

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – September 13, 2026 – 9:00 AM



Meditation Verse: *"My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don't forgive your brother or sister from your heart." – Matthew 18:35*

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn #365 - Grace Greater Than All Our Sin

Call to Worship:

Leader: Followers of Christ, we live in a world where we hurt one another, where sin divides us one from another and makes us enemies instead of neighbors.

People: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

Leader: The divisions in our world seem like too much to overcome, and we wonder if this forgiveness thing really works anymore. Maybe it worked for Jesus, but not for us.

People: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

Leader: We find ourselves tempted by easy answers and quick solutions, reticent to do the slow and difficult work of reconciliation.

People: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

Leader: In this place, may we encounter Christ who meets us in the places where we want to give up, where we despair that life-giving change is even possible, with abundant grace to sustain us on the journey.

**People: God, form us today as people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.
Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace - Seeking to build the kingdom here on earth, in what ways can we practice grace individually and as the community of faith?

*Hymn #389 - Freely, Freely

Scriptures: Matthew 18:21-35 and Exodus 14:19-31

Kids Message

Message: "Grace"

*Song of Response: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Song - Your Grace Us Enough

*Blessing

*(Please stand as you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow*. God is abundant in grace. How has (or how could) your experience with God's grace led you to grow in how you practice grace and forgiveness?
- 2) *Pray*. Forgiveness is more important for our heart than it is for the person who hurt us. What situation in your life needs prayer concerning this idea?
- 3) *Study*. Read Romans 14:1-12. Paul argues against judging and for acceptance of our differences. How can you apply the lessons found in this reading to your practice of and understanding of forgiveness for others?

This Week's Scripture Readings:

September 14 – Exodus 16:2-5

September 15 – Exodus 16:6-12

September 16 – Exodus 16:13-15

September 17 – Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

September 18 – Philippians 1:21-30

September 19 – Matthew 20:1-7

September 20 – Matthew 20:8-16

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

Next Sunday's Message: "Striving Side by Side" - One of the key points to remember throughout this series is that we are not called to wear ourselves out. Pressing on is not about throwing ourselves against brick walls with no regard for our own well-being. In today's passage, Paul chooses to set himself aside so that he can continue encouraging the church and building up the body... *(Continued)*

Writing from prison, Paul reminds us that a life worthy of the gospel is a life lived in community, in shared mission and ministry. Striving side by side is not a byproduct of the gospel; it is in the very design.

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
- Wed. – 6 PM – Church Garden Volunteering - Garden
- 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 - Garden

Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- Sept. 19 – 9 AM – Service Saturday – Meet@Church
- Sept. 20 – 10:30 AM – Confirmation Meeting
(Parents too!)
- Oct. 6 – Parent-Teacher Feed – Stagebarn M.S.

Announcements:

The Mission of the Month for September is the Piedmont Valley 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!