

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

Asheville, North Carolina

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Your whole self is welcomed here. Please feel free to take care of your body during worship in ways that work for you.

Entering the Song Holy, Holy

Truth Telling Together

Assurance of God's Love

* **Glory to God** (note: "has pardoned" changed to "embraces")

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace embraces me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

* **Passing of the Peace**

Faith Sharing

**I have love to share with the whole wide world
And I start by loving myself;
When I take good care of my heart and soul
I have room for everyone else;
I love me, so I can love you
God loves me, so I can love you**

Faith Sharing Recessional

(*Children will remain in worship. Childcare for children 6 and under is available through summer.)

GCPC Connects

Sung Prayer for Illumination

"Listening"

Lea Morris

One: Hear the Word of God.

ALL: Our ears and hearts are open.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon

"With All from Within"

Luke Harkema

Anthem

Open Our Hearts

Anna Hernandez

Prayers of the People

**Our prayers of the people today contain words from our community land acknowledgement. The full acknowledgement can be found on our website.*

Sung Refrain: Creator, kindle our deep connection (2x)

One: Creator, kindle our resolve to acknowledge our complicated history on this land called "Togiyasdi," by the Fire People, the Cherokee ancestors. Kindle in us deep, embodied awareness of the sacredness in these ancient mountains and in the mystery and majesty of all the wildlife and trees and plants that thrive here. Help us to honor and make space for the ways bears, wild turkeys and elk find ways to thrive here even as habitats gentrify.

Sung Refrain: Redeemer, encourage our transformation (2x)

One: Redeemer, encourage us to deepen our understanding of the harmful history of Christianity, and the ways Christians have stolen land from non-Christians all over the world. Encourage our capacity to remember that the harm done by the Doctrine of Discovery and Christianity authorizing genocide are all part of our legacy on this land. Give us clarity and resolve to repair the harmful history of Presbyterian participation in chattel slavery, boarding schools for indigenous children, and upholding white supremacy in the ways faith has been lived out.

Sung Refrain: Sustainer, nourish our healing journey (2x)

One: Sustainer, thank you for signs of resilience and resolve in the way this land now grows food and community. Support our awareness that the paths now paved for commerce and commutes around 789 Merrimon Avenue, were a thoroughfare of trade and travel for indigenous people. Instill us with clear memory that white colonizers named these roads after wealthy landowners and lawmakers dedicated to supporting chattel slavery. And that redlining cleared a way for Presbyterians to plant this church in a white enclave. Help us practice following you on unknown paths, letting go and leaning in. Strengthen our belief that we can change and that the world can change, too.

Sung Refrain: Creator, kindle our deep connection (2x)

The Lord's Prayer

Poet of the World, Spirit of the Eternal Birthing Bed,
Your elegance flows throughout the cosmos;
Your love is enfleshed and knows the pain and
promise of aliveness.

Your wisdom is mysterious and echoes in the stories
of human beginnings and in our aspirations to have divine purpose.
May your transcendence settle into our elemental realities.

Teach us how to take good care of each other, with bread, with mercy,
and with dreams of a better world.

Instill in us the capacity to recognize and rebuke the privation of evil
when we encounter it, and strengthen us for vigilant resistance to the
idols of individualism, consumption, power hoarding, and dominance.
Encourage us when hope is obscured by the anguish
of loss, despair, and broken trust.

Tune our hearts to the promise of right relationship restored and
radical welcome revealed.

For your power is like no other that we know,
and your love will never let us go.

In your Mystery, in your Mercy, and in the Mystical Beauty of your
unknowing and healing that is always right here,
may it all be so.

(Translation by Marcia Mount Shoop, 2024)

* Closing Song

Hymn 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

* Charge and Blessing

** Stand in Body or Spirit.*

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Prayer List

[Concerns will stay on this list for a month unless we hear otherwise. Please keep us updated.]
Iglesia Jerusalem congregation; Maria, Esteban, and Erik Goicoechea; Beth Newman; Loretta Landis (Mother of Ray Landis); Grant Moss (Tiffany Kinnaird's brother-in-law); The Reparations Process in Asheville/Buncombe County; Victoria McNeff (Bill McNeff's niece); John Riedesel (Steve Riedesel's brother); Gary Churchfield (Susie Churchfield's nephew); Lavolia Snell (MC Ellis' aunt); Betsy Stills (friend of Frances Johnson); Connie Rhyne (friend of Mesheala Sundblade); Mimi (Jane Stoffer's friend); Kristin Jacobs (Kathy Jacobs' daughter); Molly Meinhart (friend of Marta); Solomon Nesby (family of Libby Kyles and Leia Nesby); Kate Justin (Marta's friend); Gail Horvath (Janice Kominksi's mom); John Kominski (Russell Kominski's dad); Patrick Davis (friend of Tim Hamel); Jorge Madamba (Ryan Madamba's father); Daniel Adams (Marta Alcalá's friend's dad); Margaret Rada; Susie Churchfield; Michelle Chromey and family; Peggy Rada; Maurice Stone; Stacy Haddenham; Bill Rupp; Mary Berg; Nancy Gaskin; Kathy Jacobs; Meggie and Linzi Anderson; Sally Booher

Liturgist: Libby Kyles
Musicians: MC Ellis (percussion), Robin Gaiser, Summer Choir
Head Usher: William Hamel
Deacon of the Week: Larry Stern | **email:** lstern@mhu.edu

Thank you to Jeannette Williams for the flowers that decorate the sanctuary this morning, given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of her husband, Al Williams, her brother-in-law, Bill Williams, and her sister, Mary Jane Slack.

Large print bulletins are available from an usher.

Childcare is available for children, birth to 6 years of age through summer. Check-in is by the Welcome Desk in the narthex.



Announcement Info



2024 Pledge Card



To give to GCPC

Hearing Aid T-Coil Loop -- listen in. The GCPC sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Aid Loop. This loop sends a magnetic signal directly to personal hearing aids equipped with T-Coil. Most hearing aids require you to select the Telephone or T-Coil program on your hearing aid to take advantage of the signal.

SESSION

Class of 2024

Margaret Belk
Blake Bradley
Russell Kominski
Libby Kyles
Denise Lockett
Melissa Shook

Class of 2025

Mary Berg
Ben Kees
Hans Rosario-Singer
Kate Shem

Class of 2026

Marta Alcalá
MC Ellis
Cathy Froehlich
Malachi Gasaway
John Legerton
Mesheala Sundblade

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Marcia Mount Shoop

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Luke Harkema

CLERK:

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Tim Hamel -
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BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2024

Pat Cheffins
Robin Gaiser
Kimo Hyatt
Justin Kyremes-Parks
Emma Maney
John Singleton
Paul Tierney

Class of 2025

Frank Chapman
Carolyn Haag
Liz Huesemann
John Huie
Robin Mallernee
Larry Stern

Class of 2026

Bob Giduz
Margie Groves
Susan Meade
Kaola Smallwood
Patty Thompson
Linda Van Sciver
Dawna Williams-Landis

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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