

The Church Mouse

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER | GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 – VOLUME 4

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR SUNDAY SEPT. 23RD

Sermon Title: “The Promise of Prayer”

Scriptures: Philippians 4:4-7 and Acts 16:25-34

Paul gives three commands worth remembering when it comes to prayer. Don't worry. Ask God to supply what you need. Give thanks. Practice of these three commands brings the end result. The peace of God will guard our hearts and minds.

We look forward to sharing in worship with you!



Church Events

- Sept. 23rd - Centershot begins, Women's Ensemble 9:15 AM, Children's/Youth Music program info right after worship
- Sept. 26th – Men's Prayer Breakfast is at 7 AM, Taking Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 9 AM, Ensemble 6:15 & Choir at 7 PM
- Sept. 27th – Mission meets

Sunday Servants:

1 ST SUNDAY	2 ND SUNDAY	3 RD SUNDAY	4 TH SUNDAY	5 TH SUNDAY
Dick Foard Mike Fuller Kitty Davis Chris Doyel	Patricia Cowan Louise Theberge John Kupiec Billy Healy	Jim Wesson John Ogburn Todd Coons John O'Briant Lewis Horsley	Doug Price Jane Price Bob McCreary Carter Richardson	Usher Captains
LITURGISTS:				
Patricia Cowan	Sarah Harris	Roberta Wiatt	Lori Goings	Wynne Beale
ACOLYTES:				
Jack Gibson	Nikko Medeiros	Katherine Gibson	Antonio Medeiros	??

Psalm 74:16 & 17

**Yours is the day,
yours also the
night;
you established
the luminaries
and the sun.
You have fixed all
the bounds of the
earth;
you made
summer and
winter.**

Sunday School

Join us! **The Contemporary Discussion Sunday School Class** starts a new series "Always True" by James McDonald. It is about God's promises. When life is hard, remember that God keeps his word to his children! The sessions are:

1. I will not fear: God is always with me.
2. I will not doubt: God is always in control.
3. I will not despair: God is always good.
4. I will not falter: God is always watching.
5. I will not fail: God is always victorious.

God loves us more than we can ever imagine!

Warren Deal

Children's/Youth Music Ministry Program

Are you interested? Join us in the first classroom on the right, up the stairs as you leave the sanctuary, after worship on Sunday 23rd. Snacks will be provided. This is for ages 4 and up. You and your parents are welcome! Thank you! John & Caroline Peabody.



Annual Spaghetti Dinner

The Ware Circle of the King's Daughters and Sons will be sponsoring our annual spaghetti dinner at the Courthouse Restaurant on Friday, Oct. 19th from 5:00-7:30. Tickets are \$10.00 each and all the proceeds will go to local charities. If you will not be able to attend, you can make a donation. Every ticket that is donated will feed a Bread for Life person. I cannot say enough wonderful things about Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church and how wonderful so many of you are to each year purchase tickets. Without your help, the fundraiser could not be successful. Thanks so very much.

Eva Mullins

Note:

Dear Church Family,
You have been a blessing to us during the loss of Jason's brother, Mark. Thank you for the cards, food, and most especially for the welcoming reception after the service. We are so grateful!
Much love, **Jason & Kim Robins & family**

Thoughts:

But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart. 1 Corinthians 2:16

Do you get mad every time somebody tries to correct you, or tell you what to do, because you always have to be right? If you answered yes, I am sure that you are not a happy person. You cannot change others, but you can allow God to change you so that things don't bother you anymore.

With Jesus Christ as your Savior, you can learn how to live a different way. You can have peace. You can sleep well at night. You can like yourself. You can restore relationships that have been ruined. Your mind can be renewed to be like Jesus', if you read His Word and ask Him to help you live the abundant life He came to give you (see John 10:10).

But let all those who take refuge and put their trust in You rejoice; let them ever sing and shout for joy, because You make a covering over them and defend them; let those also who love Your name be joyful in You and be in high spirits. Psalm 5:11

Many wounded people don't know how to get what they really need, so they wallow in self-pity. God once told me, "Joyce, you can be pitiful or powerful, but you can't be both."

Taking our eyes off of ourselves enables us to look to God. This positions us to trust Him to meet every need in our lives. God knows exactly what we need, and He promises to provide it through His abundant grace and mercy.

Ask Him to fill you with His power today, and trust Him as Jehovah-Jireh, the Lord our Provider (see Genesis 22:14).

Devotion is from Joyce Meyer's book, "Starting Your Day Right."



Celebrate!

BIRTHDAYS

Jeannie Coons	09/04
Caroline Crowder	09/06
Elaine Rountree	09/06
Kimberly Robins	09/07
Mike Goings	09/07
Jon Lucy	09/08
Charlotte Ambrose	09/08
Brittany Lutz	09/08
Meghan Taylor	09/09
Cathy Putnick-Fuller	09/09
Gail Kerns	09/10
Elaine Haislip	09/13
John Rawls Jr.	09/19
Nancy Wesson	09/20
Kristen Pritchard	09/24
Mildred Harden	09/24
Cyndy Moore	09/25
Tex Jones	09/27
Kathy Newborg	09/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Dick & Robin Hellier	09/04
Buddy & Melva Burnett	09/07
Pete & Barbara Ann Atkinson III	09/11
Steve & Ann Gentry	09/13
E.J. & Ginger Rowe	09/18
John & Rebecca Ogburn	09/19
Laurence & Jill Wilkinson	09/25
Adam & Meghan Taylor	09/26



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OPERATING FUND	DEC 2017	2018 BUDGET	YTD BUDGET AUG 2018	YTD ACTUAL AUG 2018
INCOME:				
RECEIVED FROM PLEDGING	\$ 312,993	\$ 319,388	\$ 212,925	\$ 234,978
RECEIVED FROM NON-PLEDGING	70,333	70,000	46,667	30,111
LOOSE COLLECTION	7,335	10,000	6,667	7,235
SUNDAY SCHOOL	425	400	267	75
INTEREST INCOME	1,205	650	433	928
CHURCH RENTAL	2,067	2,250	1,500	911
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 394,358	\$ 402,688	\$ 268,459	\$ 274,238
EXPENSES:				
MISSION	\$ 41,689	\$ 47,550	\$ 31,700	\$ 29,572
CHRISTIAN GROWTH	13,980	22,150	14,767	12,307
WORSHIP	9,467	9,800	6,533	2,733
ADMIN & SUPPORT	324,440	352,748	235,165	225,956
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	812	825	550	256
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 390,388	\$ 433,073	\$ 288,715	\$ 270,824
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 3,970	\$ (30,385)	\$ (20,257)	\$ 3,414
DUE FROM OP FUND PLEDGES				\$ 85,435
BUILDING FUND				
	DEC 2017	YTD 2018		
INCOME:				
RECEIVED FROM PLEDGING	\$ 6,430	\$ 3,950		
RECEIVED FROM NON-PLEDGING	1,710	-		
LOOSE COLLECTION	48	10		
MEMORIAL GIFTS	-	10		
HONORARIUM GIFTS	-	-		
INTEREST INCOME	273	-		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 8,461	\$ 3,970		
EXPENSES:				
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	-	-		
TOTAL EXPENSES	-	-		
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 8,461	\$ 3,970		
DUE FROM BUILDING FUND PLEDGES		\$ 4,310		
PCUSA DISMISSAL FUND				
	DEC 2017	YTD 2018	GRAND TOTAL	
INCOME:				
DISMISSAL FEE PLEDGE INCOME	\$ 285,005	\$ 50,504	\$ 335,509	
DISMISSAL FEE NON-PLEDGE INCOME	19,575	3,800	23,375	
DISMISSAL FEE OTHER INCOME	30,021	-	30,021	
DISMISSAL FEE LOOSE INCOM	355	10	365	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 334,956	\$ 54,314	\$ 389,270	
EXPENSES:				
PCUSA DISMISSAL PAYMENTS	300,000	100,000	400,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES	300,000	100,000	400,000	
DISMISSAL FEE SHORTFALL*	\$ 34,956	\$ (45,686)	\$ (10,730)	
DUE FROM DISMISSAL FEE PLEDGES*			\$ 19,210	
*In June, we made the final payment for dismissal from the PCUSA. We "borrowed" from church savings to make this payment. To restore those funds for future ministry uses, we need to collect \$10,730. If you have a pledge balance, please continue to make pledge payments until this money is restored to the savings account.				



Daily Lectionary:

Wednesday, September 19

Morning: Pss. 15;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Job 42:1–17
Acts 16:16–24
John 12:20–26

Thursday, September 20

Morning: Pss. 36;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Job 28:1–28
Acts 16:25–40
John 12:27–36a

Friday, September 21

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Esther 1:1–4, 10–19
Acts 17:1–15
John 12:36b–43

Saturday, September 22

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Esther 2:5–8, 15–23
Acts 17:16–34
John 12:44–50

Sunday, September 23

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Esther 3:1–4:3
James 1:19–27
Matt. 6:1–6, 16–18

Monday, September 24

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Esther 4:4–17
Acts 18:1–11
Luke (1:1–4) 3:1–14

Tuesday, September 25

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Esther 5:1–14
Acts 18:12–28
Luke 3:15–22

Wednesday, September 26

Morning: Pss. 65;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Esther 6:1–14
Acts 19:1–10
Luke 4:1–13

Thursday, September 27

Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Esther 7:1–10
Acts 19:11–20
Luke 4:14–30

Friday, September 28

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Esther 8:1–8, 15–17
Acts 19:21–41
Luke 4:31–37

Saturday, September 29

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Esther 9:1–32
Acts 20:1–16
Luke 4:38–44

Sunday, September 30

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Hos. 1:1–2:1
James 3:1–13
Matt. 13:44–52

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Pray for Cary Franklin, Wesley and Betty Wilson, Dana Gilmour, Harriett George, Tess and Kim Robins, Charlotte Martin, David Guthrie, E J Rowe, Virginia Wilkinson, Stephanie Markoff, David Lipps, Bob McCreary, and Wayne Oliver. If you have a prayer request, even if it is unspoken, you may call the church office and your prayer request will be placed here.

Gloucester House: Wayne Gates
Brookdale, Williamsburg:
Virginia Powers, & Barbara Tremblay



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