

## Morning Worship

The Prelude

The Greeting and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer

The Call to Worship

\* The Hymn of Praise No. 389 – *This Is The Day the Lord Has Made (Psalm 118)*

\* The Invocation

The Reading of Holy Scripture – **Acts 12:1-24**

The Corporate Confession of Sin

***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have rejected You, the fountain of living waters, and have made for ourselves broken cisterns that can hold no water. We have trusted in ourselves that we are righteous, and have looked down on others with contempt. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have considered ourselves better than those around us. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.***

\* The Assurance of Pardon and Call to Holiness – I Peter 1:18-19, 2:9-12

\* The Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 252 – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (new tune)*

\* The Confession of Faith – The Apostle’s Creed

***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 Spirit, 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 Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Hymn No. 529 – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

The Pastoral Prayer

\* The Reading of Holy Scripture – **Habakkuk 3**

*A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth. <sup>2</sup> LORD, I have heard the report about You and I fear. O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years, In the midst of the years make it known; In wrath remember mercy. <sup>3</sup> God comes from Teman, And the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah. His splendor covers the heavens, And the earth is full of His praise. <sup>4</sup> His radiance is like the sunlight; He has rays flashing from His hand, And there is the hiding of His power. <sup>5</sup> Before Him goes pestilence, And plague comes after Him. <sup>6</sup> He stood and surveyed the earth; He looked and startled the nations. Yes, the perpetual mountains were shattered, The ancient hills collapsed. His ways are everlasting. <sup>7</sup> I saw the tents of Cushan under distress, The tent curtains of the land of Midian were trembling. <sup>8</sup> Did the LORD rage against the rivers, Or was Your anger against the rivers, Or was Your wrath against the sea, That You rode on Your horses, On Your chariots of salvation? <sup>9</sup> Your bow was made bare, The rods of chastisement were sworn. Selah. You cleaved the earth with rivers. <sup>10</sup> The mountains saw You and quaked; The downpour of waters swept by. The deep uttered forth its voice, It lifted high its hands. <sup>11</sup> Sun and moon stood in their places; They went away at the light of Your arrows, At the radiance of Your gleaming spear. <sup>12</sup> In indignation You marched through the earth; In anger You trampled the nations. <sup>13</sup> You went forth for the salvation of Your people, For the salvation of Your anointed. You struck the head of the house of the evil To lay him open from thigh to neck. Selah. <sup>14</sup> You pierced with his own spears The head of his throngs. They stormed in to scatter us; Their exultation was like those Who devour the oppressed in secret. <sup>15</sup> You trampled on the sea with Your horses, On the surge of many waters. <sup>16</sup> I heard and my inward parts trembled, At the sound my lips quivered. Decay enters my bones, And in my place I tremble. Because I must wait quietly for the day of distress, For the people to arise who will invade us. <sup>17</sup> Though the fig tree should not blossom And there be no fruit on the vines, Though the yield of the olive should fail And the fields produce no food, Though the flock should be cut off from the fold And there be no cattle in the stalls, <sup>18</sup> Yet I will exult in the LORD, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. <sup>19</sup> The Lord GOD is my strength, And He has made my feet like hinds' feet, And makes me walk on my high places. For the choir director, on my stringed instruments.*

The Sermon – **“Faith Responds to Trials With Prayer”**

\* The Hymn of Commitment No. 508 – *Jesus, Lover of My Soul (new tune)*

\* The Congregational Response – *The Doxology* (No. 731)

\* The Benediction

\* The Postlude

\*Congregation Standing, If Able

The purpose of Grace Presbyterian Church is to glorify God by equipping individuals and families with the word of God so that by God’s grace they will grow in their service and worship of God, cultivate a genuinely loving fellowship, and influence the world for Jesus Christ.

## Evening Worship

The Prelude

The Call to Worship

\* The Psalm No. 624 – *Through All the Changing Scenes of Life (Psalm 34:1-4, 7-9)*

\* The Invocation

\* The Confession of Faith – Westminster Shorter Catechism #102-103 (page 877)

The Reading of Holy Scripture – **Deuteronomy 14**

The Congregational Hymns

The Evening Prayer

The Reading of Holy Scripture – **Mark 3:7-12**

The Sermon – **“The Repulsive Attraction of Jesus”**

\* The Hymn No. 174 – *O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord (new tune)*

\* The Congregational Response – *The Gloria Patri* (No. 735)

\* The Benediction

\* The Postlude

### A Guide to the Evening Worship

The Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs – Singing is not only commanded by God, it is one of the Christian’s great joys. In Colossians 3:16, Paul tells us to “let the word of Christ richly dwell within [us], with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in [our] hearts to God.” Notice Paul’s command that Psalms be included in the worship of the church (see also James 5:13). God has given us an inspired hymnbook, and therefore we seek to include the Psalms in our worship each Lord’s Day. The introduction to the Trinity Psalter, produced by the PCA, has this to say about Psalm-singing: “A distinctive piety develops as a result of Psalm-singing, a strong, militant, and bold spirituality...These are the songs of the *church militant*...Nearly every Psalm refers to the conflict between the righteous and the wicked (148 of 150 by one count), a theme which is almost nonexistent in modern hymns...The Psalms are also the songs of the *suffering church*. Whenever in the midst of persecution, death, physical illness, depression, or spiritual “desertions”, the people of God have found unparalleled “refuge and strength” in the God of the Psalms...Thus, the Psalms are unrivaled as a complete guide of spiritual life – precisely what they were meant to be. In them we find the whole range of human emotions and experiences. The Psalms are authentic. The joy of praise, the pain of persecution, the comfort of sonship, the sorrow of death, the hope of heaven, and the cry for justice all find full expression, often with vivid realism. This is to say that the Psalms are *human* in a way that few hymns dare to be. The whole body of Christian doctrine and experience is to be found in the Psalms.”

### A Guide to the Morning Service

Why Does the Minister Wear a Robe? – There are a variety of answers to this question. First, just as judges and doctors and police officers wear distinctive clothing to help people recognize their calling and role in society, so the plain, black academic robe in the pulpit helps to emphasize the calling and office of the pastor as teacher and preacher. It makes him more accessible to the people of God as *the pastor*, for the people of God are visibly reminded each Lord’s Day that this man has been set apart to the ministry by calling and preparation. Second, the simple robe draws your attention away from the minister himself (what kind of suit he is wearing, whether his tie matches his suit, etc.) and to the worship of the living God. Finally, the robe adds an air of seriousness, dignity, and reverence to the worship service. No one thinks anything when a minister wears a robe at a wedding – is not Lord’s Day worship a much more glorious and serious event? The robe is not essential – our reverence in worship should arise first and foremost because of Whom we worship. But since our society is so casual and flippant in its approach to God, the pastor’s robe is a helpful reminder that worship is serious business.

The Corporate Confession of Sin – As we come to worship each week, we ought to come with a keen awareness both of the holiness and majesty of God and of our own sinfulness and smallness. In every worship service, we confess our sins together, either in one of the pastoral prayers or in unison.

The Apostle’s Creed – This ancient creed was not written by the apostles, but is a summary of their core teachings. It came together in the 2nd through 6th century, and was used for catechism, baptismal confession, and worship. The Creed reminds us that there is a content to our faith; being “sincere” is not enough, for you can be “sincerely” wrong. We must believe the truth revealed in Scripture. Confessing our faith is very counter-cultural in today’s world, since anyone who believes something firmly is deemed a “radical.” Note that when we confess that Jesus “descended into hell,” we do not mean that for three days His soul was in hell or purgatory giving the damned a second chance. When Jesus died, His soul went immediately to be with His Father in heaven (Luke 23:43). The Creed is referring to the fact that Jesus suffered the wrath of God for His people on the cross, and that His body was in the grave for three days.

### Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church

If you are visiting with us, we pray the ministry of the Word and the fellowship of God’s people will encourage you. We would love to be able to follow up with you, so please fill out the information below and place it in the offering plate. We do have a nursery available for children four and under, but we love having every member of the covenant community gather with us to worship our Savior and King – feel free to keep your children with you. We celebrate the Lord’s Supper the first Sunday morning of each month. The Inquirers’ Class (a prerequisite for membership for non-PCA members) is offered regularly as a way to learn more about what we believe. If you have any questions about our church, the elders would be happy to talk with you after the service.

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Prayer Requests:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The nursery workers today are: B. Lee (SS); Gleason (MW-babies); L. Medley/L. Cummins (MW-toddlers); Row (EW). The nursery workers next Sunday are: G. McCall (SS); Cunningham (MW – babies/toddlers); Vick (EW).
- **CONNECT EVENT - This Wednesday** the Youth and their parents will be doing door to door visitation in the surrounding neighborhoods. We will meet in the cafeteria for prayer at 6 p.m. then have a brief strategy session in the music room at 6:15 p.m. Don't forget to bring supplies (bottled water, pens, paper, hand sanitizer, band aids, tape, etc.). You can bring any combination of these things or all of the above.
- **Catechism Training and Family Worship Seminar** - On **Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup>** Brad Winsted, Director of Christian Ministry International (CMI) out of Atlanta will be coming to do a training session on teaching the Catechism followed by an evening session on Family Worship. We will hold both of these seminars at the church offices and materials will be available for you to view. Everyone is welcome. The Catechism training seminar will begin at 4 p.m. followed by the Family Ministry Seminar at 6:00 p.m.
- **BOWLING GREEN CHURCH SERVICES** - We are planning a trip on **October 25<sup>th</sup>** to participate in the Bowling Green Church's anniversary celebration services. Services will be at 5:30 p.m. Plan to make the trip and encourage the church plant efforts at Bowling Green.

### GPC CALENDAR

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday School</b> – 9:15 a.m. <b>Morning Worship</b> – 10:30 a.m. <b>Evening Worship</b> – 6:00 p.m.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Calvin’s Institutes Reading Group</b> – 12:00-1:00 p.m. at the Church Office. Bring a brownbag lunch. <b>Building Committee</b> – 6:00 p.m. at the Church Office <b>Lee Anniversary!</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>RUF Large Group Meeting</b> – 8:30-9:30 pm in the UC
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Children’s Catechism</b> – 5:45-7:30 p.m. at Algood School <b>Youth Group</b> – 5:45-7:30 p.m. at Algood School <b>Small Group Bible Studies</b> – 6:00 p.m. at Algood School <b>Happy Birthday Cheryl Burks!</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Young &amp; Happy Men’s Fellowship</b> – 7:00 p.m. at Steele’s home <b>Happy Birthday Jen Lee!</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Happy Birthday David Powelson!</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Edenfield Anniversary!</b>

### THE SESSION

Teaching Elder: Caleb Cangelosi (calebcangelosi@gmail.com)  
Ruling Elders: Brad Bleasdale, Dennis Parker (Clerk of Session), Darryl Richards, Robert Row (Director of Family Ministries, robert.row.grace@gmail.com)

### THE DIACONATE

Todd Burks, Chuck Craig, David Cunningham, Jamey Farris, Jason Morse (Treasurer), Michael Savage, Wes Stevens, John Rust (Chairman)

### MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT

Pete Mitchell (France), Perry Heusmann (Italy), El Roi Children’s Home in Ethiopia, Third Millennium Ministries, Nashville Presbytery, Reformed University Fellowship at TTU, Reformed Youth Movement, Red Lake Indian Reservation, Helping Hands of Putnam County, Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic, Cookeville Rescue Mission, Cooking on the Square

### RUF CAMPUS MINISTER AT TTU

Jeff Wilkins (jeffersondwilkins@gmail.com)

# THE LORD’S DAY September 27, 2009

### As You Enter Silently, Use These Words to Prepare Your Heart for Worship:

“Remember my affliction and my wandering, the wormwood and bitterness. <sup>20</sup> Surely my soul remembers and is bowed down within me. <sup>21</sup> This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope. <sup>22</sup> The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. <sup>23</sup> They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup> ‘The LORD is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘Therefore I have hope in Him.’ <sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him. <sup>26</sup> It is good that he waits silently for the salvation of the LORD. <sup>27</sup> It is good for a man that he should bear the yoke in his youth. <sup>28</sup> Let him sit alone and be silent since He has laid it on him. <sup>29</sup> Let him put his mouth in the dust, perhaps there is hope. <sup>30</sup> Let him give his cheek to the smiter, let him be filled with reproach. <sup>31</sup> For the Lord will not reject forever, <sup>32</sup> for if He causes grief, then He will have compassion according to His abundant lovingkindness.”

-- *Lamentations 3:19-32*

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