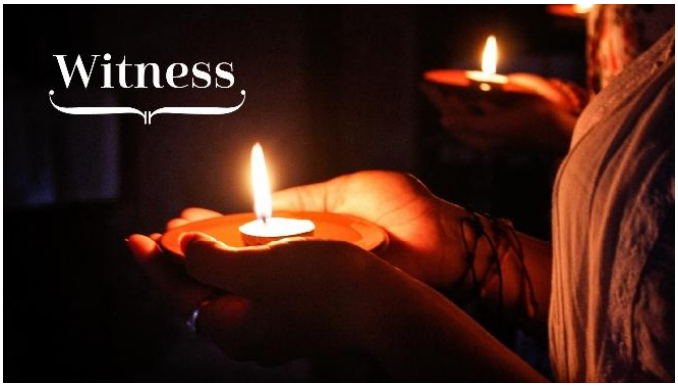
Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!
Sunday – November 1, 2026 – 9:00 AM



Meditation Verse: *"So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return."*
- Matthew 25:13

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Order of Worship

Welcome

*Hymn #206 – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Leader: Family of God, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!

People: We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

Leader: Sometimes we grow weary in the waiting, and we wonder if we are watching and working for nothing.

People: We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

Leader: Sometimes God surprises, and we are overwhelmed by joy and wonder at all God is doing among us.

People: We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

Leader: Family of God, whether you are weary or energized, worried or wonder-filled, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!

People: We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace – Is "witness" a noun or verb or ____? Explain your answer with examples!

All Saints' Day Remembrance

Scripture: 1st Thessalonians 2:9-13

*Holy Communion
- #624 – Bread of the World
- #2158 – Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Kids Message

Message: "Witness"

*Song of Response: Sweetly Broken

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Song – Sing a Song

*Blessing

*(Please stand as you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

1) *Grow.* This week, take some time to develop your "two-minute elevator speech" that tells your faith story. What God moments would you want to share with others?
2) *Pray.* Where do you sense God calling you to shine your light into the darkness? It could be loneliness, poverty, homelessness, brokenness… Pray for guidance.
3) *Study.* Read 1st Thessalonians 3. How does this chapter reveal Paul's love for the believers in Thessalonica? What else does it reveal about their faithful witness?

This Week's Scripture Readings:
Nov. 2 – Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-15
Nov. 3 – Joshua 24:16-25
Nov. 4 – Psalm 78:1-7
Nov. 5 – 1st Thessalonians 4:13-14
Nov. 6 – 1st Thessalonians 4:15-18
Nov. 7 – Matthew 25:1-6
Nov. 8 – Matthew 25:7-13

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

Next Sunday's Message: "Keep Awake" – Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the day is drawing nigh. This week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids isn't about judgement, but about staying present with one another and keeping awake to what God is doing among us here and now. We do this by actually living as if God were the guiding force in our life. When we live this way, we not only have oil for our lamp but we also have oil to share with our neighbors.

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
- Nov. 21 – 9 AM – Service Saturday

Announcements:

Sunday November 1st (TODAY), Daylight Savings ends. Fall back 1 hour.

The Mission of the Month for November is Fork Real Café.

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!