



The Church Mouse

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER | GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 14, 2018– VOLUME 2

Worship Opportunity for Sunday Oct. 14th

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title: Four Forms of Prayer: “Wow!”

Psalm 8 and Acts 16:16-32

Praise and adoration are the first form of prayer, as we acknowledge who God is, what God has done, and God acts in and relates to God’s creation and those who live within that creation.

We Look forward to sharing in worship with you!

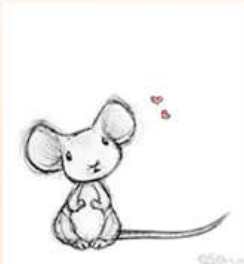
Coffee time 9:00 AM

Sunday School 9:15 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Church Events

- Oct. 16th – Rachel Circle meets at 10 AM, Handbells at 4:30 PM, Hospitality meets at 7 PM
- Oct. 17th – Men’s Prayer Breakfast is at 7 AM, Taking Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 9 AM, Ensemble 6:15 & Choir at 7 PM
- Oct. 21st – Women’s Ensemble meets at 9:15 AM



Sunday Servants:

1 ST SUNDAY	2 ND SUNDAY	3 RD SUNDAY	4 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
LITURGISTS:			
Warren Deal	Cyndy Moore	Sandy Pait	Deb Shelby
ACOLYTES:			
Mac Montgomery	Bradyn Barr	Nikko Medeiros	Josh Julian

Sunday School Teachers Training

You're invited to the Christian Education Lunch & Learn!! Our elementary and preschool teaching teams will be grabbing lunch in the fellowship hall immediately following service and learning more about best practices for teaching elementary/preschool students, getting technology updates, and exploring new and exciting resources for the classroom. If you are interested in what we do and how we do it, please join us. All are welcome! If you are not currently teaching, but would like to join us, just email Cindy at

cindy.dce@gracecovenant.us

Elementary Teaching Team *Lunch & Learn:*
October 28, 2018

Preschool Teaching Team *Lunch & Learn:*
November 4, 2018



Exodus 15: 11-13

11 'Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?

Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

12 You stretched out your right hand, the earth swallowed them.

13 'In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed; you guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

News/Notes:

Lorna Wass funeral is this Sat. **Oct. 13th** at 2 PM here at Grace Covenant.

The Ware Circle of the King's Daughters and Sons spaghetti dinner is next Friday evening from 5- 7:30 PM

Youth Group is not meeting this Sunday, Oct. 21st.

Save the Date: on **Oct. 31st** we are having "Hot Dog Night" again. This is Halloween. If you want to come help, please wear your green "GCPC" shirt (if you have one). We will be giving hotdogs to families that come out to "trick or treat" on main street. This event was a lot of fun last year!

Thoughts

This has been on my mind lately...

I think about all the amazing people doing amazing things without anyone knowing or acknowledging them. I think about those that are always being told how wonderful they are and are acknowledged by many. I think about the people that on the outside look like they have it all, yet behind closed doors their life, family, or marriage is falling apart. I think about those people who are happy and confident on the outside yet can hardly bare the hurt on the inside. I think about the well-behaved children that seem to follow every command. I think about "those" kids that aren't as obedient. I think about the families with special needs children. I think about how rampant divorce is. I think about those that believe there is a God, and those that don't. I think about the dad's with great jobs, the one's without jobs, and those that recently lost their job. I think about those people that have low tolerance for kids. I think about the statistics of abused and battered woman and children. I think about the statistics of people diagnosed with cancer or other chronic illnesses. I think about those that have unexpectedly lost a loved one. I think about life and how HARD it can be.

And then I think about...

The lady that was so patiently waiting behind me and played with my baby at Hobby Lobby while they SLOWLY processed my return. I think about the checker at the grocery store that hardly looked up. I think about the bully at school. I think about a teenager that is pregnant. I think about a sister. I think about a brother. I think about my parents. I think about my friends. I think about my family members. I think about the people waiting in the doctor's office. I think about my kids. I think about other people's kids.

I don't know the lady's story at Hobby Lobby, I don't know the cashier's story, or the bully's story, but I do know a lot of these stories, and what I've learned from the stories I do know, is that we need to be a little kinder, a little more understanding, a little more compassionate, a little more forgiving, and a little less harsh, a little less "they should do this, or they should do that", and a little less judgmental. I've learned that even when we think we know the full story, we so often don't.

The truth is, we will never walk in someone else's shoes, but we can always walk with them.

Be kind to someone today that is not kind to you. You don't know their full story.

Celebrate!

Birthdays:

Mia Sadler	10/01
Lois Harrington	10/03
Rebecca Schmitz	10/06
Calvin Fahrion	10/08
Sherri Lutz	10/08
Pat Perkins	10/09
Amy Denison	10/09
Sylvia Jones	10/12
Sissy Hall	10/12
Joyce Duke	10/13
Lori Jones	10/13
Harry Sindle	10/14
Jackie Wiatt	10/14
Barbara Fleming-Fahrion	10/14
Steve Lanning	10/20
Pam Driggs	10/21
Jean Crowder	10/23
Wesley Wilson	10/24
Lyn Claybrook	10/24
Ella Taylor	10/24
Eva Towell	10/26
Jack Pennington	10/27
Ben Norris	10/29
William Wells Jr.	10/29
Wynne Beale	10/31
Lewis Horsley	10/31

Anniversaries:

Louis & Patricia Mulligan	10/07
Carter & Nancy Richardson	10/11
Ben & Jane Norris	10/15
Bernard & Charlotte Ambrose	10/21
Warren & Becky Deal	10/23
Robert & Susan McCreary	10/31



Daily Lectionary:

Saturday, October 13

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Hos. 10:1–15
Acts 25:13–27
Luke 8:16–25

Sunday, October 14

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Hos. 11:1–11
1 Cor. 4:9–16
Matt. 15:21–28

Monday, October 15

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Hos. 11:12–12:1
Acts 26:1–23
Luke 8:26–39

Tuesday, October 16

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Hos. 12:2–14
Acts 26:24–27:8
Luke 8:40–56

Wednesday, October 17

Morning: Pss. 15;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Hos. 13:1–3
Acts 27:9–26
Luke 9:1–17

Thursday, October 18

Morning: Pss. 36;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Hos. 13:4–8
Acts 27:27–44
Luke 9:18–27

Friday, October 19

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Hos. 13:9–16
Acts 28:1–16
Luke 9:28–36

Saturday, October 20

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Hos. 14:1–9
Acts 28:17–31
Luke 9:37–50

Sunday, October 21

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Micah 1:1–9
1 Cor. 10:1–13
Matt. 16:13–20

Monday, October 22

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Micah 2:1–13
Rev. 7:1–8
Luke 9:51–62

Tuesday, October 23

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Micah 3:1–8
Rev. 7:9–17
Luke 10:1–16

Thank you Note:

To my friends of the prayer shawl ministry: thank you so much for knitting my shawl, which Pam and I keep handy in the den. I know that each physical stitch was intertwined with a prayer for my recovery. To us, it's a visible reminder of the power of the many prayers made by our Covenant Partners recently, to bring healing to me.

Thanks, John Kupiec

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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