Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Patricia C. Gwinn | Music Director: Emery Schramm
AV: Melissa Forrester | Ushers: Tom Lasitter, Mary Starnes, Bill Starnes, Jim Cody

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

are given to the glory of God by Linda and Ron Patton
in honor of their grandson Sean's birthday

Upcoming Events

November 8th at 9:15 AM - Adult Sunday School
November 8th at 11:30 AM - Children's Sunday School
November 8th at 11:30 AM - Children's Choir Rehearsal
November 8th at 2:00 PM - Missions & Outreach Committee Meeting
November 8th at 3:30 PM - Christian Education Committee Meeting
November 9th at 5:45 PM - Administration Committee Meeting
November 10th at 4:30 PM - Finance Committee Meeting
November 11th at 2:00 PM - Congregational Care Committee Meeting
November 11th at 5:30 PM - Handbell Choir Rehearsal
November 11th at 6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal
November 12th at 8:00 AM - Men's Bible Study
November 14th at 9:00 AM - Soup Kitchen
November 15th at 9:15 AM - Adult Sunday School
November 15th at 11:30 AM - Children's Sunday School
November 15th at 11:30 AM - Youth Group
November 15th at 11:45 AM - Visioning Committee Meeting
November 15th at 2:30 PM - Sisters in Christ
November 15th at 6:00 PM - November Night

The Session

Janice Tucker - *Administration*
Stephanie Norton - *Christian Education*
Carolyn Tucker - *Congregational Care*
Melinda Dumpert - *Fellowship*
Gordon Gilles - *Finance*
Steven Huskey - *Missions/Outreach*
Barry Graden - *Property*
Sarah Lasitter - *Worship*
Lisa Johnson - *Clerk of Session*

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Presbyterian Church

Twenty-Fourth 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.

Order of Service for the Worship of God

November 8, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Stewardship *Open Wide Your Hearts* Gordon Gilles, *Finance Committee Chair*

✞Call to Worship

Come, people of God, with grateful hearts, for the Lord has been generous and faithful to us.
We come with thanksgiving for all that God has given.
For all that we are and all that we have belong to God.
With joy and gratitude, we offer ourselves to God.
Let us worship God!

✞Hymn No. 708 *We Give Thee but Thine Own* SCHUMANN

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Generous and gracious God, you have entrusted us with more gifts than we can count—gifts of time and talent, resources and relationships, opportunities to love and serve. Yet we confess that too often we bury what you have given us. We hold tightly to our gifts for fear there will not be enough. We choose what is comfortable over what is faithful, and what is safe over what is possible. Forgive us when we forget that your gifts were never meant to be buried, but shared for the flourishing of your world.

Open wide our hearts, O God. Give us courage to trust your abundance, and generosity to offer ourselves joyfully to the work of your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ…
(silent prayers of confession)

Word of Grace

The good news of the gospel is this: God does not bury us beneath our failures or hold us captive to our fears. God's grace calls us out of hiding and into new life.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, freed, and entrusted once more with the gifts of God's love.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia and amen.

✞Choral Response *Hear the Good News of Salvation* NETTLETON

Hear 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 *God's Simple Gifts* arr. Anna Laura Page

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:14–29

Sermon *ThanksLIVING: Living in the Joy of the Master*

✞Affirmation of Faith Excerpts from *The Confession of 1967*

God has created humankind in a personal relation with himself that people may respond to the love of the Creator… God has endowed humankind with capabilities to make the world serve peoples' needs and to enjoy its good things… Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use his creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

With an urgency born of the hope of Jesus Christ, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Offering

✞Choral Response *Lord of All Good* TOULON

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew, that our whole life is offered to your will.

✞Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

✞Hymn No. 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

✞Charge and Benediction

Postlude

✞*Please rise in body or in spirit*