

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Patricia C. Gwinn, Pastor

Brooke Clay, Director of Music/Accompanist

AV: Tom Lasitter

Ushers: Tom Lasitter, Mary Starnes, Bill Starnes, Jim Cody

**The flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bennie Pettit by the Pettit family.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 1st at 9:00 am** - Prayer Ministry in the Cottage

**April 1st at 6:30 pm** - iFace Event

**April 2nd at 5:30 pm** - Worship Committee Meeting

**April 2nd at 5:30 pm** - Handbell Rehearsal

**April 2nd at 6:30 pm** - Choir Rehearsal

**April 5th at 9:00 am** - Church Service Day

**April 6th at 10:30 am** - Holy Communion

**April 6th at 11:45 am** - Christian Education Committee Meeting



## Holy Week Dates

**April 13th at 10:30 am**

Palm/Passion Sunday

**April 17th at 7:00 pm**

Maundy Thursday Service  
with Holy Communion

**April 20th at 10:30 am**

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

**The Session:** Karena 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

## FOURTH 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 30, 2025

**Prelude** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* 10:30 AM arr. Varner

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Call to Worship** (Deut. 5: 12-15)

Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**Six days we labor and do all our work – but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord our God.**

Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, but God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

**We, and the resident alien in our towns, and all creatures, great and small, rest;**  
Let us give thanks and praise to God who has set us free!

**\*Hymn No. 401** *Here in This Place*

GATHER US IN

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of the outstretched arm, though you lead us into freedom, we choose again and again the chains of sin. Forgive us, we pray, for bowing to the false gods of our time. We believe we have made ourselves, rather than being made in your image – the work of your hands. We practice legalism against others, yet expect exceptions for ourselves. We rest in ease, while others bear heavy burdens on our behalf. Heal us where we are withered in hand or heart of faith. Stretch us beyond what we have managed or imagined, to live as you intend and command. In the name of Christ, who came to set us free...*(silent prayers of confession)*

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 32 says: "Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are those happy people whose sins have been forgiven. Our lives have been stretched out by God's forgiveness. Believe in the good news of the gospel and rejoice!

**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** *God So Loved the World* Larson

## Prayer for Illumination

**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 3: 1-6

**Gospel Lesson in Film:** The Chosen, Season, 2 Episode 6  
**Sermon:** Journeying with Jesus: Jesus Among Enemies Rev. Patricia C. Gwinn

**Affirmation of Faith** Excerpt from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**  
**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**  
**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,**  
**teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,**  
**healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,**  
**eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,**  
**and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**  
**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**  
**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,**  
**even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,**  
**praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

## Offering

**Offertory** *You Are My Hiding Place* arr. Hayes

**\*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. 393** *O Day of Rest and Gladness* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

## \*Charge and Benediction

**\*Postlude** *Be Strong in the Lord* arr. Fettke

\*All who are able, please stand.