

# GRACE PRESBYTERIAN

**September 9, 2007 23<sup>rd</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

Jeremiah 18:1-11

**SERMON**

**"Thou Art the Potter"**

Rev. Reese

**RALLYING AROUND OUR LEADERS AND LEARNERS**

CELEBRATION SONG

BLESSING

DEPARTING IN FAITH AND HOPE

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**September 9, 2007 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:15 a.m.**

Today we use *The Presbyterian Hymnal (1990)*

**PRELUDE** "How Firm A Foundation"

Arr. Ron Boud

**CHIMES**

The Congregation Stands

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #274 (stanzas 1-3)**

**O God of Earth and Space**

LEONI

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(adapted from Psalm 139)*

Leader: Come, let us praise God:

People: **Who knows us when we sleep, when we rise and all the  
moments in-between.**

Leader: Come, let us gather in God's Holy Spirit:

People: **Who is with us no matter where we go or what we do.**

Leader: We, who are fearfully and wonderfully made, will bless  
our Creator;

All: **We will worship the Lord our God whose wonderful works have**

been made known to us!

GLORIA #579

GREATOREX

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, Molder and Maker, you would form us in your own image but we often resist your guiding touch. You intend good for us, O God, yet we close our ears to your voice and allow ourselves to be conformed to the world. In your infinite mercy, sever us from our sin so that your Spirit may bind us to you. Reshape us, redeem us, renew us, so we may take up our crosses and follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

*A Time for Silent Prayers of Confession*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Leader:** The God who calls us is the God who created us; the God who formed us is the God who forgives us. I declare to you that in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven.

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

*The Congregation Stands*

### HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #274 (stanza 4)

**O God Of Earth And Space**

**Your word commands response and summons us to life.**

**We follow, strengthened by your grace, in calm or strife.**

**Our ever-present help, our challenge and our prod,**

**We praise you now and to life's end, Eternal God.**

### 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

### CHILDREN IN THE CHANCEL

### HYMN OF ILLUMINATION

**Have Thine Own Way, Lord!** (stanzas 1 & 4)

ADELAIDE

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after Thy will,

While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Hold o'er my being absolute sway!

Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me!

**READING FROM THE PSALMS      Psalm 139:1-18**

**ANTHEM                      *Wings of the Dawn*                      Linda Spencer**

*Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit and when I rise.  
Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I go from your presence?  
If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
Even there your hand will guide me. Your right hand will hold me fast.  
If I say surely darkness will hide me, and the light be dark around me,  
Not even dark is dark to you. Night will shine like the days.  
So I'll praise you, lift up my voice and I'll praise you, Lord,  
Father I praise you, praise you, my Lord, yes I'll praise you, Lord.  
You created me within. You knit me in my mother's womb.  
I praise you for I am fearfully made. Your works are wonderful.  
Rise on the wings of the dawn. --Based on Psalm 139*

**READING FROM THE PROPHETS      Jeremiah 18:1-11**

**SERMON                      "Thou Art the Potter"**

The Congregation Stands

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The Apostles' Creed (unison, p. 14, Traditional)**

The Congregation is Seated

**RALLYING AROUND OUR CHURCH SCHOOL**

**LEADERS AND LEARNERS**

**Pastor:** In the name of Christ, the great Teacher of God, we are charged to: "Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

**People:** **"There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Eph. 4:1-6)**

**Pastor:** Through baptism into the body of Christ, God calls every member to willing, dedicated discipleship. Discipleship is a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility. In order to help us become disciples of Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit pours out unique, spiritual gifts upon each one of us for the building up of the body of Christ. Today, we give thanks to God for the special gifts of those disciples who will lead our Church School and those disciples who will grow in the wisdom and knowledge of the Lord by participating in our Church School.

***[Recognition of Church School Leaders]***

Church School Leaders, God has called you to particular service and we are grateful for your response to this high calling of Christ and his church. And now I ask you:

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Leaders:**      **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior**

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

**Leaders: I will, with God's help.**

Pastor: Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors and to work for the reconciling of the world?

**Leaders: I do.**

Pastor: Do you, members of Grace Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to our Sisters and Brothers who will lead our Church School?

**People: We do.**

Pastor: Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?

**People: We will.**

Pastor: Will the children please stand up? Today you begin a new year of learning about God and the Good News of Jesus Christ. What you learn here will go with you all your lives and will help you to grow up into faithful disciples. So, now, I ask you: Will you sit quietly and listen to your teacher?

**Children: I will.**

Pastor: Will you learn about God and Jesus and the way to live as Christians?

**Children: I will.**

Pastor: Will you treat everyone in your class with kindness and respect?

**Children: I will.**

Pastor: And, now, Christians, I ask each one of you: will you, over this academic year, commit yourself to learning deeper truths of God's love, clearer ways of service to Christ's kingdom and sweeter bonds of unity with brothers and sisters. Will you?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

## **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**     ***Lord, I Want to Be a Christian***  
**Traditional Spirituality arranged by Mark Cabaniss**  
**Karen Guerini, soprano**

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

The Congregation Stands

**Doxology #592**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Prayer of Dedication**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN #388**

**O Jesus, I Have Promised**

ANGEL'S STORY

## **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Emma Lou Diemer

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**Worship Attendance for September 2, 2007**

8:45	42
<u>11:15</u>	<u>80</u>
Total	122

**IN SERVICE THIS WEEK September 9, 2007**

Oversight Elders: Opening—Dossett Foster Closing-John Gordon  
Hosts 11:15 a.m. Gail Hackney, Mildred & Earl Culverhouse and Ken Hathaway

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

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

**THE SESSION (Our governing body)**

<u>Class of 2008</u>	<u>Class of 2009</u>	<u>Class of 2010</u>
Dossett Foster, Session Clerk	Cathy Bendall	Bill Carroll
John Gordon	Joe Bishop	John Evans
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**DAY TRIPPERS: DAY TRIPPERS DATE HAS CHANGED.**

The Day Trippers trip to the West Tennessee Delta Heritage Center in Brownsville scheduled for Monday, August 27 has been changed to Wednesday, August 29. We will still be leaving the church at 9:15 am. For reservations, please call Byron or Diane Graves, 386-6779.

**GAME NIGHT:** The Congregational Life Committee is sponsoring Game Night this Friday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Reservations are not required, just bring drinks, chips and/or snacks or desserts, and your favorite game. Anyone wanting to attend, who is unable to drive at night, call Byron or Diane Graves at 386-6779 and arrangements will be made for transportation.

**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.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPT. 9 THROUGH- SEPT. 16, 2007**

**Sunday, September 9, 2007**

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
10:00 am Rally Day.  
11:15 am Traditional Worship  
5:00 pm Bell Choir rehearsal  
6:00 8:30 Youth Movie

**Monday September 10, 2007**

6:30 pm PW. Gathering Pot Luck  
7:00 pm Commitment Com

**Tuesday, September 11, 2007**

1:00 pm Prayer Group  
6:00 pm Worship Com

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

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

Sunday, September 16, 2007

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
10:00 am Sunday school.  
11:15 am Traditional Worship  
2:30-5:00 pm Youth Picnic  
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	hospital stay
Susan Fox	regulating medicaton
Mary Price	upcoming surgery

**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

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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:** There will be a youth movie tonight, Sept. 9th, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM, with snacks. This is for fun, not our movie study. On Saturday, Sept. 15th, we will meet at church at 9:30 AM for golf and games at Putt-Putt. Cost is \$7 for Putt-Putt golf, 30 arcade tokens, popcorn and small drink, so bring extra money for additional food, tokens, etc. We will return to church by 1:30 PM. On Sunday, Sept. 16th 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.

**Presbyterian Women:** Grace PW will meet Monday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 PM at church for the Fall Gathering pot luck. This is "Bring a Friend" night. If you need a ride please contact your circle leader or Jan Evans (386-4672) to arrange transportation. After diner we will have the introduction to our Bible Study, "Above and Beyond Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth". There will also be a "door prize."