

***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 October 19, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Scriptures: Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

WE WELCOME GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO: "Not Just a Book" by Freebridge Media

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

A Tune for a Trumpet
-Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 121)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: God, our Protector, does not sleep and knows where we are at all times.

All: Let us worship God!

***PRAISE SONG O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go #833**



UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your Name.**

(a time of silent prayer)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: In Christ, God loves us, accepts us, forgives us, and welcomes us home.

All: Thanks be to God!

WE READ GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 121 Please open to Old Testament, page 702

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Please open to New Testament, page 260

CHOIR ANTHEM

Soon and Very Soon

-[Andrae Crouch](#)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

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: Let us present with joy our offerings of support for the work of Christ's church.

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

What a Friend We Have in Jesus -Converse/McDonald

*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

**Lord, You are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings that through them we may do justice,
love kindness, and walk humbly with You. Amen.**

WE GO OUT CARRYING GOD'S LOVE

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Go forth into the world in peace.

Be of good courage.

Hold fast that which is good.

Render to no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted.

Support the weak.

Help the afflicted.

Show love to everyone.

Love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

***PRAISE SONG**

I Need Thee Every Hour #735



POSTLUDE MUSIC

(Please remain seated to listen to the postlude)

In Christ There Is No East or West -African-American spiritual/Dahl



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Service Prayers adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer* which can be found at <https://www.bcponline.org>

Contributions Received Week of 10/12

Regular Offering: \$820 / Loose Change Offering: \$40 / Strengthen the Church Offering: \$10

Sunday Worship Attendance on 10/12

In-House: 30 / Online: 1



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WEEK OF OCTOBER 19, 2025

Greeters/Ushers: Tony & Deb Homer

Scripture Reader: Tony Homer

Friend Sunday: We extend a warm welcome to all friends, family members, and neighbors who are joining us for worship today. Your presence is sincerely appreciated. Following the service, everyone is invited to attend a reception with light refreshments and fellowship in the social hall downstairs.

Additionally, today, we also Celebrate Pastor's Appreciation. We acknowledge Pastor Mark for his ongoing leadership and spiritual guidance within our congregation. We express our gratitude for his dedication and service. Thank you, Pastor Mark!

Greeters/Ushers, Communion Servers & Scripture Readers are needed for November. Please see the sign-up sheet on the welcome table after today's worship.

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 updated Welcome Board with pictures of our members during various events.

Building Projects – Dependable Roofing is expected to start replacing the roof in late October. We thank Barry Shoemaker for taking the lead on this project.

Fall Book Study continues on Wednesday evenings through October 29th. We meet from 6-7pm in the Chapel. Everyone invited to join us, even if it's just for one session. We are using a book called 'A Little One Shall Lead: Small Congregations Create New Ways of Being Church.'

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. Starting this month, they will be open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday each month from 11am to 2pm. 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.

Social Seniors next gathering is Wednesday, November 12th, 2pm, at the Church of the Apostles in Waynesboro.

Annual Congregational Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 9th, following worship service. We encourage all members to attend. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact Lorna Thomas or Mark Stahl for further information. We need 2 new board members to start in 2026.

Apple Dumpling Fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, November 21, from 3 to 6pm, in the social hall. Dumplings will be available at \$5 each, with both regular and sugar free options offered. Pre-orders are currently being accepted; order forms can be obtained from the front vestibule or the elevator area. Remaining dumplings will be sold in front of the church on Saturday, November 22, prior to the Christmas Parade, starting at 8:30am 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!

Called to Care Committee is meeting on Tuesday, October 21st, at 1pm, in the small meeting room.

Lunch Bunch is meeting on Tuesday, October 28th, 11:30am, at the Velvet Café, 145 W. 3rd Street in Waynesboro. Everyone invited to join them!

First Saturday Free Holiday Meal will be held on Saturday, November 1st, from 11am to 1pm. You are invited to join them for a delicious Thanksgiving Meal with all the trimmings!

Men's Breakfast & Fellowship is on Saturday, November 1st, 9am, at the Velvet Café in Waynesboro.

Upper Room Daily Devotional Guides for November-December are now available. Pick up your free copy from the welcome table in the vestibule or the elevator area.

Worship Volunteers for Sunday, October 26, 9:30am service:

Greeters/Ushers: Nancy Myers & Lu Miller **Scripture Reader:** Nancy Myers

