

***No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.***



**GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
128 East Baltimore Street
Greencastle, PA 17225**

Pastor: Rev. Mark Ruzicka
Choir Director: Patty Stepler
Organist: Susan Alsip-Lawson
Ministers: All Those Present

**Order of Worship for Sunday, November 16, 2025
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Guest Preacher: Rev. Scott Bowerman**

Scriptures: Malachi 4:1-2a / Psalm 98 / Acts 11:19-26

WE WELCOME GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Video: "They Will Know You By Your Love" by the Skit Guys

MISSION STATEMENT

Leader: Welcome to Grace Church where we are God's people.

**All: United through Jesus Christ on a journey to grow, to share our faith and
serve others in the Greencastle area and the world.**

PRELUDE MUSIC

On the Wings of the Morning (*Psalm 139:9-10*) -Giamanco

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 17)

Leader: The God of creation makes us one in body!

All: Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!

Leader: The God of Christ makes us one in the Spirit!

All: We join together to praise the Lord!

***PRAISE SONG** O Splendor of God's Glory Bright #666



UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, Your will is that all Your children should be one in Christ.
Pardon us from our pride, our lack of faith, and our deficits in charity.**

Deliver us from our narrow-mindedness, from our bitterness, and from our prejudices.

Save us from considering as normal that which is a scandal to the world and an offense to Your love.

**Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace among all who call upon You and confess faith
in Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

(a time of silent prayer)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (based on 1 Peter 2:9-10)

Leader: People of God, all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ.
In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a new community of faith.

All: Thanks be to God!

WE READ GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURES

Malachi 4:1-2a Please open to Old Testament, page 1089

Psalms 98 Please open to Old Testament, page 678

CHOIR ANTHEM

To Know You More -Dawn Thomas, arr. Don Wyrzten

Acts 11:19-26 Please open to New Testament, pages 158-159

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God!

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"What's Your Name"

OPEN SHARING OF PRAYERS, CONCERNS, JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Please Pray Together)

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our debts

As we forgive our debtors

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory forever.

Amen.

WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Leader: Because we follow a Lord who says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive,"
let us share our offerings at this time.

*(Please sign the attendance pads found in the pews,
and pass the top sheet to be collected during offering.)*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

He Is Lord -anonymous/Sprunger

***WE SING A SONG OF THANKSGIVING TO GOD**

(Please Sing Together)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Amen.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God of life, we want to be salt and light in this world.
May our gifts today be a sign for each other and the world,
that we pledge to work together in Your name
for the healing of this broken and hurting world.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

WE GO OUT CARRYING GOD'S LOVE

BENEDICTION

Leader: God of our lives, by the power of Your Holy Spirit,
we have been drawn together by one baptism into one faith, serving one Lord and Savior.
Do not let us tear away from one another through any kind of division.

May Your Spirit help us embrace our differences
and preserve the unity of being the body of Jesus Christ in our world.
As we leave this place, may we do the kinds of things that Christ would do.
All: Amen.

***PRAISE SONG** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee #738



POSTLUDE MUSIC

(Please remain seated to listen to the postlude)

Trumpet Tune -Broughton



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Contributions Received Week of 11/9

Regular Offering: \$1231
Loose Change Offering: \$5
Communion Offering: \$35
Mail-in Regular Donation: \$100

Sunday Worship Attendance on 11/9 In-House: 39/ Online: 6



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WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Guest Preacher: Pastor Scott Bowerman

Liturgist: Tony Homer

Greeters/Ushers: Deb & Noelle Homer

Scripture Reader: Deb Homer

We Welcome our guest preacher, Rev. Scott Bowerman, retired pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in Chambersburg. We are blessed to have him join us today.

Apple Dumpling Fundraiser is being held on Friday, November 21, from 3 to 6 pm, in the social hall. Dumplings will be available at \$5 each, with both regular and sugar free options offered. **Today is the deadline for all pre-orders.** Order forms can be obtained from the front vestibule or the elevator area. Orders not picked up on Friday, and any extra, will be sold in front of the church on Saturday, November 22, prior to the Christmas Parade, starting at 8:30 am till they are all sold out. Payment is due at time of pick-up. You don't want to miss these delicious apple dumplings prepared by our dedicated volunteers!

Re-dedication of our Organ - Our newly refurbished organ will be re-dedicated during service on Sunday, November 23rd.

Decorating the Church for Advent – After worship on Sunday, November 23, we are asking for volunteers to help us decorate the church for **Advent and the Celebration of Christmas**. A light meal will be served after service. Everyone invited to join us in the joy of decorating and fellowship! (Even if you cannot help with the decorating, please stay for the refreshments!)

Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 23rd, 6:30pm, at Greencastle Church of the Brethren, located at 36 S. Carlisle Street. Pastor Mark will be participating in this service.

Poinsettia Orders – If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia to someone special, in their honor or memory, we are now accepting orders. You will find the order forms and envelopes on the welcome table in the front vestibule and elevator area. This year, in addition to the red poinsettias, we are also offering marble-colored ones. They are \$11.25 each. You can place your order in the collection plate today or on November 16, 23, or drop off at the church office. Payment is due with your order. ***Deadline for orders is Monday, November 24.*** The poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. You will be able to pick up your flowers after this worship service or contact the church office to make other arrangements.

Chancel Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday Evenings, at 7:15pm in the sanctuary. If anyone would like to join us, contact our choir director Patty Stepler.

Church Bulletin Board – Please check the bulletin board weekly for updated information about upcoming events, fundraisers, community news and more! Also check out our Welcome Board with pictures of our members during various events.

Building Projects – Dependable Roofing has commenced roof replacement, covering both replacement of the shingles and rubber on the flat areas. Most of the work has been completed, with some minor work still needing to be finished. We thank Barry for overseeing this project.

Grace's Free Closet is open during the week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30am to 12:30pm. For those who are unable to visit during the week, they are now open twice a month on Saturdays. They will be open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday each month from 11:30am to 2:30pm. They accept clean, smoke-free clothing during their open hours. Contact Nancy Myers with any questions or if you would like to volunteer with them.

Year End Committee Reports need submitted to the church office by December 15th.

Lunch Bunch is meeting on Tuesday, November 25, at 11:30am. Restaurant location to be announced soon.

Worship & Spiritual Life Committee is meeting on Sunday, November 30th, at 8:30am, in the small meeting room.

Blessing Baskets have been placed on the front steps of the church for those in need. Those wishing to help support this ministry are invited to contribute to the collection tubs. We are accepting donations of non-perishable food items (such as dried goods and canned goods) as well as personal care products. For those who prefer to make a monetary donation, please see Marg Stouffer or drop off at the church office during week. The sign outside provides the following instructions: "Please take what you need..... Give what you can." We appreciate your support of this community outreach program!

Special Christmas Cantata is being held on December 7th! Please note, it is scheduled a little earlier this year. Invite family and friends to join us!

December Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet for greeters/ushers, readers and communion servicers has been placed on the front welcome table. Please check your availability and start signing up today!

Worship Volunteers for Sunday, November 23, 9:30am service:

Greeters/Ushers: Kathy Fillman & Dave Fillman

Scripture Reader: Lu Miller

