

# ***Grace Presbyterian News***

## **October 2022**

### **In Person Worship with Masks Optional**

We continue Sunday worship in person with masks optional. Worshipers are encouraged to maintain distancing as possible. In the interest of security, we will also resume locking the church doors at approximately 11:15 a.m. We continue to live stream the service as well. The link to live stream is at our website [www.grace-pres.org](http://www.grace-pres.org).

Pastor Mike Krech

### **Nursery Available During Worship for Children 5 Years Old and Younger**

Child care in the nursery is available during worship for children 5 years old and younger. Our nursery room size and staff size are not adequate to care for children older than 5. Children older than 5 are welcome and encouraged to remain in worship.

### **World Communion Sunday – October 2**

The first Sunday in October has been observed as World Communion Sunday, especially by American Protestants of the Reformed/Presbyterian family. The first observance of World Communion Sunday is often dated to 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian in Pittsburgh PA. The idea spread among Presbyterians and soon to other Protestant church bodies. Communion will be celebrated at our service by coming forward to receive the bread from the pastor and the cup from an elder. If you need or prefer to be served at your place, please raise a hand after others have been served and we will come to you. As a reminder, church doctrine has long held that taking only the bread or only the cup is still a full and valid Communion.

### **Spaghetti Dinner Fund-Raiser for Pinecrest with Hymn Sing – October 2 at 5:00 p.m.**

Five children and youth associated with Grace Presbyterian Church attended summer camp at Pinecrest in 2022, and in order to help them attend again in 2023, a few fund raisers are planned for the next few months. The first of these is a spaghetti dinner, Sunday, October 2, beginning at 5:00 p.m. After our time of food and fellowship we will conclude with 30-45 minute hymn sing.

### **Presbyterian Women Bible Study October 10 and 11 – In Person and Zoom**

Monthly Bible study for Presbyterian Women meet in October in person and on Zoom. The night circle, taught by Patsy Krech, meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month, which is October 10. The day circle, taught by Becky Stirling, meets at 10:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, which is October 11. Both meetings are both in person and on Zoom. The 2022-2023 study book is *Celebrating Sabbath – Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight* by Carol Bechtel. If you need the Zoom link, please email Patsy Krech at [patsykrech@gmail.com](mailto:patsykrech@gmail.com)

### **Stewardship Luncheon Planned for Sunday, October 16, Following Worship**

We are planning a stewardship luncheon after worship on Sunday, October 16, to celebrate fellowship together and reflect upon our commitments to the ministry and witness of Grace Presbyterian Church in the coming year of 2023.

### **Fall Festival Sunday, October 30, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

The Fall Festival returns with food and games on the evening of Sunday, October 30, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet to volunteer for various provisions and activities is on the table in the church narthex.

### **Morning Prayer Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom**

Morning prayer on Zoom continues on Wednesday. Email Mike at [jmkrech@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkrech@yahoo.com) to receive the link to join us. You will get an email by Tuesday noon with the link to join the Zoom chat and a list of the Scripture readings and hymn for the meeting. We pray for each person by name at morning prayer. I warmly invite those who find it meaningful to be remembered on the prayer list to also be among those who pray for those on the prayer list in this service. We try to open the room by 9:20 a.m. so we can chat and visit, start the service at 9:30, and conclude by 10:00. Morning prayer will not meet on October 19 and 26.

### **Thursday Night Study Group at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**

Thursday Night Book Group on Zoom is reading *Interrupting the Silence – God’s Command to Speak Out* by Walter Brueggemann. Sessions 7 and 8 will be held on October 6 and 13. Then we will take a two week break and resume with a three-session series on the book *A Street Cat Named Bob* by James Bowen, on Thursdays, November 3, 10, and 17.

### **Game Night – Friday, October 28**

Game Night at church will be Friday, October 28, at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks as early as 6:30 p.m.

### **Reformation Sunday – October 30**

Reformation Sunday, celebrated on the last Sunday in October takes note of some of the doctrines and singing some of the hymns that have been central to our identity as Christians in the Protestant tradition, and the Reformed family. The date of October 31, 1517, is usually identified as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation with the posting of Martin Luther’s 95 theses, or topics for debate.

### **Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsing in Sanctuary on Thursday Nights**

The Bartlett Area Chorus is a group of Bartlett area folks who love to sing together. This group rehearsed and sang in our sanctuary in the autumn of 2019. Now, after a long hiatus due to COVID, our church will again be the site of the chorus’ rehearsals on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. and a program on Thursday evening, December 8, 2022.

# October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p> <p>9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship in person &amp; live-streamed Communion 5:00 Spaghetti Dinner &amp; Hymn Sing <i>Sara Lawson</i> <i>Sharon Ragghianti</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>6</b></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Book Study on Zoom;  Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal in sanctuary</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>7</b></p> <p><i>Garrett Guenther</i>  <i>Gerald Ragghianti</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>1/8</b></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;"><b>16</b></p> <p>9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship in person &amp; live-streamed Stewardship Luncheon</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Session Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p> <p>No Morning Prayer</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>20</b></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal in sanctuary</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>21</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>22</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p> <p>9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship in person &amp; live-streamed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p> <p>No Morning Prayer</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>27</b></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bartlett Area Chorus Rehearsal in sanctuary</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>28</b></p> <p>7:00 pm Game Night  <i>Susan Lawson</i> <i>Kathe Walker</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>29</b></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p> <p>9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Worship in person &amp; live-streamed Reformation Sunday 5:00 Fall Festival <i>Kelly Bopp Bialk</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>31</b></p> <p><i>Sue White</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Names in italics are those known to have birthdays on that date</i></p>				

**A Prayer for World Communion Sunday**  
Holy God, we thank you for setting a table  
before us and for calling disciples from every  
place to feast together. We praise you for the  
faith that makes us sisters and brothers in  
Christ and for the blessed tie of love that binds  
us as one. We glorify you for your Spirit at work,  
building one holy church in the world to serve  
Jesus Christ, the true vine and bread of life,  
our Lord and living Savior. Amen.

**Lectionary Readings for Worship:**  
**October 2: (World Communion Sunday)**  
Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 37  
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10  
**October 9:**  
Jeremiah 29:1,4-7; Psalm 66  
2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19  
**October 16:**  
Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8  
**October 23:**  
Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65  
2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14  
**October 30: (Reformation Sunday)**  
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144;  
2 Thess. 1:1-4,11-12; Luke 19:1-10

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