Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!
Sunday – October 18, 2026 – 9:00 AM



Meditation Verse: *"We know, dear brothers and sisters,*
That God loves you and has chosen you
to be his own people."
- 1st Thessalonians 1:4

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Order of Worship

Welcome

*Opening Hymn #369 – Blessed Assurance

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: The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

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

Reader: The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.

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

Reader: Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.

People: We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace – In what ways have you felt "chosen" by God in the past? Have you ever made others feel like they were chosen by God too?

*Hymn #382 – Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Scripture: 1st Thessalonians 1:1-10

Kids Message

Message: "Chosen"

*Song of Response: I Will Follow

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Song – Start a Fire

*Blessing

*(Please stand as you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

1) *Grow.* How has the hope that you have in Christ grown as you matured in faith? In what ways have you become more "noticeable" in the ways that you live out of your faith?
2) *Pray.* When do you long for your faith and witness to ripple out, changing hearts and lives? Spend some time seeking God's guidance and direction this week.
3) *Study.* Read Galatians 6:7-10. What do these words add to your understanding of how our faith ripples can be both good and bad? What kind of a harvest do you desire?

This Week's Scripture Readings:
Oct. 19 – Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Oct. 20 – Psalm 90:1-6
Oct. 21 – Psalm 90:13- 17
Oct. 22 – 1st Thessalonians 2:1-4
Oct. 23 – 1st Thessalonians 2:5-8
Oct. 24 – Matthew 22:34-40
Oct. 25 – 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: "Tested" – Paul reminds those in the church in Thessalonica that he and his companions spoke the good news with courage, in spite of opposition. They were able to do this because they had been "*examined and approved by God,"* tested and authorized as worthy to share the good news of Jesus Christ. The work of Paul and his co-workers was pleasing to God. When we live out our faith, when we use it, sharing the good news, we too will be tested as we face opposition, ridicule, exclusion. Because we are chosen and loved by God, we do not walk alone in the hard times. God is always with us!

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

- Oct. 20 – 6:15/7 PM - TEAMS/Leadership Meetings
- Oct. 23 – 5 PM – Family Fall Festival
- 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!