

# GRACE PRESBYTERIAN

September 23, 2007 25<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

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-13

SERMON "We Do See Jesus"

CELEBRATION SONG

BLESSING

DEPARTING IN FAITH AND HOPE

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September 23, 2007 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:15 a.m.

Today we use *The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue)*

PRELUDE "The Lord's My Shepherd" ...arr. Stan Pethel

CHIMES

The Congregation Stands

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(adapted from Psalm 113)*

Leader: Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

People: **Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore!**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be

praised.  
**All: The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. Let us praise the LORD!**

**GLORIA #579**

GREATOREX

The Congregation is Seated

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Leader:** “For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” (2 Corinthians 4:6)  
Most Holy God, we yearn to see Jesus; we yearn to see your own glory reflected in his dear face.

**People: But the cares of the world clouds our vision; our eyes grow dim as we place our trust in our own abilities.**

**Leader:** Forgive us, O God, and open our eyes, for we would see Jesus.

**People: Forgive us, O God, and remove every worldly blindfold, for we would see Jesus.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”**

*A Time for Silent Prayers of Confession*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Leader:** In these last days God has spoken to us by a Son and he is the pioneer of our salvation. So hear, believe and live the Good News: in Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

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

The Congregation Stands

**HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #306 (stanza 1) Fairest Lord Jesus**

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God to earth come down,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will honor,  
Thou, my soul’s glory, joy and crown.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**People: And also with you.**

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

The Congregation is Seated

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN Jesus Loves the Little Children**

**Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.  
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight.  
Jesus loves the little children of the world!**

**CHILDREN IN THE CHANCEL**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

**Mark 10:13-16**

The Congregation Stands

**HYMN #339 Be Thou My Vision**

SLANE

**READING FROM THE EPISTLES**

**Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-13**

**SERMON**

**“We Do See Jesus”**

The Congregation Stands

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Congregation is Seated

**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**

**Grant Us Thy Peace**

**Felix Mendelssohn**

**Grant us Thy peace, almighty Lord, Thou source of every blessing.  
Feeble and frail, trust we Thy Word, all things in Thee possessing.  
In Thee is our hope and safety.**

The Congregation Stands

**Doxology #592**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Prayer of Dedication**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN # 466 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

AZMON

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Hymn to Joy”**

**...Beethoven**

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**Worship Attendance for September 16, 2007**

8:45 29  
11:15 89  
Total 118

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

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

**IN SERVICE NEXT WEEK September 30 , 2007**

Oversight Elders: Walt Schrimper Closing Jere Lawson  
Hosts 11:15 a.m. Daryl & Johnnie Davis, Virginia Martin and John Dotson

**THE SESSION (Our governing body)**

<b>Class of 2008</b>	<b>Class of 2009</b>	<b>Class of 2010</b>
Dossett Foster, Session Clerk	Cathy Bendall	Bill Carroll
John Gordon	Joe Bishop	John Evans
Cathy Harris	Byron Graves	Mark Gray
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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.

**CONTACTING THE PASTOR :** The Interim Pastor's office hours will be: Mondays from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm and Thursdays from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. Rev. Reese will also be available by appointment anytime Monday - Thursday. If there is a pastoral emergency, please do not hesitate to call Rev. Reese anytime on her cell phone, (901) 233-7813 or by e-mail at [jreese@grace-pres.org](mailto:jreese@grace-pres.org).

Because of all the privacy concerns, hospitals no longer notify churches when one of their members are in the hospital. Oftentimes we do not know when one of our church family is hospitalized. If you or a family member are in the hospital and would like a visit from the Interim Pastor or would like your name to be placed on the prayer list, please call the church office and let us know. You may also e-mail the church with your prayer concern at [prayer@grace-pres.org](mailto:prayer@grace-pres.org).

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPT. 23 THROUGH- SEPT. 30, 2007**

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  
6:00 pm Service of Wholeness

Monday September 24, 2007

8:30 am Day Trippers depart  
7:00 pm PW Board Mtg @ Jan  
Evans

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

1:00 pm Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

7:30 choir

Sunday, September 30, 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
Sandy Kehrli	Upcoming surgery
The John Dotson Family	death of father

**LIFTED UP BY OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Mike Russell	recovering from Colon Cancer Surgery
Alleen Redditt	leaking heart valve Hospice care at home
Cecil Redditt Tumor on pituitary	brain surgery in early September
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, friend of Gail Hackney	hospitalized with blood clots

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**THE FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING:**The Congregational Life committee is busy planning the Fall Festival, to be held October 28, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. This is **the one big annual event** at Grace Presbyterian Church specifically geared for the youth and children of the church and the community.

We will be depending on volunteers to help us make this a success. Tentative plans are to have 9 games inside the church, plus the ever popular cake walk. We will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks to help offset some of the cost of the Festival, so plan to come and have dinner at the church. Approximately 15 – 20 volunteers will be needed for the 2 hour period – hopefully we will have enough volunteers to designate 30 minute duty periods. We are also hoping to have enough volunteers to have the **Trick or Trunk** activity again this year.

Collection boxes for donations of Halloween candy will be in the narthex from now until the Festival date, please be generous with your donations. Signup sheets for volunteers will also be posted in the narthex,

Plan to attend, plan to volunteer, and plan to see the joy in the eyes of the children

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** The PW Board meeting will be Monday, September 24th, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the home of Jan Evans.

This is the last day to register for the Presbyterian Women's Fall Workshop Gathering on Saturday, October 6, at Shady Grove Presbyterian Church. The workshop is from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.

The cost is \$6.00 which includes lunch. If you plan to attend and you have not sent in your registration please see Jan Evans today. We can car pool from Grace on the day of the gathering.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SOUP KITCHEN:** The church would like to acknowledge and than the following people who serve at the soup kitchen on September 9, 2007: Polly & Walt Schrimper, Amy & Joe Bishop, Dossett Forster and John Gordon

**DAY TRIPPERS:** Tomorrow, September 24, the Day Trippers will be visiting historic Mt. Carmel and Covington Presbyterian Church. The church van will leave Grace at 8:30 AM. Call Byron or Diane Graves 386-6779 to reserve your seat on the bus.

The sympathy of the Church goes out to the family of John Busby over the death of his father John T. Busby who died Monday September 17 at ten o'clock.