

# Grace Presbyterian

September 30, 2007 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45 a.m.

## Gathering Praise

### Welcome & Announcements

### Sharing Christ's Peace

### Praise & Thanksgiving

### A Moment For Evangelism

### 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

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me"

### Elebration Song

### Blessing

### Departing In Faith And Hope

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**September 30, 2007 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:15 a.m.**

Today we use *The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue)*

**PRELUDE** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian".. .arr. Donna Williams

### CHIMES

The Congregation Stands

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN #288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God ELLACOMBE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Psalm 66)

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what God has done for me.

**People: Come and see what God has done: God is awesome in his deeds among mortals.**

Leader: Bless our God, O Peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

**All: Come, all you who fear God, let us tell what God has done for us!**  
**GLORIA #579**

The Congregation is Seated

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Sunday after Sunday, O God, we remember your goodness toward us. Our hearts fill with gratitude as we recall your saving grace and healing power in our own individual lives.**

**But, yet, O God.....**

**We confess that the Good News stays mostly within these walls. We do not tell others of your goodness and grace; we do not proclaim your living and life-giving Word. Forgive us, Holy God, and fill us with Pentecostal power in the name of Christ Jesus. Move us beyond our timidity and fear so that we may tell the whole world of your hope, joy and love, not only with our lips but also with our lives. *A Time for Silent Prayers of Confession***

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Leader:** This is our assurance: God forgives us.

This is our hope: God's love is everlasting.

This is our truth: God is with us always.

Rejoice and be glad, for in Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven!

**All:** We will speak the truth; we will live the hope; We will share God's forgiveness. Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Congregation Stands

#### **HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #181 (stanza 4)**

ELLACOMBE

**Come Sing to God**

**You change my grief to joy-filled dance,  
my sorrows You destroy.**

**In faithfulness You hear my cry  
and fill my life with joy.**

**And so to You my heart shall sing,  
my voice your goodness raise.**

**You are my God, forevermore,  
my life shall sing Your praise.**

#### **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**

#### **A Moment For Evangelism**

**Gathering Hymn This Little Christian Light**

**This little Christian light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!**

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**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory**      **Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord**  
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HALL

**Doxology #592**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Affirmation Of Vision**

**We are a compassionate and loving church, called to bring the Word and Grace of God to our congregation and community. We will share the Good News of the Gospel with everyone through worship, Christian education and ministry by example. We will build bridges to others who may not know God or who have lost touch with God, to bring them hope for salvation through the Word of God. With strength from the Holy Spirit and the warmth of God’s Love, we are able to do all things for Christ’s Kingdom. Through unselfish giving of our time and talents, we will lead others to know Christ.**

**Recessional Hymn # 426**

**Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak**

CANONBURY

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Maestoso”

...Joseph Bonnet

**Worship Attendance for September 23, 2007**

8:45 44  
11:15 87  
Total 131

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

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

**IN SERVICE NEXT WEEK October 7 , 2007**

Oversight Elders: Opening Dossett Foster Closing Sandy Kehrl  
Hosts 11:15 a.m. June Kuykendall, Daryl & Johnnie Davis and John Dotson

**THE SESSION (Our governing body)**

**Class of 2008**

Dossett Foster, Session Clerk  
John Gordon  
Cathy Harris  
Charlotte Hicks  
Sarah Pfaffenroth  
Jere Lawson

**Class of 2009**

Cathy Bendall  
Joe Bishop  
Byron Graves  
Sandy Kehrl  
Miree Pomeroy  
John Price

**Class of 2010**

Bill Carroll  
John Evans  
Mark Gray  
Jean Markham  
Walt Schrimper  
Jean Starnes

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPT. 30 THROUGH OCT 7, 2007**

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

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

1:00 pm Prayer Group  
7:00 pm Cong Life

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

7:30 choir

Sunday, October 7, 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
Martha Wingard	recooperating at home
Sandy Kehrli	Upcoming surgery
The John Busby Family	death of father
Sandy Harrold	cancer

Betsey and Don Bogen  
Sarah and Mark Pfaffenroth  
Duty

moving  
Iraq Tour of

### **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
Eugene Roden, Linda Tolley's dad	lymphoma
Stratton Daniel, family of Charlotte and Don Hicks	hospital

### **NOTE TO PARENTS:**

Part of my job as Christian Ministry Director is to be available to you a & your children when your family has any special needs or prayer concerns. This includes anytime your child is sick or injured & especially if they or you are hospitalized. I want to be here for you and for your children and to help you nurture them not only by teaching them about our God and Father but by also being a good Christian example to them in word and deed. You are always welcome to call me at home (386-7004) and I will return your call as soon as possible. You may email concerns or prayer requests to me @ [bbogen@grace-pres.org](mailto:bbogen@grace-pres.org). *Betsey Bogen*

### **COMMUNION WORKSHOP:**

Reverend Reese and the Worship Committee will be leading a Communion Workshop for Children and their parents on Sunday, September 30th at 3:00 pm. This workshop is designed to help children learn more about the sacrament and help parents to make a more informed decision about whether their child is ready to take Communion. Children will bake the bread which will be used on the following World Communion Sunday. While designed for children between the ages of 4 and years, all children are invited to participate.

**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 [reese@grace-pres.org](mailto:reese@grace-pres.org).

**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

**DAY TRIPPERS:** Day Trippers is sponsoring Bingo, Friday night, October 19 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. This special night Bingo will offer an opportunity for people to participate who do not belong to Day Trippers activities. You are asked to bring snacks, chips or desserts to share with others. Come join the fun and fellowship - reservations are not required. Transportation for members unable to drive at night will be arranged, call Byron or Diane Graves at 386-6779

**STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON IS COMING ON SUNDAY, Oct. 21:** On Oct. 21, a joint worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by a Stewardship Luncheon hosted by the Commitment Committee with assistance from the Congregational Life Committee. The luncheon will consist of a delicious lasagna dinner with salad and bread catered by Coletta's, with desserts to be provided by our Presbyterian women. Of course, drinks will also be provided. The cost of the luncheon is only \$6.00 per person. Tickets will be sold in the foyer on Oct. 7 and on Oct. 14 after the early service, after Sunday School, and after the late service. As the luncheon is concluding, those attending will be provided information regarding the church's financial needs for 2008 and will have an opportunity to ask questions. We hope to have a great turnout for both the joint service and the luncheon as we consider our financial commitment to the church for the coming year.