

GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 25, 2020

Order of Worship

“LORD, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.” Psalm 90.1

Preparation for the Word of God

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

No. 475

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Holy God, you lavish us with good gifts, yet we persist in seeking after that which robs us of abundant life. We hold fast to our fears and anxieties. We give in to our insecurities and desire the things that harm us. Forgive us, free us, and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit. In Christ’s name. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Proclamation of the Word of God

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Sermon

Entrusted with the Faith

Response to the Word of God

Commitment Offertory

Prayers of the People + The Lord’s Prayer

Affirmation of Faith + Scots Confession, Chapter 16

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of men chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Christ Jesus, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues...who are have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit.

Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River

No. 375

Benediction

Postlude

Stewardship – Commitment Sunday

Be a part of the future of Grace Covenant. Make your commitment to support the church financially in 2021. Drop your Estimate of Giving card in the offering box this Sunday or return it to the church office.

“Take-Out” Church Picnic – November 8

You’re invited to a “take-out” church picnic. Instead of canceling the annual church picnic (large, in-person, sit-down meals aren’t allowed these days) the Fellowship Committee has obtained gift cards from local restaurants for everyone to buy a “take-out” meal on the way home from worship. It’s a win-win. Enjoy some good food and help support some local businesses and workers who are struggling these days. If you’re worshipping online, no problem. Gift cards will also be available for drive-thru pick up in the sanctuary loop. Maybe by the Fall of 2021 we can have a special Homecoming Picnic with all the usual “fixin’s.”

Grace Time

Parents, are you in need of a little grace? Bring your 3-year old thru 5th grade children to Grace Time on Sundays from 8:30-11:00 a.m. in Smith Hall. Begins today. On-site registration is available. Take this Grace Time to recoup, revive and recharge.

Why and What We Sing

It’s not too late to join the study on hymns. Each lesson is a “stand alone” lesson. Wednesday mornings at 10 am by Zoom. In person Sunday mornings at 9:45 am in Conway Hall. To receive a Zoom invite, contact the church office.

Wednesdays at Grace

With Halloween just around the corner, it’s pumpkin carving time at Wednesdays at Grace. Bring a pumpkin to carve this Wednesday, October 28, 6:45-7:30 p.m. We’ll have carving tools, games and candy.

Rooted Youth Group

ROOTED returns TONIGHT with our “Bring Friendz” contest! from 5:15-7 p.m.! We’ll have dinner, desserts, and games as well. Masks ARE required and a hand-sanitizing station will be outside as you enter and leave.

Next week, on Nov. 1 from 5:15-7 p.m., ROOTED will morph into the All Saints Fun Night in the Youth Room!! Bring friends and a dessert to share!!!

Book Club

Meets by Zoom on the fourth Tuesday each month at 7 p.m.. Start reading now! Contact Jane Heppner for more info. Limited numbers of books available for check out at the church. The book for the next meeting, Nov. 24, is *Fierce Compassion: The Life of Abolitionist Donaldina Cameron* by Kathryn Wong and Kristin Wong.

Children’s Church

Elementary age children (K-5) are invited to leave the 8:45 a.m. service with Miss Sheryl after the children’s message for a time of hands-on learning about worship.

Offerings and Prayer Requests

There is a box at the back of the sanctuary for offerings and prayer requests. Or continue to make your offering by mail or online through the church website.

Thank you for maintaining a safe environment so we can worship in person.
Wear a mask and social distance. Please leave the singing to the staff.