

# Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

Asheville, North Carolina

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June 30, 2024



*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**    God Welcomes All

THEMBA AMEN

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

**Truth Telling Together**

**Kyrie Eleison**

**There is mercy enough  
There is grace enough  
There is love enough for all of us.**

**Assurance of God's Love**

**\* 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

**We are listening, We are listening; Spirit speak to us** *(repeat)*

**Our Hands are wide open, eyes are wide open**

**To see what we may be.**

**We are listening; We are listening; Spirit speak to us.**

### Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

One: Hear the Word of God.

**ALL: Our ears and hearts are open.**

**Sung Response** (after scripture reading):

**We are listening; We are listening; Spirit speak to us.**

### Sermon

"Generous Welcome"

Marcia Mount Shoop

### Anthem

Welcome Table

Lenora and Gary Rand

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer *(Adapted from the New Zealand Anglican Church)*

**Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Parent of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**\* Closing Song**                      Come As You Are    Lenora and Gary Rand

**Come as you are. Come you weary.  
Come and lay your burdens down.  
Come as you are. Bring your hopes.  
Bring your doubts and your scars;  
Come as you are.**

**\* Charge and Blessing**

**\* Sung Amen**

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*\* Stand in Body or Spirit.*

**Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.**

**Liturgist:** Sue Baird

**Musicians:** Gary Rand, Frank Thompson, MC Ellis, Summer Choir

**Head Usher:** Cathy Froehlich

**Deacon of the Week:** Paul Tierney | **email:** [paul@tierneyandco.net](mailto:paul@tierneyandco.net)

## **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); Kristin Jacobs (Kathy Jacobs' daughter); Gail Horvath (Janice Kominksi's mom); Patrick Davis (friend of Tim Hamel); Jorge Madamba (Ryan Madamba's father), Dru Madamba (Ryan's mother), and Karla Madamba (Ryan's sister); Daniel Adams (Marta Alcalá's friend's dad); Margaret Rada; Susie Churchfield; Michelle Chromey and family; Peggy Rada; Maurice and Bonnie Stone; Stacy Haddenham; Mary Berg; Kathy Jacobs; Pamela Culp; Larry Smallwood; Libby Kyles (celebrating her receiving the PCUSA Woman of Faith Award); GA – General Assembly

Thank you to Jeannette Williams for the flowers that decorate the sanctuary this morning, given to the glory of God and in celebration of granddaughter, Sherri Pulera's birthday; and in loving memory of Jeannette's sister, Jean Ralph Greiner.

***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

**MODERATOR:**

Marcia Mount Shoop

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:**

Luke Harkema

**CLERK:**

Kelley Griffith

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**BOARD OF DEACONS**

**Class of 2024**

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Kimo Hyatt  
Justin Kyremes-Parks  
Emma Maney  
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Paul Tierney

**Class of 2025**

Carolyn Haag  
Liz Huesemann  
John Huie  
Robin Mallernee  
Larry Stern

**Class of 2026**

Bob Giduz  
Margie Groves  
Susan Meade  
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Linda Van Seiver  
Dawna Williams-Landis

**STAFF**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

At GCPC our faith calls us to practice...

*Theological* CURIOSITY

*Moral* COURAGE

*Abundant* COMPASSION

*Beloved* COMMUNITY

With God's help, we are seeking our transformation and the healing of the world.

*A Matthew 25 and A More Light congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and  
a Supporting Sanctuary church in Western North Carolina*



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