

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – September 20, 2026 – 9:00 AM



Meditation Verse: *"Most important, live together in a manner worthy of Christ's gospel... Do this so that you stand firm, united in one spirit and mind as you struggle together to remain faithful to the gospel."*
- Philipians 1:27

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn #139 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Call to Worship:

Leader: In times of busyness and stress when we feel surrounded by challenges on all sides...

People: We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

Leader: In times of joy and rest when we feel the goodness of God's provision and abundance deep in our bones...

People: We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

Leader: In times of conflict and distress when we feel just how hard it is to live in unity together...

People: We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

Leader: Disciples of Christ, come, let us worship God who empowers us to press on...

People: As we strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

*Passing of the Peace – When have you found joy or peace in a situation that was hard, difficult, challenging?

*Hymn #577 – God of Grace and God of Glory

Scripture: Philippians 1:21-30

Kids Message

Message: "Striving Side by Side"

*Song of Response: Hold Us Together

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Song – Feels Good (Upbeat Song)

*Blessing

*(Please stand as you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) Grow. Our discipleship is intended to impact all areas of our lives. Where is this the greatest struggle for you? What changes could you make to be more faithful here?
- 2) Pray. Do you know someone at work or elsewhere that might be open to a faith conversation? Seek divine guidance for how to begin and navigate the conversation.
- 3) Study. Re-read Matthew 20:1-16. How might your generosity of time or resources or... open someone's heart to the grace of God evident in this story?

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Sept. 21 – Exodus 17:1-7

Sept. 22 – Psalm 78:1-4

Sept. 23 – Psalm 78:12-16

Sept. 24 – Philippians 2:1-4

Sept. 25 – Philippians 2:5-13

Sept. 26 – Matthew 21:23-27

Sept. 27 – Matthew 21:28-32

To go a little deeper into the reading for each day this week, go to pastorjohnb.org

Next Sunday's Message: “In Full Accord” – How do we press on together? What does it take to live well as a community? Paul invites us to “be of the same mind” – this is an invitation to think as Christ does. The thought process he is particularly interested in is humility: Set aside your need to have it your way. It means that sacrifice always wins over selfishness. It means giving always triumphs over hoarding. This is what being in full accord means. It means thinking, acting, and being as much like Christ as we can day by day.

This Week at Grace

- Sun. – 8 AM – Adult Sunday School – SS Room
- Sun. – 9 AM – Worship (in person or online) – Sanctuary
- Mon. – 9:30 AM – Message/Lectionary Study – Chapel
- Mon. – 3 PM – Grace Kids – Fellowship Hall
- Tues. – 3 PM – Art with Heart – Fellowship Hall
- Wed. – 7:30 AM – Young Ladies Bible Study – SS Room
- Wed. – 3:30 PM – Grief Support – Chapel
- Wed. – 5:30 PM – Youth Group – Fellowship Hall/Chapel
- Wed. – 6 PM – Church Garden Volunteering
- Thurs. – 5:30 PM – Men's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
- Fri. – 6:30 AM – Ladies' Bible Study – SS Room
- Sat. – 9 AM – Church Garden Volunteering

Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- Sept. 20 – 10:30 AM – Confirmation Meeting TODAY!
(Parents too!)
- Oct. 6 - Parent Teacher Feed – Stagebarn M.S.

Announcements:

The Mission of the Month for September is the Piedmont Food Bank.

To make a one-time gift to Grace UMC or to the Mission of the Month (or to set up a recurring gift), Please scan the QR code.
Thank you for your generosity and support!



Please check the sign-up sheets across from the drinking fountains to see when YOU could serve as a greeter, reader, or treat provider.

If there is a Hymn/Song that you'd like to sing during worship on Sunday's, please place a note with song and # in the donation box.

May God Bless You throughout the coming week!