

# Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – February 22, 2026 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *“So I admitted my sin to you: I didn’t conceal my guilt. “I’ll confess my sins to the Lord,” is what I said. Then you remove the guilt of my sin.”*

-Psalm 32:5

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## Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn #377 – It Is Well with My Soul

### Call to Worship:

Leader: Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.

**People: We follow, trusting in God's mercy.**

Leader: We witness Jesus resist the siren calls of sensationalism. Notoriety, and misuse of power for selfish gain.

**People: We recognize God's mercy at work in the face of temptation.**

Leader: We notice the angels who tend Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.

**People: We pay attention to God's merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.**

Leader: We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone – God is with us.

**People: We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us into the wilderness of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn #405 – Seek Ye First

Scriptures: Psalm 32 and Matthew 4:1-11

Kids Message

Message "Mercy on the Wilderness Road"

\*Song of Response: Amazing Grace/Jesus Loves Me

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

\*Closing Song: Shout to the Lord

\*Blessing

\*(Please stand as you are able.)

## **GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

- 1) *Grow*. As you've recently found yourself lost in the wilderness, weighed down by sin, how do you experience God's mercy? How can you share that story with another?
- 2) *Pray*. Sin is ever crouching at the door of our hearts. The desire for power, possessions, privilege, popularity... is a constant battle. Pray for your specific battles this week.
- 3) *Study*. Read Luke 4:1-13. Name two different things that stand out to you in Luke's account of Jesus' temptation. What might account for these differences?

### **This Week's Scripture Readings:**

- Feb. 23 – Genesis 2:1-2
- Feb. 24 – Genesis 2:3-4
- Feb. 25 – Psalm 121
- Feb. 26 – Romans 4:1-5
- Feb. 27 – Romans 4:13-17
- Feb. 28 – John 3:1-3
- Feb. 29 – John 3:4-17**

To go a little deeper into the reading for each day this week, go to [pastorjohnb.org](http://pastorjohnb.org)

**Next Sunday's Message:** "Guided by the Promise" – Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night. He must have had some questions. But Jesus takes over the conversation, helping the religious expert to understand that new life is a gift, freely given. Paul also explains that the new life given by God is given by the Spirit, bringing us hope, belonging, forgiveness, transformation – abundant life.

## 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. (Bring \$10 on March 8<sup>th</sup>)

## Announcements:

The Mission of the month for February is Grace Assistance Fund.

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.

Please keep food and drinks in Fellowship Hall. Thank You!

**May God bless you throughout the coming week!!**