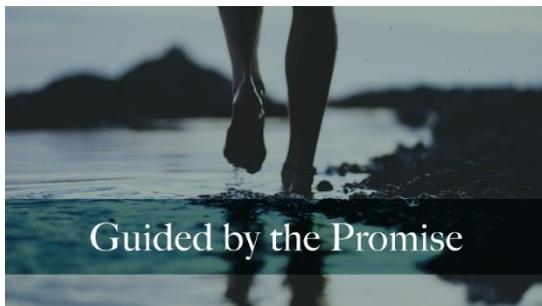


Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – March 1, 2026 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won’t perish but will have eternal life.”*

- John 3:16

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn #398 – Jesus Calls Us

Call to Worship:

Leader: Children of God, in Lent we remember that our salvation is an unearned gift, that new life is a matter of faith, not of works.

People: We gather to lay down the burden of trying to earn our salvation.

Leader: Like Nicodemus, who met Jesus on the dark of night, we struggle to accept that new life is not just possible but given as a free gift of grace.

People: We gather to bring our struggles into the light and embrace God's grace with open arms.

Leader: Like Paul writing to the Romans, we remember God's promise of new life has always rested on grace.

People: We gather to receive the promise of salvation by grace through faith.

Leader: Like many who have followed, questioned, and grown in the faith, we submit ourselves to be formed by grace as we work out our salvation day by day.

People: We gather as people guided by the promise of a new life, a promise fulfilled by Christ, whose path we follow.

*Passing of the Peace

*Song – Our God

Scriptures: John 3:1-17 and Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Kids Message

Message "Guided by the Promise"

*Holy Communion

- Songs of Response – Nothing But the Blood &
Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Song – My Jesus

*Blessing

*(Please stand as you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow*. When you have struggled, as we all do, to receive God's grace, what helped you to 'turn the corner,' to get to a place to receive? How did your faith grow as a result?
- 2) *Pray*. Some see God as judge and not as Savior. Maybe that is you, maybe it is someone that you know. Spend time in prayer for a new way of understanding and belief.
- 3) *Study*. Read Romans 4:18-25. How does this deepen your understanding of Abraham's actions as acts of faith rather than as works? How might you make this same choice?

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mar. 2 – Exodus 17:1-4

Mar. 3 – Exodus 17:5-7

Mar. 4 – Psalm 95:1-7

Mar. 5 – Psalm 95:8-11

Mar. 6 – Romans 5:1-5

Mar. 7 – Romans 5:6-11

Mar. 8 – John 4:5-42

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

Next Sunday's Message: "Companion for the Journey" –

Paul encourages us to rejoice or glory in our sufferings because there, God is with us. We are not alone in the hard times – God is with us and we are with one another. Psalm 95 also rejoices in God's presence... and warns us of what happens when we choose to turn away from that presence. But even then, God is reaching out, drawing us back to God.

This Week at Grace

- Sun. - 8 AM – Adult Sunday School – SS Room
- Sun. - 9 AM – Worship (in person or online) – Sanctuary
- Mon. - 3 PM – Grace Kids – Fellowship Hall
- Tues. - 3 PM – Art with Heart – Fellowship Hall
- Wed. - 7:45 AM – Women’s Small Group – SS Room
- Wed. - 1 PM – Midweek Chat – Chapel
- Wed. - 5:30 PM – Youth Group – Fellowship Hall
- Thur. - 5:30 PM – Men’s Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
- Fri. - 6:30 AM – Ladies’ Bible Study - Chapel

Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- March 6-7 – 6 PM – 3:30 PM – Men’s Retreat
- Allison Hall - Storm Mountain Center
- March 8 - 6 PM - “Second Sunday” – Cookies and Canvas - Sign up in the entry area. (\$10 – bring on Mar. 8th)

Announcements:

The Mission of the month for March is to purchase an AED, a portable, life-saving device.

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 the hall from the drinking fountains to see when YOU could serve as a greeter, reader, or treat provider.

Weekly Financial Update

February Giving: \$ 12,189

Year-to- Date Giving: \$ 24,226

Year-to-Date Expenses: \$ 30,709 Overall: - \$ 6,194

May God bless you throughout the coming week!!