

# Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

Asheville, North Carolina

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June 3, 2018

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*



*You who are broken, stop by the potter's house  
You who need mending, stop by the potter's house  
~ The Potter's House, Tramine Hawkins*

**Prelude** ✚

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Theodore DuBois

\* **Call to Worship** (*adapted from Psalm 81*)

Sing aloud to God our strength;  
Shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

**Raise a song, sound the tambourine!**

God has answered us

In the secret place of thunder.

**Sound the trumpet! Praise the Lord!**

\* **Hymn 409**

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

\* **Call to Reconciliation**



## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## The Bread And The Cup

*Communion is by intinction. Come to one of the stations as directed by ushers. Return to your pew by the outside aisles. You may also be served in your pew. All bread is gluten-free.*

Music During Communion

## Prayer After Communion

**Offering** *(Please place prayer cards in the offering plate. Staff will pray for them this week.)*

Offertory Anthem ❖ He Comes to Us As One Unknown

John Ferguson

## \* Doxology ❖

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple  
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;  
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy God,  
May these gifts speak of our gratitude. May they serve  
those who our society has failed. May they spread  
your love to the places of most need. Amen.**

\* **Hymn 536**

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

\* **Charge & Benediction**

*(Children will be invited to come forward and help take the  
remaining Communion elements out for a life-giving purpose)*

\* **Postlude ☩**

Little Fugue in G

J. S. Bach

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*(For some, the Postlude serves as festive music to accompany their going back out into the world. Others prefer to remain seated and listen. Please be mindful of these different needs as you depart. Thank you!)*

**\* Please Stand in Body or Spirit.**

*We gather to worship God who is larger than all our imaginations!*

*We encourage all persons to sing the gender nouns and pronouns they prefer in referring to God.*



## *Our Life Together...*

**Thank You!**

**8:30 Head Usher:** Rick and Beth Philipsen

**10:30 Head Usher:** Cathy Froehlich | **Liturgist:** Keaton Hill

**Deacon of the Week:** Walt Justice, **email:** stjamesvt@charter.net

Thank you to Jeannette Williams for the flowers that decorate the sanctuary this morning, given to the glory of God and with happy anniversary wishes to grandson, Guerin, and his wife, Savanna.

**Thanks to Keith Prince** for sharing his artistic gifts in worship today.

**Come and Praise God in the beauty of creation--GCPC OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE is next Sunday!** On June 10 bring a chair or a blanket for 10:30 am worship on the lawn. We will be honoring the high school graduates that day as well. There will only be one service of worship (no 8:30 am service).

**Shallowford Youth Choir | Thursday, June 14 | 7 PM | GCPC Sanctuary**

A great concert that you will not want to miss! Join us to hear the sixty-plus voices of the Shallowford Youth Choir from Atlanta as we enjoy a musical that was written and produced by the choir themselves.

## **Guatemala Partnership Committee Meeting | Tuesday, June 5 | 5:30 - 6:30 PM | Jerusalem Room**

Did you know that GCPC has had a sister church in Coatepeque, Guatemala for over 20 years? Come lend your voice, creativity and energy as we continue exploring how GCPC can strengthen its ties with Iglesia Jerusalem. This exciting committee is discerning upcoming trips, financial gifts and ongoing communications. All are welcome. Nos vemos! See you there!

## *Creating Sanctuary*

### **"Extending the Table" | TODAY, June 3 | after church | Narthex**

The Creating Sanctuary Team (CST) invites you to extend the communion table on the first Sunday of each month by writing our congressional delegation about how we are called as Christians to respond to specific topics relating to immigration. CST will provide at a table in the narthex: pen and paper; congressional addresses; a list of relevant topics; and relevant information about each topic from the PCUSA Office of Immigration.

We hope this monthly opportunity will enable each of us to educate ourselves more fully about the complex immigration crisis and to respond as people of faith who are called to live faithfully in support of others.

## **Creating Sanctuary Team Meeting | Sunday, June 10 | 11:45 AM | Garden Room**

## *PART (Power & Race Team)*

### **PART Meeting | Thursday, June 7 | 7:00 PM | Garden Room**

### **The Racial Justice Book Club | Thursday, June 14 | 12:15 PM | Jerusalem Room**

This year, GCPC is committing to reading a book every month by an author of color who examines issues of race and justice. **For June**, we will be reading *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman.

### **PART Opportunity | Hood Huggers Tours | \$20/person**

The past, present, and future of African-Americans in Asheville is a story of resilience. Learn about this powerful story on a tour:

**Friday, June 29 | 10 AM | Walking tour in the Burton Street Community**

**Saturday, June 30 | 10 AM | Driving tour around Asheville** (9 spots available)

Please email Amy Wiesner at amywiesner@charter.net to register.

## *Earth Team*

### **Earth Team Meeting | Wednesday, June 6 | 5:30 - 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall**

Come join the EARTH team as we meet to discuss the possibility of selling recycled GCPC shopping bags & water bottles, follow-up monitoring of the new HVAC savings on our electricity use and cost, fall SS classes, and the possibility of holding a "fast from plastic" campaign in the future.

## Serve

**VRQ—BBQ Cook Team | Next cook date: June 5th | 4:45 or 5:45 PM**

Come help us serve a meal to the veterans! Come at 4:45 to help cook or 5:45 to help serve. This mission service has a long history. We would love for you to be a part of the service & camaraderie. Questions? Contact Bill Neeriemer, bill.nmer@gmail.com.

**Time for PRITCHARD PARK | Sunday, June 17**

Sign-ups for the next Pritchard Park are in the Narthex today, June 3 and Sunday, June 10. Food donations and volunteers are needed. Questions? Please contact David Bailey at 777-3990 or email him at david.bailey@unitedwayabc.org.

**Clothing Bin Volunteers Needed!**

Haywood Street Congregation will place a clothing receptacle bin in our parking lot. **Volunteers are needed to empty the bin and transport the donations to the Haywood Street facility.** To sign up or for more info, contact Nancy Kramer at nancykramer1981@gmail.com.

## Grow

**New Bible Study - The Book of Romans | Wednesdays in June and July | 11:00 -11:45 AM | Garden Room**

In place of our lectionary-based Bible study during the program year, this summer for the months of June and July we will be working our way through the book of Romans. Come and delve into this rich and compelling text that has been foundational to the Christian faith. For those who have not been able to come to Bible study in the past, this is a great new opportunity to engage a book with depth, playfulness, and cheer. Contact Richard, rcoble@gpcusa.org, with any questions.

**2018 Summer Women's Book Series | Mondays | 7 PM | Garden Room**

Join us for a series of book talks. Open to all women of the church. One copy of each book can be found in the newly revamped library annex upstairs in the Memorial Garden Overlook Please pre-read the books to ensure lively discussion.

June 25 | *Negroland* | Margo Jefferson

July 23 | *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved* | Kate Bowler

August 27 | *Educated* | Tara Westover

## Care

**Annual Blood Drive | TODAY, June 3 | 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM | Fellowship Hall**

We always experience cancellations, so If you have not taken the opportunity to schedule an appointment, check at the registration table in Fellowship Hall today to see if there are open opportunities.

**Support Group for Cognitive Impairment | Wed., June 6 | 12 PM | Garden Rm**

This support group introduces techniques for daily living with such issues, led by Paul Rogers, a retired physician in our congregation. **\*We are now meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of every month.** Contact Richard with questions.

## **GCPC Goes to the Ballpark! | Friday, June 8 | 7 PM | Tourists' Game**

**DEADLINE TO BUY TICKETS IS TODAY!** Join us for the ballgame! Grace Covenant has reserved 100 seats. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children (12 and under) and seniors. Please call the church office or email Sherrie to reserve your tickets. Tickets must be purchased by today, June 3rd. Make checks payable to GCPC.

### **Prayer List**

*[Concerns will stay on this list for a month unless we hear otherwise. Please keep us updated.]*

Jerusalem Church congregation; Sherry Harcke (Les Stradley's friend); Pat Cocke (Les Stradley's friend); Glen Russell (Robin Gaiser's brother); Francis Miller (Nancy Miller's son); Steve and Joanna Bowman (Mike Fleenor's brother-in-law and sister); Jerri Alexander (Phil Brown's aunt); Nancy and Richard Schaadt (Donna Robertson's sister and brother-in-law); Erik Hoots (son of owner of Hoots Plumbing, part of construction team); Virginia Bradley; Hettie Lou Garland; Dot Holladay; Teresa Stern; Betty Smith; John Curry; Madge Francis; Mary Berg

### **CALENDAR**

Sunday	3	8:30 AM	Worship
		9-1:30 PM	<i>Blood Drive</i>
		10:30 AM	Worship
		11:30 AM	Summer Courtyard Fellowship
Tuesday	5	9:00 AM	Prayer Group
		4:45 PM	VRQ Dinner
		5:30 PM	Guatemala Mtg.
Wednesday	6	10:00 AM	Knit & Knatter (Knitting Group)
		11:00 AM	Bible Study
		12:00 PM	MCI Group
		5:30 PM	Earth Team Mtg.
		7:00 PM	Nominating Comm. Mtg.
Thursday	7	7:00 PM	PART Mtg.
Friday	8	7:00 PM	Tourists' Game
Saturday	9	10:00 AM	Enneagram Workshop
Sunday	10		<i>Outdoor Worship Service</i>
		10:30 AM	Worship
		11:30 AM	Summer Courtyard Fellowship
		11:45 AM	Creating Sanctuary Team Mtg.

**Next Sunday, June 10, 2018**

**ONE worship service at 10:30 AM (outside)**

*(Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on)*

**NO 8:30 service**

**Summer Courtyard Fellowship at 11:30 AM**

**Sermon: "Branching Out" by Samantha Gonzalez-Block**

**Scriptures: Psalm 121; John 15:1-17**

### SESSION

#### CLASS OF 2018

Joe Brumit  
George deWalder  
Al Root  
Kate Shem  
Denise Snodgrass  
Hannah Shealy

#### CLASS OF 2019

Omar Bolivar  
Jay Hill  
Bonnie Parker  
Peggy Rada  
Amy Wiesner

#### CLASS OF 2020

John Clark  
Taylor Foss  
Paul Rogers  
Carley Stein  
Debbly Vance

#### **Moderator:**

Marcia Mount Shoop

#### **Associate Pastors:**

Samantha Gonzalez-Block  
Richard Coble

**Clerk:** Kern Parker

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#### CLASS OF 2018

Sally Booher  
Penny Harvey  
Dean Presson  
Alice Schmitz  
Melissa Shook  
Bill Neeriemer

#### CLASS OF 2019

Sergio Fernandez  
Walt Justice  
John Mount Shoop  
Anne Sayers  
Matt Stradley  
Caroline Wyrosdick-Webb

#### CLASS OF 2020

Ann Brown  
Gordon Gaiser  
Nancy Kramer  
Lynn Milner  
Marcy Onieal  
Betsy Rhodes  
Peter Rosal

### WELCOME STATEMENT

*Trusting that God's grace embraces and desires covenant with all people, Grace Covenant seeks to be an inclusive and hospitable place of spiritual growth. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of age, sexual orientation, ethnic, racial, or gender identity, economic position, residency status, or political affiliation. We trust that God is always at work transforming each life and our life together, helping us to better follow Christ's example of love and courageous welcome.*



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