

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Patricia C. Gwinn, Pastor  
Brooke Clay, Director of Music/Accompanist  
AV: Melissa Forrester  
Ushers: Norm St. John, McCrady Gwinn, Don Amey, Gail Meaders

**The flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all healthcare professionals given by Jim and Diane Cody.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 16th at 2:00 pm** - Sisters in Christ in the Greeting Room  
**March 17th at 5:30 pm** - Session Meeting  
**March 18th at 9:30 am** - Prayer Ministry in the Cottage  
**March 19th at 5:30 pm** - Handbell Rehearsal  
**March 19th at 6:30 pm** - Choir Rehearsal  
**March 20th at 8:00 am** - Men's Bible Study in the Cottage  
**March 23rd at 11:30 am** - Soulos Lunch at Olive Garden on Verdae Blvd

The Christian Education and the Missions & Outreach Committees are hosting a community education presentation by iFace staff on serving internationals in our community in light of immigration policy changes. iFace is a Christian non-profit that serves internationals who come to the Upstate for university and English language study, work (immigrant and expat) and those forcibly displaced (refugees). Equipping volunteers and church partners is a key part of their ministry work inviting Christians to join together to serve King Jesus. During this meeting we will present data, practical suggestions, pray, and answer questions. This meeting is NOT focused on political parties or agendas. It is focused on how to best love and serve those that God has brought to us from around the world. The event will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Please click the link in the eblast to register or call the church office.

**The Session:** Karen Feltner - *Administration*, Stephanie Norton - *Christian Education*  
Carolyn Tucker - *Congregational Care*, Dan Gajda - *Fellowship*, James Jennings - *Finance*  
Steven Huskey - *Missions/Outreach*, Norm St. John - *Property*, Sarah Lasitter - *Worship*,  
Lisa Johnson - *Clerk of Session*

# Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



### 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.

# ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MARCH 16, 2025

10:30 AM

**Anthem**

*Lamb of God*

Paris/arr. Larson

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Come, all who are waiting, all who are weary—

**Come, reach for the hem of his robe.**

The broken are mended, the dead rise again—

**His mercy is stronger than fear.**

Christ says, "Do not be afraid—just believe."

**We believe, Lord—make us whole!**

### \*Hymn No. 796

*We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

LAND OF REST

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we come before you bringing our hopes and our fears.

Like Jairus, we struggle to trust in your power and timing.

Like the suffering woman, we struggle to come out of hiding before your all-seeing eye.

Forgive our impatience and unbelief.

Restore us by your grace, that we may live as bold witnesses of your healing mercy.

In Christ's name... (silent prayers of confession)

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Christ came to bring good news to sinners like you and I.

**In Christ, we are made whole.**

Believe in the gospel; in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Amen.**

### \*Choral Response

*Sing the Good News of Salvation*

NETTLETON

*Sing the good news of salvation; Jesus died to show God's love.*

*Such great kindness, such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.*

*Jesus, Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!*

*How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

## 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.

## Prayer for Illumination

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 8: 40-56

**Gospel Lesson in Film:** The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 5

**Sermon:** Journeying with Jesus: Jesus Among the Crowds

Rev. Patricia C. Gwinn

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

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## Offering

## Offertory

### \*Choral Response

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door;  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

### \*Prayer of Dedication

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

### \*Hymn No. 792

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

BALM IN GILEAD

### \*Charge and Benediction

## \*Postlude

\*All who are able, please stand.