

ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 3, 2024

Musical Prelude

Welcome & Church Highlights

Musical Preparation for Worship

- APPROACHING GOD -

Words of Approach | based on 1 Peter 2

Leader: Come to him, the living Stone – rejected by humanity, but chosen by God and precious to him.

All: As his holy priesthood, we gather to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Leader: Come to him as his chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession.

All: Let us declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Prayer of Approach

Song of Approach | *O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go*

- OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD -

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die by faith with courage and compassion. | **Forgive our indifference to your will.** [Silent Confession]

You have commanded us to speak, but we have often been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have often been fearful. | **Have mercy on us, your servants who often struggle to trust you.** [Silent Confession]

Keep before us humble people for us to follow so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, | **to the praise of your holy name.**

Song of Confession | *O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer*

Words of Grace | adapted from Ephesians 2 & Heidelberg 1

Leader: At one time we were dead in our transgressions and sins, in which we used to live when we followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions. It is by grace we have been saved, through faith – and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.

All: We are made right with God by faith alone, which means that we belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to ourselves, but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who has fully paid for all our sins, and empowers us to live for Him from now on.

Songs of Celebration | *Nothing But the Blood / The Solid Rock*

Prayer for God's Provision & Guidance

Doxology [No Children's Church on first Sundays. Nursery is available.]

- RENEWED BY GOD -

Message | *The Wheat and the Weeds (Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43)*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper | *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

(Gluten-free crackers are available and grape juice is in lightly tinted cups on the 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 | *Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor*

- SENT BY GOD -

Benediction

Musical Postlude

[Elders are available for prayer in front of the Worship Area immediately following the service.]

- NOTES -

Passage Next Week | *Amongst the Waves, Matthew 14:22-33* (TE Clay Warden)

Worship Leaders Today

Worship Leader | Jack Tuttle, Elder

Music | Molly McHenry (Lead), Peter, Margaret, Caroline, and Thomas McHenry

Message | TE Jeff Ferguson, Clerk of Tidewater Presbytery

Congregational Prayer | Aaron Kota, Elder

Communion Servers | Aaron Kota, Steve Tewksbury / Bryan Simperts, Bob Smole

Deacon of the Day | Daniel Malone, Justin Stevens

Video/Sound/Tech | Tim Nargi, Jeff Field

Children's Ministry Today

8:30 Service

Infant/Toddler Nursery | Kathy Buhl, Allana Lihos, Renee Moore

Children's Church | None [Communion Sunday]

Beginning Catechism | None [Communion Sunday]

Advanced Catechism | None [Communion Sunday]

10:00 Education Hour

Infant/Toddler Nursery | Jeri Field, Cris Tewksbury

PreK | Lien Day, Larisa Nargi

K & 1st Grade | Gayle & Charles Corson

2nd & 3rd Grade | Audrey & Roy Jester

4th & 5th Grade | Jennifer Allen, Mary Slade

11:00 Service - No educational offerings at this time

Infant/Toddler Nursery | Kate Belamy, Evelyn Murray



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Special Note on Supporting the Mission & Work of Grace Covenant

Our giving is an act of worship, a response to who God is and to God's grace, and supports God's kingdom work here in Williamsburg and beyond. You can make your gifts in any of three ways:

1) Online at www.gracecovpca.org/resources/giving

2) Send check to GCPC at 1677 Jamestown Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23185

3) Bringing your gifts with you to worship and depositing it in the offering box in the back of the Worship Area.