

Congregational Meeting Notice

Upon receiving a report from the Officer Nominating Committee, the Session has called a congregational meeting this morning at the close of worship for the purpose of electing 3 Elders and 1 Trustee.

The nominees for your consideration are:

Linda Cossaboon, Congregational Care (Class of 2028)

Being involved with church has always been an important part of my life. I grew up attending the neighborhood church and that church, Trinity United Church of Christ holds many fond memories for me. This is the church where we were married, our children were baptized, but most of all this is the church where I found my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Shortly after our children were born, we moved to Bordentown New Jersey and this is where we resided and raised our family for the next 31 years. Through our neighbors we found Covenant Presbyterian Church, and this became "Our Church". Upon retiring in September 2015 and moving to South Carolina, we knew it was important to find a church that we could call home. A church that not only preached the Gospel but lived it. We found that here at Grace Covenant. I have served on Session prior and feel humbled and blessed to once again be asked to serve in this capacity.



Tami Wall, Christian Education (Class of 2028)

I have lived in the Greenville area my entire life and raised my daughter Casey and son Cody here. Growing up a 'church rat', I am a 'grass roots' Christian educator. I've made a career in the church arena since the age of 18- serving as youth camp; children's director or as church educator in several churches and directing faith-based preschools. I am currently the director at John Knox Presbyterian Kindergarten. I actually attended kindergarten at Grace Covenant over sixty years ago. I began attending worship back in the spring and joined over the summer. I was drawn to the sincerity of Trish's sermons and have come to love the warmth and vibrancy of this congregation and their focus on missions and social justice. I am enjoying singing in the choir. In my spare time I read, do art and visit my grandchildren. I look forward to adding, hopefully, my meager gifts to the wonderful ministry at Grace Covenant.



Sarah Lasitter, Worship (Class of 2028)

Sarah Lasitter has been a member since 1991 and has served as an elder several times, variously chairing Worship and CE and serving as Clerk of Session. She is completing a 2-year term as Worship Chair and will serve two more years if elected. She is a retired school psychologist and is grateful to have more time to spend on church work these days.



David Tinga, Trustee (Class of 2029)

I joined Grace Covenant in 1987 at the invitation of a neighbor. I have been privileged to serve as a Deacon and an Elder. Over the years I have participated in several areas of the church including the Fellowship committee, Property committee, Administration committee, Pastor Nominating committee, Officer Nominating committee, usher team and the communion prep team. I retired 5 years ago after a career as an insurance adjuster. I enjoy traveling and spending time with family.



In accordance with the Book of Order (G-2.0401), full opportunity shall be given for nominations from the floor by any active member of the congregation. Before making a nomination from the floor it is required that you obtain the permission of the person you wish to nominate. All active members of the congregation may vote, so please plan to participate in this important business of the church at the conclusion of worship this morning.

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Welcome to Grace Covenant

Grace Covenant is a neighborhood church living to be God's voice of hope in the world. We seek to walk in a manner worthy of our calling, to live with humility and gentleness, and with patience and love for one another. Our greatest aspiration is to make Christ's example of love real for all our neighbors.

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OCTOBER 18, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

✦ Call to Worship

Psalm 1

Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord.

They are like trees planted by streams of water.

In all that they do they prosper.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous.

May God number us with the righteous as we worship the Lord.

✦ Opening Hymn

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

LAUDA ANIMA

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O God, you are the potter, shaping the world and molding our spirits. Your creation is an act of grace and your every word a fountain of life. Mold and shape us once again, O God, as we confess our sins. Create love where there is hatred, deep faith where there is shallow religion, generosity where there is selfish greed, and wholeness where there are shattered pieces. For we know that your work is not complete in us, and that our lives are made complete in you... (silent prayers of confession)

Word of Grace

The God who calls us is the God who created us. The God who formed us is the God who forgives us. This is the good news – we are God’s new creation. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Let us live as grateful and forgiven people.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia and amen.

✦ Choral Response

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Time for Children

Children preschool age through 5th grade are invited to the chancel area at this time. Children four and younger may then go to the nursery; children five and older are to return to their seats and are encouraged to remain with us for worship.

Musical Offering

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Sermon

The Potter’s House

Rev. Dr. Dennis Tedder

✦ Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

Offering

✦ Choral Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

✦ Hymn No. 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

✦ Charge and Benediction

✦ *Please rise in body or in spirit*

All church members are asked to remain in the sanctuary at the conclusion of worship for a brief congregational meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 18th at 11:30 AM - Children’s Sunday School

October 18th at 11:30 AM - Called Congregational Meeting

October 18th at 11:30 AM - Youth Group

October 20th at 9:30 AM - Prayer Ministry

October 21st at 5:30 PM - Handbell Choir Rehearsal

October 21st at 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

October 22nd at 8:00 AM - Men’s Bible Study

October 22nd at 6:00 PM - “A Politics of Value” with Rev. Indy Dennis

October 25th at 9:15 AM - Adult Sunday School

October 25th at 10:30 AM - Hosanna Brass and Children’s Choir in Worship

October 25th at 11:30 AM - Soulos Lunch @ Mr. Salsa Simpsonville

October 25th at 11:45 AM - Visioning Committee Meeting

October 26th at 10:15 AM - Grace Readers

Pastor: Rev. Patricia C. Gwinn | Music Director: Emery Schramm | AV: Melissa Forrester
Ushers: Linda Cossaboon, Paul Cossaboon, Melinda Dumpert, Jeff Dumpert

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY *are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Thomas A. Wall Jr. by Tami Wall*