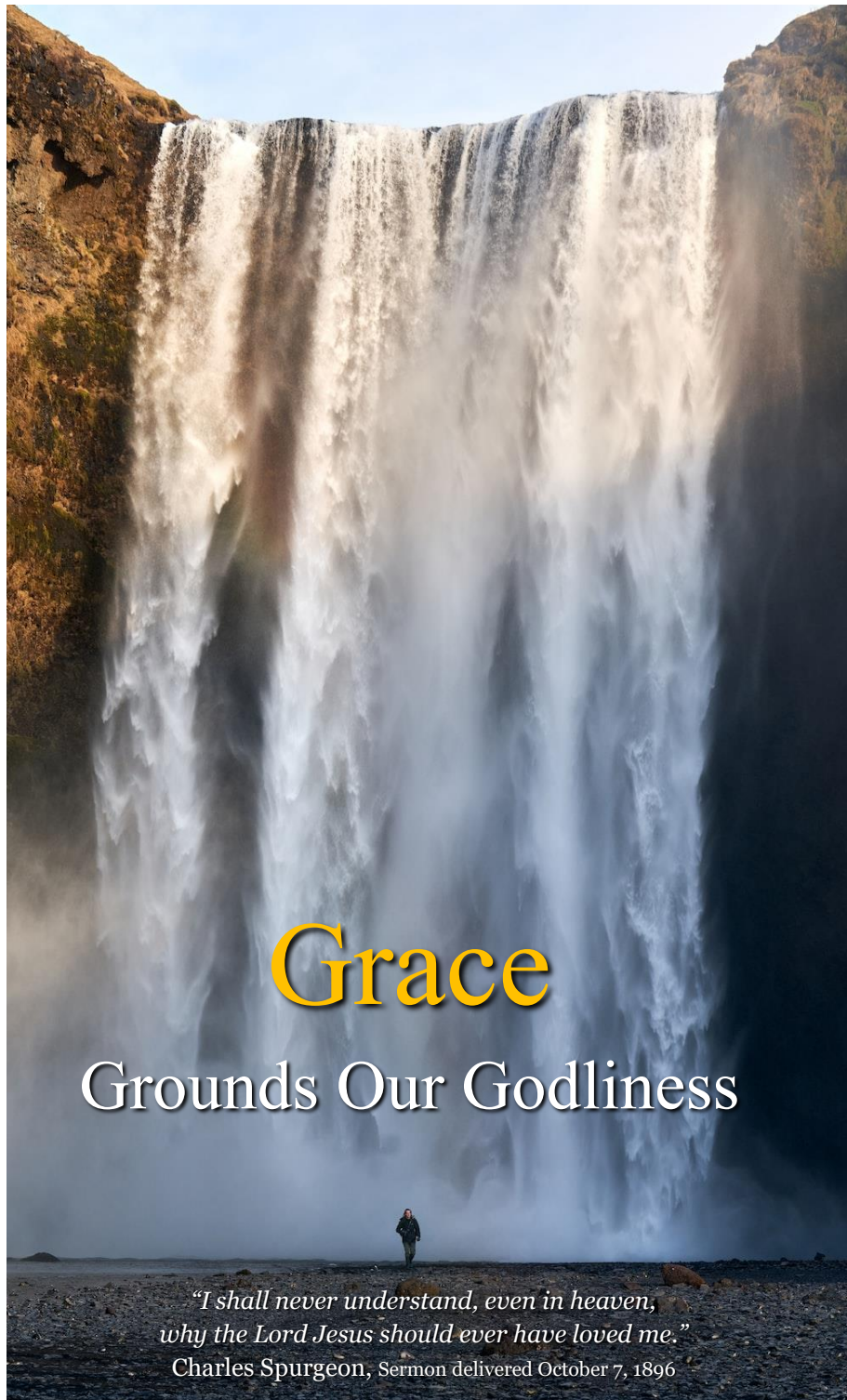




Grace

Grounds Our Godliness

*"I shall never understand, even in heaven,
why the Lord Jesus should ever have loved me."*
Charles Spurgeon, Sermon delivered October 7, 1896

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Worship to the God who Saves Us

Let us worship our God who saves us by His grace, that we might live to Him.

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 22:27-28, 30-31

Leader: "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you."

People: "For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations."

Leader: "Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the
coming generation;"

**People: "they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a
people yet unborn, that he has done it."**

*SONGS OF WORSHIP "Your Grace Finds Me"
"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 7:6-11 (p.193)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Peter 1:13-19 (p.1293)

CONFESSION OF SIN:

**O Almighty God, I humbly ask you to make me like a tree planted
by the waterside, that I may bring forth fruits of good living in
due season. Forgive my past offenses, sanctify me now, and
direct all that I should be in the future for Christ's sake. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: Matthew 11:28

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

*SONG OF TRUST No. 297
"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

PRAISES AND REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***SCRIPTURE READING..... Ephesians 2:8-10 (p. 1242)**

****PRAYER OF ENLIGHTENMENT**

MESSAGE The Cart, The Horse, and the Gospel

*HYMN OF RENEWAL "Rock of Ages"

BENEDICTION

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

**CHILDREN AGES 4 THRU 1ST GRADE,
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE

November 26, 2023

"Jesus Christ for West Beaver County."

Your Grace Finds Me

1. It's there in the newborn cry

there in the light of ev'ry sunrise
There in the shadows of this life
Your great grace
It's there on the mountain top
there in the ev'ryday and the mundane
There in the sorrow and the dancing
Your great grace, O such grace.

**Chorus 1: From the creation to the cross
There from the cross into eternity
Your grace finds me. Yes, Your grace finds me.**

2. It's there on a wedding day

There in the weeping by the graveside
There in the very breath we breathe
Your great grace
The same for the rich and poor
The same for the saint and for the sinner
Enough for this whole wide world
Your great grace O such grace.

**Chorus 2: From the creation to the cross
There from the cross into eternity
Your grace finds me. Yes Your grace finds me.
There in the darkest night of the soul
There in the sweetest songs of victory
Your grace finds me. Yes Your grace finds me.**

Your great grace O such grace
Your great grace O such grace
The same for the rich and poor
The same for the saint and for the sinner
Enough for this whole wide world
Your great grace O such grace. **Chorus 2**

Your great grace O such grace
Your great grace O such grace.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Chorus *My chains are gone I've been set free,
My God, my Savior Has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love Amazing grace.*

3. The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures,

He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures. **Chorus**

4. When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun

We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun. **Chorus**

Songs for Worship

Grace Greater Than My Sin

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,

Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured—
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Chorus:

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!*

2. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide —

What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide—
Whiter than snow you may be today. **Chorus**

3. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,

Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive? **Chorus**

Rock of Ages

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2. Not the labors of my hands

Can fulfil Thy laws demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,

Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,

When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgement throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Welcome and Announcements

This Week

Welcome

Welcome to worship. We are pleased you chose to worship with us today. If you have any questions about God, Scripture, or our church, or would just like to say hello, please talk with Pastor Jeff.

Nursery is available See or call JoAnna with any questions. 724-601-7153.

- **Children's Worship**, led by Bre Hooks & Helper John Hooks

The Lord's Day

9:30am – Sunday Education Hour

Sunday School opens at 9:30am in the sanctuary.

Sunday School Superintendent – Kara Masters

Kids and Youth Classes

Nursery: Ages 0-2 –Coordinator – LL 201 JoAnna Zehnder

Toddlers thru Pre-K: Room LL 203 Ms. Marie, Ms. Diane & Ms. Marci

K thru 1st: Room LL302 - Mrs. Charity te Velde

2nd thru 4th: Room LL 204 Mrs. Bre Hooks

5th thru 8th Library – Mrs. Heidi Shepler

9th thru 12th: Youth Room – Mr. Tony Carroscia

Adult Class

Staying the Course in a Turbulent World – Led by John Gallo
(Fellowship Hall)

Sunday Worship

10:45am Worship Service – Today, we examine the great Scripture of Ephesians 2:8-10, about the gospel of Jesus Christ. Christians everywhere, and throughout history, have had a tendency of either putting the cart before the horse OR disposing of the cart altogether! What cart and horse? Pastor will teach you about the cart and the horse, as he unveils Ephesians 2:8-10 from its original language into modern human life.

6pm Evening Worship – “*God’s throne room of worship is the anchor of the Church in the last age.*” Do you see how God’s throne room is our comfort, and his *being worshiped* is our source of strength in this last age? Come receive the Book of Revelation as it is opened and shown. Revelation 4-5 teaches the church important **principles of worship**.

Monday

9:30am Christmas Decorating - Anyone who would like to help decorate the church for Christmas can meet us at the church to lend a hand. This would be a great time to socialize while doing something fun and meaningful.

10am Bowling – All welcome, Calcutta Lanes.

Tuesday

6-8pm Fairview Food Pantry - will be open.

7pm Men's Bible Study – The men study Luke.

Wednesday

10am Ladies Bible Study – The ladies are doing a Christmas devotional, “The Christmas We Didn’t Expect” by David Mathis. We are on Chapters 8 “The arrival of Great Joy” & 10 “We Three Kings of Orient Are” Babysitting is available, donations accepted.

6:30pm-8pm Covenant Kids - ages 4yrs–5th grade. 4 yrs. old- Kindergarten will be studying the ABC Bible Verses. Grades 1-5 are going through Torchlighters.

6:30pm–8:30pm The Rock - meets for Games, Worship, Bible study and snack.

6:30pm Prayer & Study – A spiritually growing church depends on God. Humanly speaking, a spiritually growing church also depends on the Word **and prayer**. Do you desire a spiritually flourishing church?

Thursday

3pm Fairview GNC - at Fairview Elementary School in the cafeteria.

Next Sunday

9:30am Sunday School & Adult Education Hour - Meet in the sanctuary first and then head to classes.

10:45am Worship Service – Next week is a special service on many levels – it is a New Member, Baptism, Advent Preparatory Service. We welcome new members in the Carroscias and Meeks. We observe baby Ray Carroscia being baptized. We start advent, with our theme “The Infant King.” All while preparing ourselves for evening communion. Pray for an uplifting service.

6pm Evening Communion Worship – In the evening, in the sanctuary, we will start advent in earnest, with our advent theme, “The Infant King.” Our sermon series is “The King is Coming” – Zechariah’s Christ prophecies for today. And we gather to take the Lord’s Supper.

Congregational Announcements

Table Talk Devotional – The December issue is in the vestibule on the missions table and **Our Daily Bread** for December, January & February is on the missions table in the vestibule.

Angel Tree – The Fairview Missions Committee invites you to bless others this Christmas season by participating in our Angel Tree Project. We help children and their caregivers who live in the Midland area whose loved one is incarcerated. **Sunday, December 3.** Pick up an angel to read about the need. Purchase a toy and clothing item listed on the card for the child and purchase a personal hygiene item for the caregiver. All gifts must be wrapped and placed under the tree by December 17. If you'd like the blessing of delivering the gifts to families in our area on December 17, please notify the Missions Committee.

Congregational Meeting Dec. 6 at 6:30pm We announce two new candidates for ordination to deacon office for your vote: Stephen Hapach and Ethan Masters. These men were nominated, trained, and examined. There will be votes on retaining elders and deacons. On filling our church committees for 2024. On our 2024 budget. And we will hear reports on the previous year. We have a handful of presbytery-encouraged bylaw changes, too, to be voted on – they will be explained. We hope you come out and make your vote count for our new deacon candidates. Covenant Kids, the Rock and Prayer & Study will not meet on this night. They will resume on Wednesday, December 13th. **Please hold this meeting up in prayer and pray** about new nominations and the forward progress of the gospel.

New Adult Education Classes – (1) Seasons of Sorrow:
The Pain of Loss & The Comfort of God - Led by Scott & Heidi Shepler (Fellowship Hall) December 10 thru March 3
After the death of his twenty-year-old son in November 2020, reformed pastor Tim Challies began to process his grief through writing. In this book, Tim shares real-time reflections from the first year of grief—through the seasons from fall to summer—introducing readers to what he describes as the “ministry of sorrow.”

*Purchasing the book is highly recommended for this class.
Sign up at church if interested.

(2) *Living Life Backward: How Ecclesiastes Teaches Us to Live in Light of the End* - Led by Nick Orell (Kitchen)
December 10 thru March 3

What constitutes a meaningful life? We seek fulfillment in success, prosperity, recognition, relationships, and even self-sufficiency, but we always seem to come up short. If you feel you are coming up empty in your life and need a bigger vision and greater purpose, this accessible study of Ecclesiastes by David Gibson will show you that all of your hope for meaning lies in getting to know your Creator.

*Purchasing the books. Sign up at church if interested.

Fairview Food Pantry – For the month of December, the food pantry wants to restock the shelves with spaghetti, sauce, cereal, instant oatmeal, crackers, canned chicken,

canned tuna, egg noodles, spaghetti O's and can ravioli. We want to encourage families or individuals who would appreciate this help to contact Angel Shepler. Monetary donations would greatly be appreciated at any time.

Updated Directories – There is an updated 2024 directory in everyone's mailcan. There have been a lot of changes so throw out your old ones please.

Young In Heart Christmas Party - Thursday, December 14 at 11am (ages 50 & up) Will meet at the church for a Bible Study on Judges 15, led by Director of Student Ministries Tony Carroscia, then we will have a covered dish lunch. Please bring a covered dish and/or dessert to share .Come for great fellowship and games.

YA-dult Christmas Party - (18-30 yr. olds) 6pm
Thursday, December 7 at the church "YA-dult Final
Event on is going to be a White Elephant Gift
Exchange! Gift can be max \$20. There will be the gift
exchange, food, beverages, volleyball and games!

Snow Camp – for 6-12 graders. “Out of this World”
Laurelville Retreat Center February 9-11, 2024,
Speaker: Rev. Seth Gurley, Murrysville Community
Church (PCA) **Register Now**

Regular Registration – \$120 until Dec. 31, 2023

Late Registration – \$150 Jan. 1 until Jan. 19, 2024

The Guest House rooms sleep up to three (3) people (1 double and 2 twins), have a private bathroom, and linens and towels are provided. These premium rooms are more expensive, so we have to charge more for them:

Guest House Pricing and Dates:

Regular Registration – **\$150** until Dec. 31, 2023

Late Registration – **\$180** Jan. 1 until Jan. 19, 2024

<https://ascensionpresbytery.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1639501>

Worship Helpers

Worship LeaderTony Carroscia
Audio-VisualAlissia Dudek & Paul Hardesty
Musicians..... Linda D'Angelo, Sarah Sullivan
Vocalist.....Dan & Rosemaree Sullivan
& Lindsey Hollabaugh

Children's Worship Bre & John Hooks
Nursery.....Kristine & Emma Masters
Ushers.....Ed Shaffer, Josh Chaffee
Stephen Hapach & Chase Thoman

Next Week's Helpers

Worship Leader.....Giles te Velde
Audio–Visual.....Paul Hardesty & Grace Billheimer
Musicians.....Linda D’Angelo, Josh Sullivan
 & Kara Masters

Nursery.....Diane Justice & Diane Melendez
Ushers.....Tim Shepler, John Shepler
Daniel Shepler & Jacob Shepler

Sermon Notes

"The Cart, the Horse, and the Gospel"

Ephesians 2:8-10 (p. 1242)

Prayers & Praises

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