

The Lord's Day Worship
March 3, 2019

Living in Light of the Resurrection
John 20:19-23

WORSHIP LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Sermon	Rev. Dennis Griffith
Worship Leader	Rev. Camper Mundy
Worship Team Leader	Isaiah Day
Congregational Prayer	Dalton Hylton
Intercessors	Kathy Buhl, Donna Davis / Lewis & Joan Edwards
Greeters	Brent & Marian Heard / Ron & Alana Stulen
Deacon of the Day	Tim Cleary / Dan Malone

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

8:30 a.m.

Infant/Toddler Nursery	Gwen Martin, Tim Slade
Children's Church	Heather Mundy
Beginning Kids' Quest (K-2 Grade)	David & Amy Hoffman
Advanced Kids' Quest (3-5 Grade)	Amy Simpers

10:00 a.m.

Infant /Toddler Nursery	Jamie Field, Cris Tewksbury
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>The Last Supper (Mt. 26:26-30; Jn. 13:1-15)</i>] – Lanning Anderson

11:00 a.m.

Infant/Toddler Nursery	Cary Hemphill, Taryn Cleary, Starr Van Wingerden
Children's Church	Daniel & Rebecca Kohaut
Beginning Kids' Quest (K-2 Grade)	Carolyn Griffith

TOTAL GIVING
Year-to-Date through 2/24/19
Giving Period #8

2018 Giving (General Fund)	\$ 87,934
2019 Giving (General Fund)	\$ 89,133
2019 Budget* to Date	\$ 93,917
*Based on a budget of \$622,200	

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

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

Today, March 3

10:00 a.m.	Discovery Class	Library
10:00 a.m.	Communicants' Class	Pastor's Study
6:00 p.m.	Home Group	Toano/Norge/Lanexa
6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Church Facility

Monday, March 4

10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	Library
12:30 p.m.	Monthly Prayer Gathering	Library

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 a.m.	Adapt Men's Bible Study	Library
10:00 a.m.	History Group	Library
7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting	Pastor's Study

Wednesday, March 6

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, March 7

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

Saturday, March 9

	<i>~ Turn Clocks Ahead! ~</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Commons

*Bulletin items need to be in the church office
no later than **Tuesday** evening.*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, March 4

Monthly Prayer Gathering

12:30-1:30 p.m.

We are instructed to pray for those in authority over us (1 Tim. 2:1-2), so consider taking the time to come by the church and pray together for that purpose. We will exalt the Lord's rule and pray for our church and country, the leaders of both, and current issues of both church and state.

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.

Turn Clocks Ahead!

Saturday Evening

It's Daylight Savings Time... Be sure to turn your clocks ahead one hour this Saturday evening before going to bed. See you Sunday!

Sunday, March 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 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.

Saturday, March 16

Women's Breakfast

9:00 a.m.

Ladies, join us for this time of encouragement and repast. Come and meet or bring new ladies or catch up with old friends at the Women's Breakfast, Saturday, March 16, at the church. Sign up in the Commons or RSVP to Mary Lou Linnekin (nikennil@gmail.com) or Bobbi Riser (gosamerthread@aol.com).

Saturday, March 23

Church Work Day

8:00 a.m.

Please plan to participate in the church workday Saturday, March 23. We will be working on the following tasks: weeding and mulching; cleaning and re-varnishing the outdoor wooden benches; and cleaning and tidying up the large boy scout shed (now GCPC's shed). Please bring with you, if you can, a wheel barrow and rakes for spreading the mulch. There will be a continental breakfast available in the Commons at 8:00 - bagels, donuts, fruit juices, coffee, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Rod Linnekin, rlinnekin@gmail.com; 757-876-9782. [Rain date: Mar 30]

Sunday, March 24

CARE Training Class

6:00 p.m.

All Children's and Youth volunteers are required to attend a CARE Training class in addition to a background check. If you would like to volunteer or are currently volunteering and have not yet attended a training, please plan to attend the next class offered Sunday, March 24, at 6:00 p.m. at the church. This class is important as it covers essential Grace Covenant care and protection guidelines for our children, youth and volunteers. If you have any questions about the class or your attendance, please contact Jeni Mortier: jeni@gracecovpca.org. **Please RSVP by March 22.**

Monday-Friday, June 17-21

Vacation Bible School

3, 2, 1...Blastoff! Plans and preparations are under way for this year's VBS, the theme is Genesis 1: Space Probe, and we need you! We are looking for volunteers for class leaders, assistants, crafts, science, snacks, recreation, music, and more. If you are interested in being a part of this great ministry opportunity, please contact Lauren Malone (laurenmalone1@yahoo.com/973-219-2322).

PLEASE NOTE

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 (**beginning this Wednesday, March 6 to April 14**). Resources are available to assist in your prayers...a prayer booklet (\$3.00/copy – a limited quantity of booklets are available under the TV in the Commons) 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.

Holy Week Choir

Join the GCPC Choir! The choir will be singing during Holy Week and rehearsals will be starting soon. If you are interested in joining, please email Jeri Field at jeffandjeri@aol.com for more information.

Women's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)

Williamsburg area **Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)** is offering a new Evening Women's Satellite meeting on Thursday evenings, from 6:45-8:15 pm at Walnut Hills Baptist Church, 1014 Jamestown Road. Interested ladies may either show up or contact Jinks Babey by email to register (jbabeyBSF@gmail.com). The current study in progress is entitled *People of the Promised Land - I*. There is no cost and materials will be provided at the study.

Presbytery Racial Reconciliation Conference

The Tidewater Presbytery will be hosting their inaugural Racial Reconciliation Conference Saturday, April 6, from 8:30 am-2:30 pm at New Covenant PCA (1552 Kempsville Road, Virginia Beach). Speakers Otis Pickett and Justin Jones-Fusu will address what racial reconciliation means and why we need to talk about it as Christ's church. Registration for this event can be accessed at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/race-and-the-church-where-do-they-meet-tickets-55435517124>. Tickets are \$15-\$25. For more information about this event, contact Sister Gia Freeman (email: giperfree@gmail.com), Brother Tim Martin (email rencheple@gmail.com), or Elder and Committee Chair Dan Brown (rencheple@gmail.com).

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

Praise God for ...

...our *Elders and Deacons* who faithfully lead and serve us. May they and their families be ministered to and blessed as they minister, and in all things may we support and encourage them by our prayers and deeds. May God grant them wisdom and unity as they lead the church, and may he work through them to bring about his purpose for this body and his kingdom.

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, 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.

...*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.

**SEEK GOD FOR THE CITY
PRAYERS**

Please pray for ...

- ...God's reviving life to bring joy
- ...God's love to be revealed
- ...revival bringing salvation and glory
- ...revival bringing righteousness and peace
- ...God to restore His people to fruitfulness
- ...God to impart His life-giving Spirit
- ...the power of Christ's resurrection
- ...God to purify His people
- ...His people to love and obey Him
- ...God to unite His people
- ...God to bring life from His people to the world

**PRAY FOR THE
PERSECUTED CHURCH**

Syria (Open Doors): Three years ago the church in Syria was all but dead, never to come back. The vicious civil war and invasion by ISIS militants threatened the very existence of Christianity. But our partners on the ground in this country of 20 million people say the story has changed and continues to transform. God is resurrecting the church in Syria, responding to the prayers and cries of His people around the world—and demonstrating His compassion and power to revive and restore. During the war, churches have grown and many Muslims have met Christ here in this Middle Eastern country, once a major stronghold for Islamic State. To help Christians, especially new believers, deepen their faith, Open Doors regularly organizes retreats for Syrian churches. A recent retreat in the Lebanese mountains included a baptism opportunity in a swimming pool where some 16 men and women offered a powerful picture of the transformation and resolve it takes to follow Jesus in the *11th most dangerous country to be a Christian*. Revival in Syria is not unlike revival anywhere else in the world. It means new converts, new churches, new leadership and the baptizing of new believers. Former Druze and former Muslims are turning to Christ in significant numbers. In this Middle Eastern country, their decision to follow Jesus comes with great costs. If or when their conversion is discovered, these new believers could lose their families, friends, their jobs, even their lives. Following Jesus will turn their lives upside down. Believers in Syria know that becoming a Christian means leaving their old life, their old world, and their old religion behind them. And before them is a cross—a symbol of persecution. Continue to pray that new believers in Syria will grow in their knowledge and understanding of the Lord, and that discipleship and leadership training offered by Open Doors will equip and empower local churches to offer aid and services like trauma counseling to their communities.

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Musical Prelude
Welcome & Church Highlights
Musical Preparation for Worship

APPROACHING GOD

Words of Approach

Isaiah 60:1-2

Song of Approach

Arise, My Soul Arise

Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Grace

Mark 16:9; John 20:28; 1 Cor. 15:1-8; Rev. 22:13

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God.

Songs of Celebration

There is a Fountain

How Great Thou Art

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

Doxology

RENEWED & SENT BY GOD

Sermon

"Living in Light of the Resurrection"

John 20:19-23

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Power of the Cross

(Gluten-free crackers are available and grape juice is in lightly tinted cups on outer rim of serving tray)

Grace Covenant welcomes all baptized Christians to receive the Lord's Supper who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, are willing to forsake their sin, and are members of churches that proclaim the Gospel.

Song of Dismissal

His Mercy is More

Benediction

Musical Postlude

Next Week's Text: John 20:24-31