



September 12, 2021

Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church!

Grace Presbyterian Church exists to welcome our neighbors, grow together in Christ, and serve God in our community and world. Our core conviction is we believe that the grace God gives us through Jesus Christ changes everything.

Please fill out a Welcome Card by scanning the QR code so we can connect you to what God is doing at Grace!



About our Worship Service

Our liturgy (i.e., worship service) follows the logic of the gospel and the historic pattern of God's people. The main movements are as follows:

- God Calls Us – God takes the initiative, moves towards us with grace, and invites us to know and worship Him.
- God Cleanses Us – God forgives us and reminds us of His great love in Christ.
- God Speaks to Us – God speaks to us, builds us up, and nourishes us through His word.
- God Communes with Us – God draws near to us and invites us to partake of His grace in the sacrament of communion.
- God Sends Us – God sends us out into His world empowered to be His people for His glory and the good of the world.

We are so glad that you joined us today!

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GOD CALLS US

Welcome Song | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Robinson/Nettleton)

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Call to Worship | Isaiah 55:1-3

Leader: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

All: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Leader: Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

All: Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live.

Invocation

Song of Praise | All Creatures of Our God and King (Assisi/Draper)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing;
Alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam,
And shining moon with silver gleam;
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All you who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part;

Alleluia, alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care;
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One;
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Let us hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us. For the sake of Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon | Isaiah 53:4-5

4 Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
5 But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

Song of Assurance | In Christ Alone (Getty/Townend)

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest
Drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter,
My all in all—here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe;
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again.
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and he is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home—here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

GOD SPEAKS TO US**Baptisms of Covenant Children**

John Ghormley Colquitt, son of Chris and Christen Colquitt, was born on June 6th, 2021.

Song | Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Passing the Peace of Christ and Invitation to Sunday School**Announcements and Offering**

Scripture Reading | Matthew 7:28-29, 8:1-17

7:28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, **29** for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

8:1 When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. **2** And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." **3** And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. **4** And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them."

5 When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, **6** "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." **7** And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." **8** But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. **9** For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." **10** When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. **11** I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, **12** while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." **13** And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

14 And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. **15** He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. **16** That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. **17** This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon | Meeting Jesus in Matthew: Jesus Heals

Rev. Marshall Brown

Song of Response | Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy (Hart/Beach Spring Melody)

Come ye sinners poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore.

Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and pow'r.

He is able, he is able, he is willing, doubt no more.

He is able, he is able, he is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall,

If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.

Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call,

Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream,
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.
This he gives you, this he gives you, 'tis the spirit's rising beam.
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GOD COMMUNES WITH US

Confession of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Ministering in Christ's name we invite all Christians to celebrate the sacrament by faith in Jesus. Come and proclaim Christ if you:

- Trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.
- Publicly profess to follow Jesus and have received Christian baptism.
- Are seeking to grow in faith and live faithfully for Jesus Christ.

GOD SENDS US

Song of Sending | On Jordan's Stormy Banks (Stennett/Miner)

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

Refrain:

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;

Sickness, sorrow, pain, and death, are felt and feared no more.

Refrain

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?

When shall I see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest?

Refrain

Benediction

This week's music:

Katie Ernst, music director; Meghan Stagl, piano and voice; Jim Tashjian, guitar; Jeremy Cunningham, drums; Derek Brand, sound engineer

Upcoming Events and Ways to Serve

Rock the Block | TODAY, 4:00pm-7:00pm

Join us for our sixth annual Rock the Block party on September 12th. We will have food trucks, inflatables, a live DJ, and more! This is a community-wide event, so bring your neighbors and friends. If you would like to volunteer for set-up, tear-down, or to bring a cooler, please contact Katie Ciccione (ciccionefamily@gmail.com).

Church-wide Prayer Night | This Tuesday

We will be having our monthly church-wide prayer night via Zoom Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00pm. Please join us as we pray over our church, community, and world. See the *Grace Connect* for the Zoom link. For more information, please contact Allie Brent (allie@gracenorthshore.org).

Grace Wednesdays | Starting this Wednesday, 5:00pm-7:15pm

Join us this Fall on Wednesdays starting September 15th for family dinner and programming for all. Dinner will be by Soul&Smoke this week starting at 5:00pm. See the *Grace Connect* to pre-order. Programming will be from 6:00pm-7:15pm. Stay tuned for an email coming out tomorrow with more details! For more information, please contact Allie Brent (allie@gracenorthshore.org).

Northwestern Sunday | September 26th, 11:30am

All Northwestern University students (except Kellogg students who will be meeting in the West Hall) are invited to join us for a pizza lunch on the North Lawn after the 10:30am service on September 26th! For more information, please contact Allie Brent (allie@gracenorthshore.org).

Middle School Ministry Kickoff | September 19th

Grace's Middle School Ministry is BACK! All 5th-8th grade students are invited to church from 5:30pm-7:00pm for our Fall Kickoff on September 19th. For more information, please contact Allie Brent (allie@gracenorthshore.org).

High School Ministry Kickoff | September 19th

“Compass” (our High School Youth Group) is kicking off on September 19th! All 9th-12th graders are invited to join us in the lobby at Grace from 5:30pm-7:00pm. For more information, please contact Chris Reed (chris@gracenorthshore.org).

Amsterdam-Germany Trip Interest Meeting | September 19th, 11:30am

Come hear about a trip we are planning next summer (May 26/27, 2022 – June 5, 2022) to visit our mission partners, Mario and Elsbeth Tafferner, at Tyndale Seminary in Amsterdam and to visit sites from the Protestant Reformation in Germany. This trip is designed to encourage the Tafferners while *Remembering* what God did in 16th century Germany while imagining who God is calling our church to *Become* in the 21st century by visiting a seminary where ministry leaders from around the world are being trained. For more information, please contact Allie Brent (allie@gracenorthshore.org).

Moms in Prayer | Mondays, 11:00am-12:00pm

Join us to pray for college-aged (and beyond) children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, teachers, schools, and administration! We will be meeting in the prayer room at Grace on Mondays from 11:00am-12:00pm. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Debbie Guillod (debbie.guillod@gmail.com).

Welcome to Grace | September 25th

Join us for a casual night of wine and appetizers and a great chance to get to know members and staff of Grace Presbyterian and learn more about our church. For more information, please contact Allie Brent (allie@gracenorthshore.org).

Kellogg Student Pizza Lunch | September 26th, 11:30am

Are you a student at Kellogg? If so, please join us Sunday, September 26th following the second service. Grace will be hosting Kellogg students for a Faith and Work Pizza Lunch. At this lunch, Nick will be sharing how Grace is investing in students at Kellogg. After Nick shares, we will hear from a speaker on the topic of Faith and Work followed by Q & A. If you have any questions, please contact Nick Swan (nick@gracenorthshore.org).

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High School Fall Retreat | October 8th-9th

Join us this year for our first High School Fall Retreat! All high schoolers are invited for a weekend away in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin on October 8th-9th. We will spend the weekend having fun, growing in friendships, and in Christ! More details to come! For more information, please contact Chris Reed (chris@gracenorthshore.org).

New Member Class | October 16th

Do you have questions about Grace's beliefs and practices? Do you want to learn about our mission and vision for ministry? Come to our New Member Seminar on Saturday, October 16th. In this seminar, you will learn about the history and theology of Grace, who we are as the church, and what to expect as a member. For more information, please contact Allie Brent (allie@gracenorthshore.org).

ESMI (El Shaddai Ministry International) Service Opportunity

ESMI has been a longstanding partner with Grace. Haiti recently had an earthquake (magnitude of 7.2) followed by a strong tropical storm. Many people have lost their homes, people are sleeping outside because the buildings that are standing are often unsafe. ESMI is currently gathering disaster relief supplies. If you are interested in donating items to ESMI, please visit esmihome.org.

World Relief Service Opportunity

World Relief is an international Christian-based relief organization. World Relief is busy gearing up for the arrival of its first group of refugees from Afghanistan in the next couple of weeks. There are many needs associated with relocating a refugee population. If individuals in our church community would like to volunteer (in a number of capacities), join in advocacy, or donate financially please visit chicagoland.worldrelief.org.

Children and Youth Serving Opportunities

Are you interested in serving in our children or youth ministries? If so, please scan this QR code and fill out an interest form!



Grace Groups

If you would like information about how to participate in one of our small groups or would like to start a small group, please contact Nick Swan (nick@gracenorthshore.org).

Circle Ministry (Prayer)

If you are in need of prayer, you can email your confidential prayer requests to our Circle Ministry (circle@gracenorthshore.org). If you are in need of Pastoral Prayer, please contact Nick Swan (nick@gracenorthshore.org).

Meals Ministry

Our Meals Ministry cares for our church community by delivering meals on a short-term basis to those dealing with illness, a new baby, a big move, or other transitional life events. If you would like to volunteer to deliver a meal to someone in need, please contact our Meals Ministry Coordinator, Emily Lee (gracemeals@gracenorthshore.org).

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