

**The Lord's Day Worship
February 10, 2019**

***A Cross Too Far Away*
John 19:17-42**

WORSHIP LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Sermon	Rev. Dennis Griffith
Worship Leader	Rev. Camper Mundy
Worship Team Leader	Nathan Kiewiet
Congregational Prayer	Lanning Anderson
Intercessors	Dalton Hylton, Bryant Brooks Bob Smole
Greeters	David & Valerie Lunt / Dean & Martha Mitchell
Deacon of the Day	Richard Wilmoth

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

8:30 a.m.

Infant/Toddler Nursery	Virginia Hicks, Jaime Stevens, Jaysen Kang
Children's Church	Heather Mundy
Beginning Kids' Quest (K-2 Grade)	Eddie Kline
Advanced Kids' Quest (3-5 Grade)	Amy Simpers

10:00 a.m.

Infant /Toddler Nursery	Connie Begly, Jeri Field
Preschool	Jennifer Allen
Kindergarten/1st Grade	Gayle Corson
2nd/3rd Grade	Audrey Jester
4th/5th Grade	Leslie Morton
YOUTH: 6th-8th Grade	Daniel Block
9th-12th Grade	Aaron Kota
ADULTS: Worship Area	Gospel Project [<i>Jesus Raises Lazarus (John 11:1-7, 17-44)</i>] – Lanning Anderson

11:00 a.m.

Infant/Toddler Nursery	Bob Smole, Stephanie Smole, Brenda Hylton
Children's Church	Steve & Jennifer Cummings
Beginning Kids' Quest (K-2 Grade)	Hi-Sung Kang

TOTAL GIVING
Year-to-Date through 2/3/19
Giving Period #5

2018 Giving (General Fund)	\$ 49,468
2019 Giving (General Fund)	\$ 54,654
2019 Budget* to Date	\$ 58,698
*Based on a budget of \$622,200	

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Office Hours: Monday-Friday (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Today, February 10

Following Service	Second Sunday Lunch	Food For Thought
3:30 p.m.	Vespers Service	Consulate Nursing Home
6:00 p.m.	Home Group	Toano/Norge/Lanexa
6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Church Facility

Monday, February 11

10:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study	Library
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Tuesday, February 12

8:00 a.m.	Adapt Men’s Bible Study	Library
10:00 a.m.	History Group	Library

Wednesday, February 13

6:30 p.m.	Home Group	Season’s Trace/Longhill Road
7:00 p.m.	Home Group	City of Williamsburg
7:00 p.m.	Home Group	Laurel Lane School Area
7:00 p.m.	Home Group	Kingsmill

Thursday, February 14 ~ Office Closed ~

6:00 p.m.	Home Group	Croaker/Norge/Toano
6:00 p.m.	Home Group	Jamestown Hundred
6:00 p.m.	Home Group	Church Facility
6:30 p.m.	Home Group	Berkeley’s Green

Friday, February 15 ~ Office Closed ~

7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Grog Night	Church Facility
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*Bulletin items need to be in the church office
no later than Monday evening.*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Today, February 10

Second Sunday Lunch Group

After 2nd Service

This month's Second Sunday Lunch Group will dine at Food For Thought (Richmond Road) following the second service. Let Rachel Tuttle (kinder05@cox.net) know, or meet them at the restaurant, if you would like to go. All are welcome to attend!

Consulate Nursing Home Vespers Service

3:30 p.m.

Grace Covenant does the Vespers Service the second Sunday of every month at Consulate Nursing Home. If you are able to come and help, or would like additional information, please contact Mark Begly at (757) 564-4520 or mlbegly@yahoo.com.

Sunday, February 17

Discovery Class

10:00 a.m.

Our Winter Discovery Class begins next Sunday, February 17, and will continue through March 24. The Discovery Class is taught by our Grace Covenant Elders and is designed to present the biblical and ministry distinctives of GCPC and the Presbyterian Church in America. It is a required first step for those interested in becoming members of Grace Covenant, although participation does not require a commitment to join. If you are interested in exploring more about Grace Covenant, our faith, and our key values, we ask that you sign up on the *In Touch With Grace* form **today**, or email the church office at info@gracecovpca.org.

Communicants' Class

10:00 a.m.

Parents, a Communicants' Class will be offered during the Education Hour for 5th-8th graders who are interested in becoming communing members of the church. It is a 9-week class and will run from February 17-April 14. We will be working through the book *Understanding the Faith* by Stephen Smallman. Books are \$16.00 (scholarships available). If your student is interested, please contact Steve Tewksbury (swtewk@gmail.com or text 757-880-8083) **today**.

Sunday-Sunday, February 17-24

Shelter Week – Help Still Needed!

Our shelter week begins next Sunday and we still have volunteer openings to fill! Please check out the sign-up board in the Commons and see if there is something you can do to help. Also new this year, you may use the following link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d48aca823a6f94-shelter> to sign up. COFM is the only emergency winter shelter program serving homeless men and women in the Greater Williamsburg Area. To learn more about the work of COFM, check out https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9WHrrXJ_ew. For questions, contact one of the Deacons or Fran Geissler at frangeissler075@gmail.com.

Saturday, March 9

Men's Breakfast

8:00 a.m.

Men, we will be gathering for breakfast on Saturday, March 9, from 8:00-9:30 a.m. Please plan to bring food to share, and be ready to fellowship and pray. RSVP by signing up or email Mark Mortier at mortierma@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE

Scout Sunday

Today is recognized as Scout Sunday across the USA. We welcome any scouts (Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, etc.) and pray that our young people will grow in character, service, and faith through these programs.

Blood Drive Thank You

Thanks to everyone who supported Tuesday's Blood Drive. Because of your prayers and efforts, we were able to collect 26 pints of blood, exceeding our goal of 22 pints! Thank you to all our drive volunteers, and a special thank you to Susan Stallings and Bobbi Riser who coordinated our efforts. As we continue to host these drives at Grace, we are seeing new and familiar faces from our community; and we have the blessing of serving them in practical ways with the love of Christ. This is an exciting opportunity to reach out – thank you for making it happen! Our 2019 Drives are scheduled for: May 21, August 20, and November 27. If you are interested in helping in the future, please contact Susan at 757-647-0104 or sustallings@aol.com.

Severe Weather Information

In the event of severe, inclement weather that could result in the cancellation of a church service or special event, please call the church office (220-0147) for a recorded message or check on our website (www.gracecovpca.org).

Seek God for the City 2019

Join with others who are praying for their communities this year during *Seek God for the City 2019* during the forty days leading up to Palm Sunday (March 6 to April 14). Resources are available to assist in your prayers...a prayer booklet (\$3.00/copy - please let Kathy know by emailing kathy@gracecovpca.org if you are interested in getting a copy) or a \$0.99 app available through <https://waymakers.org/pray/seek-god/app/>.

Please pray God's promises with us for the needs and challenges of our community.

Host Families Needed—Urgent Need for Host Families!

Amersion Cultural Experiences is still in need of host families to welcome high school students from Paris, France, the week of February 18-25. Students will participate in a weekday program through Amersion and spend their evenings and weekends with host families. Host families provide a safe, welcoming home for students to sleep, eat, and get to know real Americans. Students are here to practice their English and are traveling with their English language teachers. No French necessary! If you are interested in learning more about this cultural exchange opportunity, please contact Susan Stallings at 757-647-0104 or sustallings@aol.com. No commitment will be assumed.

CCEF Counseling Booklets

Now available in our library...Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation (CCEF) minibooks from New Growth Press. These minibooks address a wide range of everyday issues like marriage, parenting, mental health, and much more. Each minibook is small enough for the average reader to finish in less than thirty minutes and filled with the practical Gospel-centered counsel that pastors, counselors, and believers around the world have come to trust. Suggested donation: \$2.00/minibook.

**GRACE COVENANT
FAMILY PRAYERS**

Please pray for ...

...our expectant parents *Senja and Nick Bair*. Please pray for the health and safety of Senja and the child she is carrying. May God's presence and provision be evident during the remainder of her pregnancy, and may she have a safe and easy delivery.

...those in our church family who are experiencing physical, emotional, and mental health needs – *Michaela Allen, Janette Barr, Mark Begly, Linda Bryan, Joy Burkley, Pat Combs, Holly Dowling, Joan Edwards, Wally Elliott, Jeanne French, Jaime Gregory, Ginny Kurtz, Heather Moore, Carolyn Pierce, George Reihing, Ashley Rice, Christine Robison, John and Sandra Shannon, Jeff Thomson, Rob Williams, Shirley Wiltshire, and Donna Via*. May God be glorified in the provision for these folks, their caregivers, and others who are in need of His healing.

...*Preston and Sarah* as they move forward after being denied access back into their country of residence/ministry. May God grant them grace, peace, wisdom and discernment during this time of transition, and praise for His goodness and provision already being demonstrated.

...preparations for our upcoming *Shelter Week at Grace*. May God provide for every detail of that week through His people. And may our neighbors in need know the love and care of Christ as we and other congregations serve them during this winter season.

...*Grace Covenant* that as a church and as individuals we would be involved in the lives of our neighbors in various ways. Pray for gospel conversations and for the Spirit to be at work in our hearts and the hearts of our hearers, that we would together celebrate new lives in Christ.

**PRAY FOR THE
PERSECUTED CHURCH**

China (Open Doors): Recently, one of Open Doors' indigenous ministry partners who works to equip church leaders in China shared specific prayer needs for church leaders and churches in China, which is currently the world's most populous country and experiencing escalating persecution (*China leaped 13 spots from No. 43 (on the 2018 World Watch List) to now No. 27 on the 2019 list*).

- **Fortitude.** Pray with Chinese Christians and church leaders for the fortitude to withstand increasing pressure and violent acts of persecution.
- **Empowerment.** Pray that God would empower His church in China to reach the next generation.
- **Wisdom.** Pray that leaders in China's churches would have the wisdom to know how to handle the pressure they are coming under.
- **Workers for the harvest.** Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send workers to plant and nurture seeds that will ultimately bring forth an abundance of Kingdom fruit.
- **Protection.** Pray that God will protect the rights and abilities of His people in China to worship Him.
- **Supernatural intervention in the hearts of leaders.** Pray that Xi Jinping and other Party officials will hear the voice of the Holy Spirit and put their trust in Jesus.
- **Courage for believers.** Pray that given the choice between religious displays and poverty rations, believers will have wisdom and courage.
- **House churches and new ways to worship.** Pray with congregations whose church building have been closed—that they would be emboldened to meet in homes and increasingly grow in their faith.
- **China's next generation of believers.** Ask God to speak to their hearts even as the state attempts to stop or thwart their exposure to Jesus. Ask Him to raise up leaders from this persecuted generation.
- **The Word of God to spread throughout China**—despite the halting of online Bible sales. Pray that the new laws would drive Christians to memorize Scripture and share it.

Musical Prelude

Welcome & Church Highlights

Musical Preparation for Worship

APPROACHING GOD

Responsive Prayer of Approach

We give thanks to you, God our Father, for mercy that reaches out, for patience that waits our returning, for your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners.

We praise you that in Jesus Christ you came to us with forgiveness, and that, by your Holy Spirit, you move us to repent and receive your love.

Though we are sinners, you are faithful and worthy of all praise.

We praise you, great God, in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Song of Approach

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins and humbly to confess to you our unbelief. While we know and believe that Jesus died for us on the cross, and that he was raised for us from the dead, we admit it often makes too little difference in our lives. Forgive us, we pray. Enable us to fully embrace the truth of the gospel, so that our love for you may flourish, that our obedience may be wholehearted and joyful, and that our witness may be more courageous. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior, and triumphant Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin and Brokenness

Song of Invitation Come to Jesus

Words of Grace Romans 10:9-11

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

Songs of Celebration

Jesus, Thank You Psalm 23

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayer for God’s Provision & Guidance

Tithes & Offerings

Children dismissed at the beginning of the Musical Offering

- *Children’s Church—Ages 3-5 (Rm. #106)*
- *Beginning Catechism--Grades K-2*
- *Advanced Catechism—Grades 3-5 (1st service only)*

Musical Offering

Jesus Shall Reign

Doxology

RENEWED & SENT BY GOD

Sermon

“A Cross Too Far Away”

John 19:17-42

Celebration of Baptism [Silas and Riley Bair] (Second service)

Song of Dismissal

And Can It Be?

Benediction

Musical Postlude