

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Patricia C. Gwinn, Pastor  
Brooke Clay, Director of Music/Accompanist  
AV: Tom Lasitter  
Ushers: Kim Calhoun, Paul Cossaboon, Linda Cossaboon, McCrady Gwinn

**The flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our members worshipping from home.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 10th at 5:45 pm** - Administration Meeting  
**March 11th at 4:30 pm** - Finance Meeting  
**March 12th at 2:00 pm** - Congregational Care in the Parlor  
**March 12th at 5:00 pm** - Fellowship Committee Meeting in the Cottage  
**March 12th at 5:30 pm** - Handbell Rehearsal  
**March 12th at 6:30 pm** - Choir Rehearsal  
**March 13th at 8:00 am** - Men's Bible Study in the Cottage  
**March 13th at 7:00 pm** - Property Meeting in the Cottage  
**March 16th at 2:00 pm** - Sisters in Christ in the Greeting Room

**The Session:** Karene 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

## FIRST 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 9, 2025

10:30 AM

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship (John 3: 1-2, 14-15)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
**who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."**  
Let us worship God!

### \*Hymn No. 435

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILON

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of wide circles, we too often revert to our fear-filled instinct to cut off those unfamiliar and distant. May we evaluate others based on your heart and remember that there is no "us and them," but together we are sisters and brothers in God's family.

Lord, have mercy. Forgive our foolish ways, reform our prideful selves, make us listen to the way of peace, remove from us the disbelief to which we cling...*(silent prayers of confession)*

## Declaration of Forgiveness (based on Romans 10)

Everyone. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Having called upon the wide arms of our gracious God, know that you are forgiven. With joy, may we amplify God's grace into the whole world.

**Alleluia and 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.

## Anthem

*Come Walk With Me*

Martin/Stevens

## Prayer for Illumination

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 4: 16-30

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

**Sermon:** Journeying with Jesus: Jesus in his Hometown

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### \*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. 772

*Live into Hope*

TRURO

### \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Postlude

\*All who are able, please stand.