

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 4, 2026

Musical Prelude

Welcome & Church Highlights

Musical Offering

- APPROACHING GOD -

Words of Approach | Psalm 33:20-22

LEADER: Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

ALL: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Prayer of Approach

Song of Approach | *Praise To The Lord The Almighty*

- OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD -

Prayer of Confession | Psalm 136:1-2, Psalm 32:3-6a

LEADER: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

ALL: Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah

ALL: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

LEADER: Therefore, let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found

Silent Confession of Sin

Song of Confession | *Just As I Am*

Words of Grace | Psalm 34:1-3, Psalm 136:26

LEADER: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

ALL: Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Songs of Celebration | *There Is One Gospel, There Is A Redeemer*

Prayer for God's Provision & Guidance

Doxology

- RENEWED BY GOD -

Message | Colossians 3:12-17, "Living Thanksgiving"

Dr. Ruffin Alphin was born in Suffolk and grew up in Isle of Wight County on a farm where they raised beef and hogs and grew peanuts and corn. He graduated from Va Tech, Grace Theological Seminary and Westminster Theological Seminary. Ruffin retired from Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church in Suffolk after 28 years as the Senior Pastor. He and his wife Dorothy have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and one dog, Iris, and remain in Suffolk. He loves to bird, ride his motorcycle, and to paint wildlife.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper | *Keep the Feast*

(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 | *Now Thank We All Our God*

- SENT BY GOD -

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Musical Postlude

- NOTES -

Passage Next Week | Acts 21:4-14, "Begging for Safety", Mike Sharrett

Worship Leaders Today

Worship Leader | Steve Tewksbury

Music | Nathan Luzwick

Message | Ruffin Alphin

Congregational Prayer | Lanning Anderson

Greeters | Lynne & Susie Writtenberry, Ben & Alice Jacobs

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 | Josh & Evelyn Murray, Logan Kota

Children's Church: None (Communion Sunday)

Beginning Catechism: None (Communion Sunday)

Advanced Catechism: None (Communion Sunday)

10:00 Education Hour

Nursery | Cris Tewksbury, Jeri Field

PreK | Larisa Nargi & Brooke Karaki

K – 1st | Gayle & Charles Corson

2nd – 3rd | Audrey & Roy Jester

4th – 5th | Jennifer & Brad Allen

11:00 Service – No educational offerings at this time.

Infant/Toddler Nursery | Larisa Nargi, Alice Cryer



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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.