Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!
Sunday – October 25, 2026 – 9:00 AM



Meditation Verse: *"But, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts."*
- 1st Thessalonians 2:4

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Order of Worship

Welcome

*Opening Hymn #572 – Pass It On

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Reader: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

Reader: When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember.

People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

Reader: When we struggle with damage trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember.

People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

Reader: Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.

People: We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen

*Passing of the Peace – When have you felt examined by God? Was it a good or bad experience? Did it change you?

*Hymn #133 – Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Scripture: 1st Thessalonians 2:1-8

Kids Message

Message: “Tested”

*Song of Response – Oh How I Need You

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Song – Everlasting God

*Blessing

*(Please stand as you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

1) Grow. Think back to your most recent time of faith testing. What growth can you see from that experience? What would you do differently the next time around?
2) Pray. What sort of testing might you be about to go through? Seek God's guidance and direction as a way to prepare yourself.
3) Study. Read 1st Thessalonians 5:12-22 – "Paul's Final Advice." How do the times that God tests your faith help you when you are testing matters of faith (verse 20)?

This Week's Scripture Readings:
Oct. 26 – Joshua 3:7-17
Oct. 27 – Psalm 107:1-7
Oct. 28 – Psalm 107:33-37
Oct. 29 – 1st Thessalonians 2:9-13
Oct. 30 – Matthew 23:1-7
Oct. 31 – Matthew 23:8-12
Nov. 1 – Matthew 22:41-46

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

Next Sunday's Message: "Witness" – First, we are chosen, then tested. Now, we witness. On All Saints' Day, we first celebrate the saints of our church who have gone on to be with Jesus. And, turning to Paul's letter, we are reminded of his faithful example, and we are invited to witness to our faith in ways that are holy, just, and blameless. As we witness to our faith, God will continue to work in and through us and God walks with us 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
- Thurs. – 5:30 PM – Men's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
- Fri. – 6:30 AM – Ladies' Bible Study – SS Room

Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- Nov. 1 – 10:30 AM – Diana E's Retirement – Fell. Hall
- Nov. 6 – 4-7 PM – Annual Turkey Dinner – Fell. Hall
- Nov. 8 – 10:30 AM – Annual Charge Conf. – Fell. Hall

Announcements:

The Mission of the Month for October is Socktober.

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.

Tickets for Annual Turkey Dinner on sale now!
Stop in Church office or buy online gracepiedmont.com/events.
Dine-in or to-go options available.
Adults $15, Kids $7 (10 and under).

May God Bless You throughout the coming week!