

# Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

Asheville, North Carolina

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*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

July 7, 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**

Lovely Needy People

The Many

**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

Mark 6:1-13

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

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

### Homily

Marcia Mount Shoop

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Sung Invitation to The Table

All Who Are Thirsty

Brian Wentzel

*All who are thirsty,*

**Come to the table.**

*All who are hungry,*

**Come here and eat.**

*All who are thirsty,*

**Come to the table. There's enough for all.**

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*\*Our Great Prayer of Thanksgiving today contains 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, thank you for this beautiful planet and for the awe inspiring universe. Thank you for how the earth teaches us about balance and right relationship. Kindle our resolve to acknowledge our complicated history on this land called "Togiyasdi," by the Fire People, the Cherokee ancestors. And cultivate within 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 even as habitats gentrify.

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

One: Redeemer, thank you for the ways you have met the human family where we are, and for the ways you understand and extend compassion. Thank you for calling us to our best possibilities. 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 the way your Spirit moves and breathes in our community. Thank you for your mysterious power and presence in and through this gathered body when we come to this table. 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.

### **The Lord's Prayer** *(Translated from the original Aramaic)*

**O cosmic Birther, from whom the breath of life comes,  
who fills all realms of sound, light and vibration.**

**May Your light be experienced in my utmost holiest.**

**Your Heavenly Domain approaches.**

**Let Your will come true in the universe—in all that vibrates, just as on earth, all that is material and dense.**

**Give us wisdom, understanding, and assistance for our daily need,  
detach the fetters of faults that bind us,  
like we release the guilt of others.**

**Let us not be lost in superficial things—  
in materialism, in common temptations,  
but let us be freed from that what keeps us off from our true purpose.**

**From You comes the all-working will, the lively strength to act, the  
song that beautifies all and renews itself from age to age.**

**Sealed in trust, faith and truth. I confirm this with my entire being.**

### **Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People** *(Communion is by intinction. All bread is gluten-free.)*

Song

These are the Gifts of God

Gary Rand

### **Prayer After Communion**

\* **Closing Song 539**      We Will Go Out with Joy      WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

\* **Charge and Blessing**

\* **Sung Amen**      Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God      SOUTH AFRICAN  
(Amen, si-a-ku-du-mi-sa!)

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\* *Stand in Body or Spirit.*

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

**Liturgist:** MC Ellis

**Musicians:** MC Ellis, Rachel Shepherd, Gabi Thompson,  
Vivian Kominski, Andrew Kominski, Summer Choir

**Head Usher:** Cathy Froehlich

**Deacon of the Week:** Justin Kyremes-Parks | **email:** justinmkp@gmail.com

Thank you to Pam McGill for the flowers that decorate the sanctuary this morning, given to the glory of God and in celebration of Pamela's and Pam's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

## 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; Gary Churchfield (Susie Churchfield's nephew); Kristin Jacobs (Kathy Jacobs' daughter); 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); Leslie Gail Mann Nuñez (mother of Marta Alcalá's friend, Sarah Nuñez); Margaret Rada; Susie Churchfield; Michelle Chromey and family; Peggy Rada; Maurice and Bonnie Stone; Mary Berg; Kathy Jacobs; Pamela Culp; Larry Smallwood; Barak Morton

***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  
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Denise Lockett  
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#### Class of 2025

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Hans Rosario-Singer  
Kate Shem

#### Class of 2026

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John Legerton  
Mesheala Sundblade

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Marcia Mount Shoop

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#### Class of 2026

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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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