

***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
Guest Preacher: Rev. Peter Emig
Choir Director: Patty Stepler
Organist: Susan Alsip-Lawson
Ministers: All Those Present

Order of Worship for August 2, 2026: 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Isaiah 55:1-5 / Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 / Matthew 14:13-21

WE WELCOME GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Andantino -Cesar Franck

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 55)

Leader: The Spirit of God calls out, "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

***All:* We come seeking the bread of life.**

Leader: The Spirit of God asks, "Why spend your money and labor on what does not satisfy?"

***All:* We will listen to the Lord and delight ourselves in His rich food.**

Leader: Church, rejoice in the steadfast, sure love of our God.
All: Let us worship God!

***PRAISE SONG**

Break Thou the Bread of Life #460



UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, You invite us to Your waters,
yet we confess we have spent our money on what is not bread
and our hard labor on things that don't satisfy.**

**We have tried to buy security from the world while ignoring Your free gifts of grace.
Forgive us for closing our ears to Your voice. Have mercy on us.**

**Restore our listening hearts and remind us of Your everlasting covenant.
Satisfy our thirsty souls with Your steadfast love.**

(a time of silent prayer)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the promises of God: Ask and it will be given to you.
Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be open to you. In Christ, we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God!

WE READ GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 55: 1-5 Please open to Old Testament, page 838

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21 Please open to Old Testament, pages 714-715

Video: "Enough" by Freebridge Media

Matthew 14:13-21 Please open to New Testament, page 19

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.

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: May the example of our lives speak the praise of the Lord!

We will receive this morning's offering at this time.

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

-Bradbury/Mason

***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 FOR THE OFFERING (based on Psalm 145)**
Gracious and merciful Lord, You are good to all and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
You lift up those who are bowed down and stay near to all who call upon You.
We dedicate these offerings to Your good work, praying they will bring Your compassion
to those in need. Amen.

Holy Communion Liturgy

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks, Almighty God, Creator of the heavens
and the earth. You spoke the world into being, and Your Word never returns to You empty.

When we spent our labor on things that do not satisfy, Your steadfast love sought us out.
You called out to the thirsty, "Come to the living waters."

Through Your Son, You offer bread without money and without price.
Therefore, with the earth that breaks forth into singing, and with the trees of the field that clap their hands,
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (All please sing together)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heaven and earth are full,
are full of the majesty of thy glory,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Holy are You, O God, and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ, the true bread from heaven.
On the night he gave himself up for us, he took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Similarly, he took the cup,
saying: *"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant... Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."*

We proclaim the mystery of our faith saying,

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts, nourishing us like the rain waters the earth.
Unite us in one body, as the grains of wheat are united in one loaf.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are Yours, Almighty God,
now and forever.

All: Amen.

Leader: Come for all things are now ready.

Distribution of the Elements

(We partake together at the cue of the pastor)

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Communion

Leader: Let us pray.

***All:* We thank You, God for inviting us to this table
where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts.**

**Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth Your praise in our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.**

WE GO OUT CARRYING GOD'S LOVE

BENEDICTION

Leader: May the God who is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, watch over you.
May the God who lifts up all who are bowed down keep your steps secure.
Go forth into the world in joy and peace to love your neighbor.

All: Amen.

***PRAISE SONG**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound #649



POSTLUDE MUSIC

(Please be seated to listen to the postlude)

Cathedral Fanfare -Young



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Contributions Received 7/26/26

Regular Offering: \$463 / Loose Change Offering: \$15

Worship Attendance on 7/26/26

In-House: 25 / Online: 0 (technical issues – no streaming)

Tithes for the Month of July 2026:

\$6,671



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WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2026

Today's Worship Volunteers:

Greeters/Ushers: Lu Miller & Cathy Keefer

Communion Servers: Lu Miller & Cathy Keefer

Scripture Reader: Tim Bryan

Refreshments & Fellowship will be held following worship service on Sunday, August 9th.

August Birthday Wishes go out to Emory Stahl, Roger Stahl and Pat Zimmerman.

Church of the Apostles continues to host Sunday evening summer concerts in August. Concerts are held under their pavilion, at 6pm. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy the music. Invite your friends & neighbors. Schedule is attached to the back of the announcements. In case of bad weather, the concert will be held inside their church.

Activities & Fundraising Committee will not be holding any meetings in August.

Men's Breakfast and Fellowship will not be held in August. We will see everyone in September.

Grace's Free Closet is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30am to 12:30pm, and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month from 11:30am to 2:30pm. Donations are accepted anytime during open hours. Please contact Nancy Myers with any questions or needs. Thank you to all our Closet volunteers.

Newsletter Deadline is approaching in August. We welcome photos, family news, fundraiser details or anything you would like to share with the congregation. Please submit items to the church office by Thursday, August 13th, to allow us time to put together the next issue of Grace Notes. Thank you.

Social Seniors will not be held in August. We will resume next month on September 9th.

Next **Lunch Bunch** will be held on Tuesday, August 25th, 11:30am, at Vinnies' on Rt 11 in Marion.

First Saturday Free Community Meal will not be held in September because it falls on Labor Day weekend.

Bible/Book Study coming in the fall. Details will be shared soon.

Choir Members – We hope you're enjoying the summer and giving your voices a rest! Rehearsals will resume after Labor Day. If you're interested in joining the choir, please contact Patty Stepler.

Save the Dates.....

Sunday, September 13th, we plan to hold our combined outdoor worship service, followed by the annual picnic, at the Church of the Apostles pavilion. More details will be shared soon.

Sunday, September 27th, join us at 4pm for a special organ dedication and concert featuring a guest organist. More details are coming soon—please plan to attend and enjoy this memorable evening of music!

Worship Volunteers for Sunday, August 9, 9:30am:
Greeters/Ushers: Patty Stepler & Carolyn Shoemaker
Scripture Reader: Steven Miller





Sunday Evening Concerts, 6 PM at

THE PAVILION



Church of the Apostles, UCC, 336 Barnett Avenue, Waynesboro, PA

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Rain or Shine, concerts will be held inside the church building in inclement weather.

AUGUST 9

MACK BERRY



In 2025, Mack released his Nashville recorded "What Country Is," and first music video "Letters From War." He has opened for national country artists such as Jacob Tolliver, Travis Denning, and Joe Nichols and performs along the East Coast.

AUGUST 16

**CATOCTIN PROMISE
BAND**

2nd Show



A Contemporary Praise & Worship group whose desire and mission is to share the life-changing Gospel message of Jesus Christ with all the world.

AUGUST 23

SECOND CHANCES



A Christian group of music evangelists. When we sing, we worship. We give all gifts and offerings to underprivileged children at Christmas or others in need.