

# GRACE PRESBYTERIAN

September 16, 2007 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:45 a.m.

GATHERING PRAISE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

BOWING BEFORE GOD IN PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SERMON "Mabel, Mabel, If You're Able"

CELEBRATION SONG

BLESSING

DEPARTING IN FAITH AND HOPE

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September 16, 2007 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:15 a.m.

Today we use *The Presbyterian Hymnal (1990)*

PRELUDE "Prelude in C" ...J.S. Bach

CHIMES

The Congregation Stands

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #460 (stanzas 1-3)

Holy God, We Praise Your Name GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Psalm 14:1-2 and 1Tim. 1:12, 14, 17)

Leader: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

People: **But we rejoice, for our wisdom flows from Jesus who strengthens us and judges us faithful.**

Leader: God looks in vain to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

People: **But we rejoice, for the lives of the faithful overflow with mercy and grace, and the love of Christ himself.**

Leader: Let us worship God who has graciously gifted us with that love.

All: **To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be**

honor and glory forever and ever! Amen.

**GLORIA #579**

GREATOREX

The Congregation is Seated

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We stand before you, Saving God, stripped of our pretensions and pride, for nothing we do or say, or do not, is hidden from you. You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves; you sift through the rubble of the hurts we have caused; you see how we stumble because we cannot let go of all the 'stuff' which keeps us from following Jesus. We stand before you, Holy God, hands emptied of all our worries and doubts, asking you to fill them with your grace and hope. Do not forsake us, but deliver us, as you have promised through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*A Time for Silent Prayers of Confession*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** The mercy and grace of God overflows in Jesus Christ, “who came into this world to save sinners” and so we rejoice that in Jesus Christ we are found and forgiven.

**All:** **In Jesus Christ, we all are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!**

The Congregation Stands

**HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #460 (stanza 4)**

**Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

**Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: Three we name You,  
While in essence only One; Undivided God we claim You,  
And adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*(The people greet fellow worshipers with the peace of Christ)*

The Congregation is Seated

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN #304 (stanza 1)**

**Jesus Loves Me!**

**JESUS LOVES ME**

**CHILDREN IN THE CHANCEL**

**ANTHEM**

**Rejoice In the Lord**

**Stan Pethel**

Rejoice in the Lord, His praises proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name.  
The name all victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.  
God rules from on high; almighty is He. We come unified, His servants are we.  
The great congregation His triumphs shall sing, Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.  
Salvation belongs to God and God alone.

We honor Him as He rules from heaven's throne.  
Tribute now we bring as praises we proclaim  
With saints and angels we join exalting His name.  
Then let us adore and give Him His right all glory and power, all wisdom and might;  
All honor and blessing with angels above, with thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

### **SERMON**

**"Mabel, Mabel, If You're Able"**

The Congregation Stands

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**This is the good news which we have received,  
In which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:  
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,  
that he was buried,  
that he was raised on the third day,  
and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter,  
and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;  
he is our Lord and our God.  
Amen.**

The Congregation is Seated

## **INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**Leader:** Today, one of the ways we respond to God's word is by celebrating the gifts of leadership with which God has graced women throughout the centuries. We remember the women of the Bible, like Miriam, Deborah, Naomi and Ruth, Elizabeth, Mary, Mary Magdalene, Lydia, Prisca, and Phoebe. And we also remember those whose names we do not know but whom God used for the perfecting of God's people. Indeed, we thank God this day for all the women who have touched our lives and brought us to greater faith and service. The Presbyterian women here at Grace have a wealth of leadership gifts and we recognize today those women who have offered their gifts to God by agreeing to serve as officers of Presbyterian Women this year.

*~Introduction of Officers~*

**Leader:** The grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace. By God's grace we are saved, and enabled to grow in faith and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ. God has called you to leadership within Presbyterian Women. Please show your commitments by answering these questions.

**Leader:** Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Officers:** Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

**Leader:** Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

**Officers:** **With the help of God, I will.**

**Leader:** Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are

determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors and to work on the reconciliation of the world?

**Officers: By the grace of God, I do.**

Leader: Will you serve Presbyterian Women with energy, intelligence, imagination and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

**Officers: With the help of God, I will.**

Leader: Do you, the members of Grace Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to our sisters in the service of Jesus Christ?

**Congregation: We do.**

Leader: Will you support them and encourage them in ministry?

**Congregation: With the help of God, we will.**

### **Commissioning Prayer**

**Grace Presbyterian Women Officers** will be installed this morning and their names are as follows: Moderator – Jan Evans; Vice Moderator – Wendi Glenn; Secretary – Jean Starnes; Treasurer – Susan Lawson; Historian - Dot Hathaway; Hostess – Jane McGoldrick. In addition the Circle Leaders are as follows: Circle #1 - Virginia Martin; Circle #2 -Linda Foster; Circle #3 - Miree Pomeroy; Circle #4 – Sara Lawson; Circle #5 – Sandy Kehrl

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

**The Lord's Prayer** (...forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us)

**Musical Amen**

### **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Come, Thou Fount "The Sacred Harp, 1844"  
Arranged by Ted Cornell**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing. Tune my heart to sing Thy praise.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

I am bound for the kingdom, Will you go to glory with me?  
Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it. Prone to leave the Lord I love.  
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it. Seal it for Thy courts above.

The Congregation Stands

**Doxology #592**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Prayer of Dedication**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN #391**

**Take My Life**

HENDON

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Trumpet Tune"

...Henry Purcell

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**Worship Attendance for September 9, 2007**

8:45	30
<u>11:15</u>	<u>74</u>
Total	104

**IN SERVICE THIS WEEK September 16, 2007**

Oversight Elders: Opening - Dossett Foster; Closing—Bill Carroll  
Hosts 11:15 a.m. Joan Tinnen, Dossett Foster, Sandy Kehrli, and Bill Carroll

**IN SERVICE NEXT WEEK September 23 , 2007**

Oversight Elders: Opening - Joe Bishop; Closing - Cathy Bendall  
Hosts 11:15 a.m. Frances Kitterman, John Price, Daryl and Johnnie Davis

**THE SESSION (Our governing body)**

<b><u>Class of 2008</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2009</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2010</u></b>
Dossett Foster, Session Clerk	Cathy Bendall	Bill Carroll
John Gordon	Joe Bishop	John Evans
Cathy Harris	Byron Graves	Mark Gray
Charlotte Hicks	Sandy Kehrli	Jean Markham
Sarah Pfaffenroth	Miree Pomeroy	Walt Schrimper
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPT. 16 THROUGH- SEPT. 23, 2007**

**Sunday, September 16, 2007**

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:15 am Traditional Worship  
5:00 pm Bell Choir rehearsal  
1:00 pm Youth Park Picnic

**Monday September 17, 2007**

7:00 pm Session

**Tuesday, September 18, 2007**

1:00 pm Prayer Group

**Wednesday, September 19, 2007**

6:00– 8:30 pm Youth Study  
7:30 choir

**Thursday September 20, 2007**

7:00 Congregational Care

**Sunday, September 23, 2007**

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
10:00 am Sunday school.  
11:15 am Traditional Worship  
5:00 pm Bell Choir rehearsal

**REMEMBER THESE  
MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH**

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Betty Stedham

cancer & chemo

Lindsey James	Her mother, Deborah is very ill
Martha Wingard	recooperating at home
Susan Fox	regulating medicaton
Mary Price	upcoming surgery
Sandy Kehrli	upcoming surgery
Bogan Family	moving to St. Louis today
Sandy Harrold	Cancer, blood clot

**LIFTED UP BY OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Mike Russell	recovering from Colon Cancer Surgery
Alleen Redditt	leaking heart valve Hospice care at home
Cecil Redditt , Jean Markham's nephew	brain surgery September 17th
Quenton Clark , Gail Hackney's Mom	althzeimers
Maurine Roden, Linda Tolley's mom	broken hip/colitus
Eugene Roden, Linda Tolley's dad	lymphoma
Joe Perkins, Gail Hackney's friend	Blood clots in leg and both lungs
John Busby's father	he is in ICU with pneumonia

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**WELCOME VISITORS.** In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship today. Please sign the fellowship pad during the announcements so that we may have a record of your presence.

**Youth News:** Today we will meet at church at 1:00 PM for a picnic and return at 3:30 PM. There will be hotdogs and hamburgers. Please bring a 2-liter drink or bag of chips to share, along with a Frisbee, football, etc. Coming up on Sunday, Oct. 7th will be a video scavenger hunt.

**Day Trippers:** A visit will be made to the historic Mt. Carmel and Covington Presbyterian churches in Covington on Monday, Sept. 24, followed by lunch in Covington. Rev Mat Taylor, pastor at Covington Presbyterian Church, has volunteered to guide us for a historic tour of the two churches. Call Byron or Diane Graves at 386-6779 to reserve your seat. We will be leaving Grace at 8:30 a.m.

**Communion Workshop:** Rev. Reese and the Worship Committee will be holding this workshop September 30th at 3:00 pm. It is designed to help children learn more about the sacrament and help parents to make an informed decision about whether their child is ready to take communion. Children will bake the bread which will be used the following World Communion Sunday. Designed for ages 4 to 10 years; but all children are welcome.

**Secretarial Help Needed:** Our attempts to hire a part-time secretarial Assistant have been unsuccessful thus far. If you know of a talented individual who would like to work 16 hours a week in the Administrative Office, please let Rev. Reese of Dossett Foster know. Also, if you are willing to volunteer to help, let us know. Rev. Judith is in dire need of secretarial help to free her for the ministry to which we have called her. Dossett Foster, Clerk of Session

