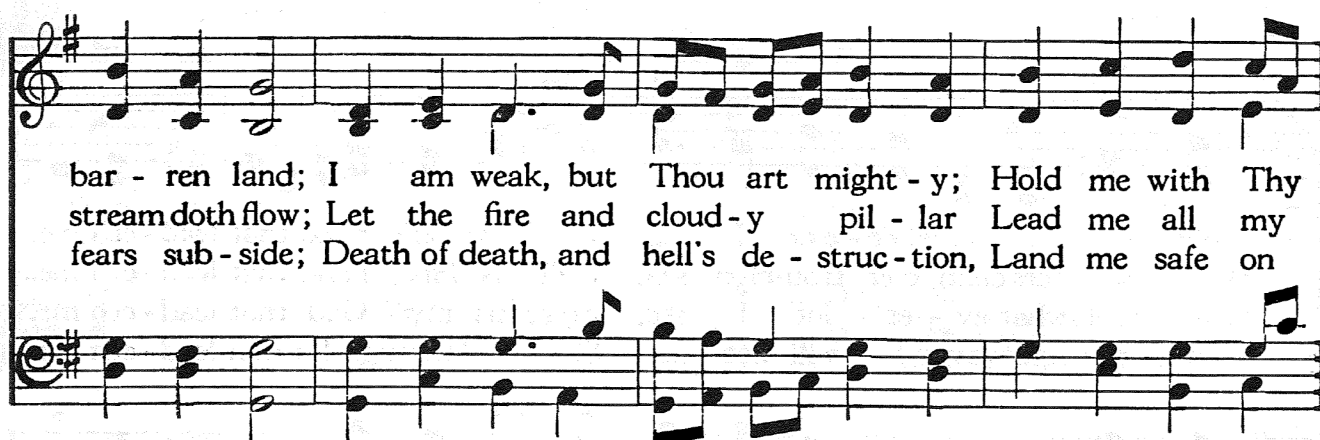
Emma Lou Diemer, b. 1927  
America

*Please join us in the Social Room following worship for refreshments and fellowship.*

The flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of James R. Aldridge by the Aldridge family.



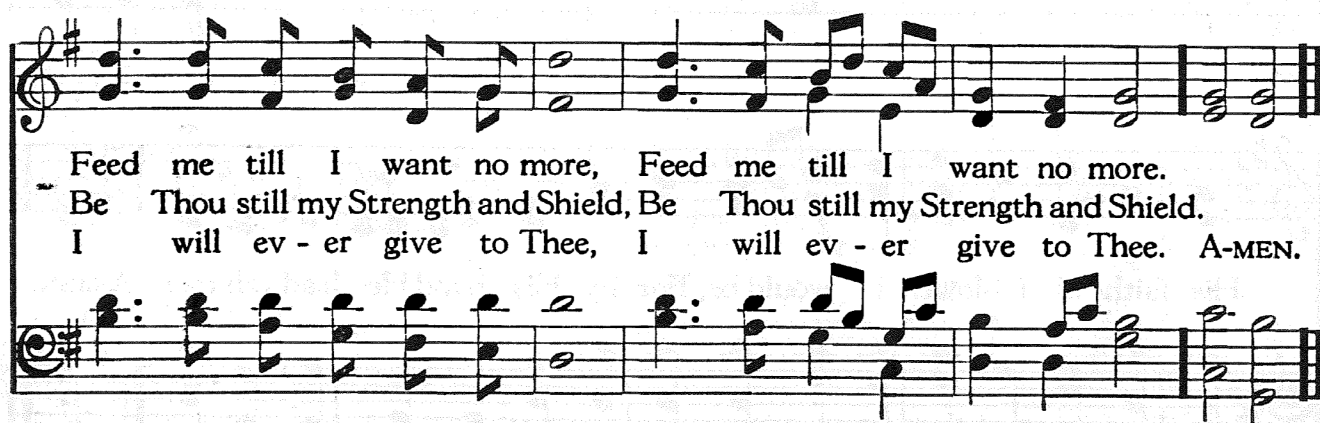
1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this  
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing  
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me with Thy  
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me all my  
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me safe on



power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,  
 jour - ney through; Strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer,  
 Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.  
 Be Thou still my Strength and Shield, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.  
 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee. A-MEN.



# WORSHIP NOTES



Hearing Aids and Large-Print Hymnals are available from the ushers.

We are grateful to have you join in worship with us this morning. We are a historic Presbyterian church, having celebrated our centennial anniversary in 2015. God has been immensely faithful for over 100 years, and we are eager to step faithfully into the future God has for us! We continue forward by walking in light of our mission which was adopted in 2012: to train grateful disciples of Christ, by doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God. May you be blessed through worship and fellowship this morning.

*As one body of Christ, composed of diverse individuals  
bound together by the Holy Spirit:*

We will **do justice and love mercy** in service to the Lord. We will resist the temptation to indulge in excessive security or abundance for ourselves and instead humbly go out into the world to live lives of abundant generosity to others, especially those in need. We will be doers of the word, as faith apart from works is dead.

*- from our 2012 Vision Statement*

## Music Notes

*Today the Presbyterian Church (USA) celebrates World Communion Sunday. All the music in today's service has the country of origin listed after its title.*

Hailed by Franz Liszt as the world's greatest organist, **Camille Saint-Saëns** (1835-1921) was a professional organist from the age of eighteen. In August 1866, Saint-Saëns traveled to Brittany, France, where he composed his *Rhapsodies Bretonnes*, Op. 7, which were loosely constructed organ fantasies on Breton hymns. The pieces were dedicated to his former piano student, Gabriel Fauré. The theme of the first rhapsody has been identified as a "Cantique de missionnaires."

**David Schelat** (b. 1955) is Director of Music at First and Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware. His newly composed anthem *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* is based on the familiar hymn tune Beach Spring (*Presbyterian Hymnal*, #422).

There are relatively few women composers for the organ. One of America's most distinguished female organist composers is **Emma Lou Diemer** (b. 1927). Writing about her own composition *Fiesta* Diemer says: "Fiesta is the word for a Spanish parade and a festival which takes place in Santa Barbara every summer. The early settlers in this area were Spaniards and they came as missionaries to California, where the culture reflects Spanish, Mexican, and American influences. During the Fiesta a Spanish concert always takes place in one of the churches in Santa Barbara. In 1966 I wrote my organ piece for that concert."





# WELCOME TO GRACE COVENANT



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## Sermon Notes

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*A Brief Background on the Book of Jeremiah – Jeremiah was a prophet who preached God's word for four decades (626-587 B.C.). He preached during the reigns of five different kings of Judah during which time Judah (and its capital city, Jerusalem) was invaded multiple times by the Babylonians. In 587 B.C., Jerusalem fell once and for all to the Babylonian Empire as the city walls, king's palace, and the Temple were destroyed, and the people of Israel sent into exile to live as foreigners.*

*It is difficult to underestimate just how cataclysmic this timespan was for the people of God – not only was their entire life uprooted, so too, were their assumptions about God and how they could possibly be called a chosen people. Amid all of this, Jeremiah proclaimed God's warnings, judgments, and hope. It proved a terribly difficult calling. Scholars often refer to Jeremiah as "the weeping prophet" for he faced great grief in witnessing the sins of his own people, their rejection of his message, and the destruction wrought against them. Even so, Jeremiah also contains some of the most memorable words of hope in all of Scripture ("For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope" (Jer. 29:11) and "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (Jer. 31:33).*

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## General Announcements

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**World Communion Sunday** was birthed out of Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933, then grew across denominations and countries during the Second World as a way to emphasize that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. World Communion Sunday is now celebrated every year on the first Sunday in October.

***A Note about Celebrating Communion Today*** - World Communion Sunday emphasizes the real and visible unity that we have with sisters and brothers in Christ across the globe. In recognition of that, communion will be served in a different manner on this particular Sunday. Instead of having the Ruling Elders serve each of you in your pews, all will be invited to come forward down the center aisle in two lines to receive communion from the Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders. Ushers will assist to let you know when your row is invited forward. When you reach the front of your line, you will receive a piece of bread from a Teaching Elder and then a cup from a Ruling Elder. You are invited to eat your bread upon your receiving it. Likewise, you are invited to drink your cup upon receiving it. Please return to your pews down the side aisles. Ruling Elders with empty trays will be located at the front of each side aisle so that you can place your empty cup in their tray. For those who do not wish to come forward or are unable to do so, Ruling Elders will come to your pew after the line down the center aisle has been served.

**Covenant Sunday, Harvest Brunch** - On Sunday, October 29 we will have a full day in worship! Rev. Dr. Brian Blount (President, Union Presbyterian Seminary) is preaching, and we will make our financial covenant toward the 2018 ministry and mission of GCPC. Following the service of worship, we will celebrate with the second annual Harvest Brunch!

**When:** Sunday, October 29th immediately following worship

**Where:** The Fellowship Hall. The Stewardship Committee is decorating the lunch tables thematically so that each one represents a different decade of the past 100 years. The varied decor of each table will offer a fun, visual reminder of the gift we have as a multigenerational church.

**What:** A Harvest Brunch cooked up by our WNS cook, Aleasha Jacques! She is preparing pumpkin (and regular) pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit, and a host of other goodies. There is no cost to this lunch!

**Why:** To celebrate and give thanks to God as one, big Grace Covenant family! Pastor Bobby will also share a few remarks about some exciting things around the corner in 2018.

*Please **RSVP by Wednesday, October 25.** You can RSVP by emailing [info@grace-covenant.org](mailto:info@grace-covenant.org), calling the church office at 359-2463, or by checking the RSVP box on the Sunday communication card found in your bulletin.*

**Shared Reformation Service with First English** - 2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. We are celebrating the occasion by having a combined worship service with a Stuart Circle neighbor, First English Lutheran Church. The service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 22, in the sanctuary of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. It will include special musical offerings and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**First Sunday of the Month Prayer Meeting** - The Prayer Team meets in the chapel immediately following worship each First Sunday of the month. Please join them for 25 minutes of prayer for our church, our city, our nation, and our world. The next meeting will be today.

**Save the Date!** The 84th Annual Men's Oyster Roast will be 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 14, at the Pearsons' cabin. All Grace Covenant men and their guests are invited. Individual orders for shucked pints that can be picked up at the church or at the roast will be available. The car pool will leave from our parking lot at 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP to the church office by calling 359-2463 or emailing, [info@grace-covenant.org](mailto:info@grace-covenant.org)

**Inquirer's Class** - Are you new to Grace Covenant? Do you want to learn more about the church or consider membership? Join Rev. Bobby Hulme-Lippert for the next Inquirer's Class on Sunday, October 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Inquirer's Class walks through a normal Presbyterian order of worship, exploring how each part of our worship service speaks to who we are and what we believe as Presbyterians. The class also unpacks the current mission and vision of Grace Covenant, and the ways in which you can be involved with where God is leading us. Each class will have light breakfast items; childcare is provided upon request. You can RSVP for the next class by emailing or calling the church office ([info@grace-covenant.org](mailto:info@grace-covenant.org) or 804-359-2463) or by indicating your RSVP on the communication card in your bulletin, and placing it in the offering plate.

**The 2017 Officer Nominating Committee** invites your suggestions of active members to serve Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church as Ruling Elders, Deacons, Trustee, and members of the Nominating Committee. Today is the last day for submissions.

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# Mission and Justice

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## **CARITAS Approaches!**

We will host CARITAS Oct. 14-21. We welcome donations of travel or hotel-sized products like shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and other essentials. Please place these in the collection bin in the Glass Office. Volunteer needs include preparing food, providing entertainment, staying overnight with our guests, transport to showers, laundry, and prayer opportunities. Continue watching Covenant Connection and Grace Notes to sign up to help with CARITAS, or email Susan Farrell at [susanbarr311@aol.com](mailto:susanbarr311@aol.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

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## Christian Education and Discipleship

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The nursery crib room and Sunday School are available for children ages 2 and up.

*Sunday School is held every Sunday from 9:45-10:30 a.m.*

*Adult Sunday School Opportunities for Fall 2017! 9:45-10:30 a.m. Sunday Mornings*

### **Combined Sunday School: Oct. 8 and 15**

Join us in Rm. 202 on these dates for special presentations about the Reformation from Union Seminary professors Dawn DeVries and Stanley Skreslet.

**Forum of Grace** (2nd floor, Rm. 212) - Forum of Grace provides an opportunity to read scripture deeply. It is a lecture-based class, though it affords ample room for questions, comments, and class insights. This fall it will be taught by Anne Randolph Reveley as well as Rev. Nelson Reveley. The schedule for the fall will be: Gospel of Mark, led by Anne Randolph (Sept. 17, 24, and Oct. 1); Jeremiah, led by Nelson (Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19); and Philippians, led by Nelson (Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, and 17).

**Good Books** (3rd floor, Rm. 303) - Good Books provides an opportunity to engage in flowing discussion around books dealing with Christian faith and practice. This fall it will be led by Everett Reveley, and will be focused on C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce* (Sept. 17, 24, and Oct. 1), Shusaku Endo's *A Life of Jesus* (Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, and 12), and Francis Collins' *The Language of God* (Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 10, and 17).

**Vanguard** (Basement, Rm. B-7) - The Vanguard Class provides an opportunity for the men of the congregation to study the Bible. It will be taught this fall by Nate McKinnon.

**Beginning to End** (2nd Floor, Rm. 213) - A Bible 101 class that will be meeting on the second floor in the conference room. The first six weeks will cover from Genesis to Job, but throughout the year we will cover Genesis to Revelation! This educative class will focus on language, exegetical notes, and theological intent of scripture. Bring your Bibles and your notebooks!

## **Wednesday Night Supper**

**Join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. The cost is, \$7 per person, \$5 for seniors, \$15 max per family.**

**Snack:** Celery with Sunflower Butter

**Salad:** Caesar

**Entrée:** Baked Ziti

**Dessert:** Sweet Potato Pie

## Sunday Morning Openers

October 1 - Lloyd Bostian

October 8 - Cal Gray

October 15 - Rob Rosebro

October 22 - Hank Downing

## Fellowship Hour

October 1 - Marcia & Tony Manning

October 8 - Sallie Leys

October 15 - Suzanne & Pete Sizemore

October 22 - Cheryl & James Atchison

**Our worship service is broadcast live** from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on WLES 590 AM and 107.7 FM and is streamed live on [www.truthnetwork.com](http://www.truthnetwork.com) (press “Listen Live,” then select “Richmond”).

For podcasts, go to [www.grace-covenant.org](http://www.grace-covenant.org), click on “**Worship**,” then the pull-down “**Sermons Online**” and select the **Full Service**, **Sunday Sermons**, or **Special Performances** you wish to hear. The podcasts are uploaded within an hour of the end-of-broadcast.

For Audio CDs, leave a note to the Radio Room in the Glass Office or call the main church office 359-2463. There is no charge for this service, but any contributions to “The Radio Fund” are greatly appreciated and will help to assure the continuation of this ministry.

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## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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**Lord, hear our prayer for...**

**Steve Kemp** as he is deployed with the American Red Cross; the family and friends of **Josephine Jones Campbell** as they mourn her passing; **Marjorie and Ed Adams; Rick Nohta; George and Anne Norris; Suzanne Corley; Rosie Turner; Ann Pais’** daughter-in-law, **Jane Pais**, with cancer; **Susan Farrell’s** father, **Jim**, facing health issues; **Cynthia Holmes’** mother, **Constance Lockman; George Turner; Steve Cobb** and his family; **Stuart Chapman, David Russell**, and all who are serving in our nation’s Armed Forces.

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