November 25, 2026

Grace
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Following Jesus, we love, welcome and serve.

Greetings

Visit our Website

We had a great Sunday with fantastic music, an angel tree left bare (there are still some online to claim,) sold-out Cafe Justo stock, a total of 46 chickens for the Great Chicken Challenge for Fort Mill Care Center... and new members! Welcome to the family:

Khristian and Kerigan Whitehead (and Anthem)
Jon and Rebecca Ogden (and Zach, Alex and Matthew)
Billy and Sharon Nguyen (and Josie and Izzy)
Josh Martin (Meg) (and daughter Perrie)
Christopher and Chaundra Whitehead
Angela Williams
Jim and Karen Gesl
and the Rev. Catherine Taylor, our newest Parish Associate, who will be calling on our housebound folks.

The office will be closed Thursday for Thanksgiving. Then we're on to Advent! We begin our Advent series this Sunday. I hope you'll spend your Advent with Grace. See the link for All The Things that are coming our way in Advent!

Advent – Epiphany Worship & Events Calendar

Ready for Worship



WORSHIP LINKS
Digital Bulletin
Livestream of the 10:15 service

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
8:00 am - Worship Service
9:00 am - Sunday School
10:15 am - Worship Service

11:30 am - Half Notes

Announcements



2026 ADVENT RESOURCES

Resources for Advent will be available on the table in the Narthex starting November 29th, the first Sunday of Advent. You will find:

- an Advent calendar for kids that follows our worship series
- our annual Reverse Advent Calendar - a daily list of items to collect for our local mission partners (don't forget to pick up a basket!)
- a printed Advent-Epiphany Worship & Events Calendar
- an Advent devotional booklet based on our worship series, “Until the Dawn” (*In order to protect their work, please refrain from sharing this link or posting it on social media*)

[Any provided link above gives access to the digital version when available]

Opportunities to Give

ANGEL TREE AND PAJAMAS FOR PARADISE

2026 DSS Angel Tree: Here is a link to the sign-up genius for the remaining kids that Grace is sponsoring this year.

Pajamas for Paradise: all the kids have been claimed!

Thank you for your generosity! Gifts should be returned no later than **Sunday, December 6th**. Please contact Katie Rutland or Janet Hamilton with any questions.



RAINdeer GIFT CARDS FOR AFFINITY HEALTH

RAINdeer gift cards are for clients of Affinity Health, which provides services to low-income families. **Buy as many $10 gift cards from local grocery stores** such as Food Lion, WalMart, Aldi, Harris Teeter and Target as you wish. Please return the gift cards to the office or place in the offering box by **Sunday, December 13th**. If you have any questions, contact Lori.

Opportunities to Serve



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY (HELP NEEDED)

December 12th from 4:30-7:30pm.

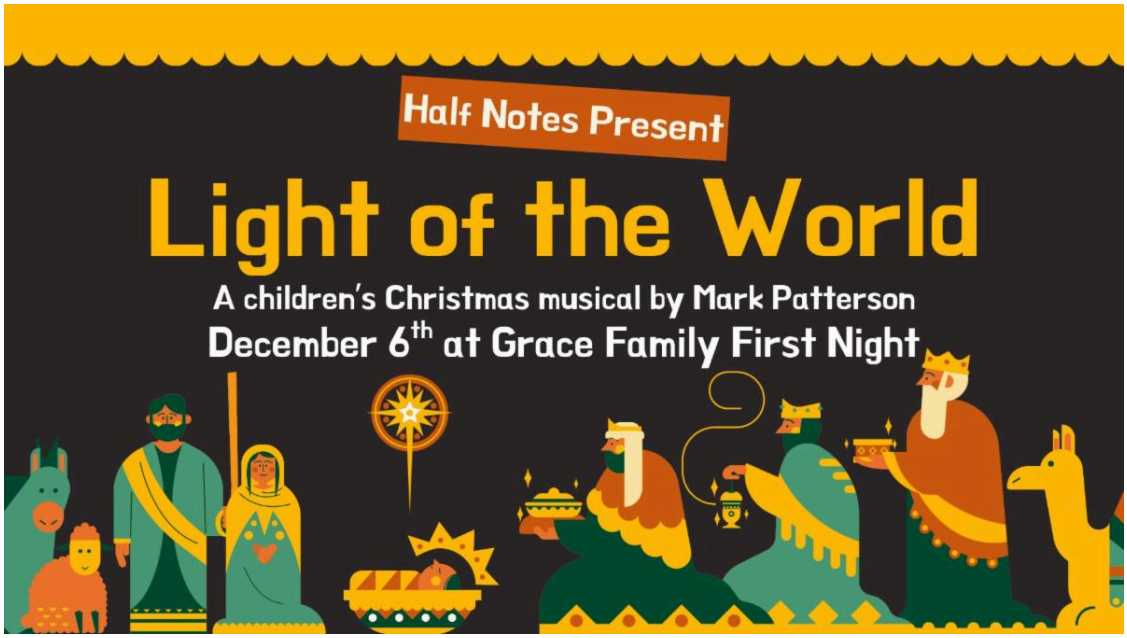
All children of Grace are invited to our Children's Christmas Party on December 12 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. We'll enjoy dinner, games, crafts, holiday treats, and a cozy Christmas movie! While the kids celebrate together, their parents are invited to head over to their own Christmas party! We are seeking help for the Children's Party! If you are available, please sign-up here or contact Kim Palmer.



NEW CHAIR ARRIVAL

We are replacing the sanctuary chairs and many of the chairs throughout the building. At this time, the order is still tracking a tentative delivery during the week of 12/7-12/11. We will need help moving the new chairs in and the old chairs out. As soon as we have a confirmation of arrival date, a separate e-mail will be sent out. If you think you may be available to help move chairs, please let Jason know...many hands make light work!

Opportunities to Gather





GRACE FAMILY FIRST NIGHT

December 6th at 5:00pm

You're invited to Grace Family First Night on December 6 at 5:00 p.m.! We'll hold our annual chili cook-off, so please bring a chili, side dish, or dessert to share. This special evening will also feature a Christmas performance by the Half Notes and a few selections from Joyful Noise. The chili cook-off winner will receive the coveted Space of Grace parking spot for January! Please RSVP here.



GRACE GROOVY MOVIE

December 8th at 12:00pm

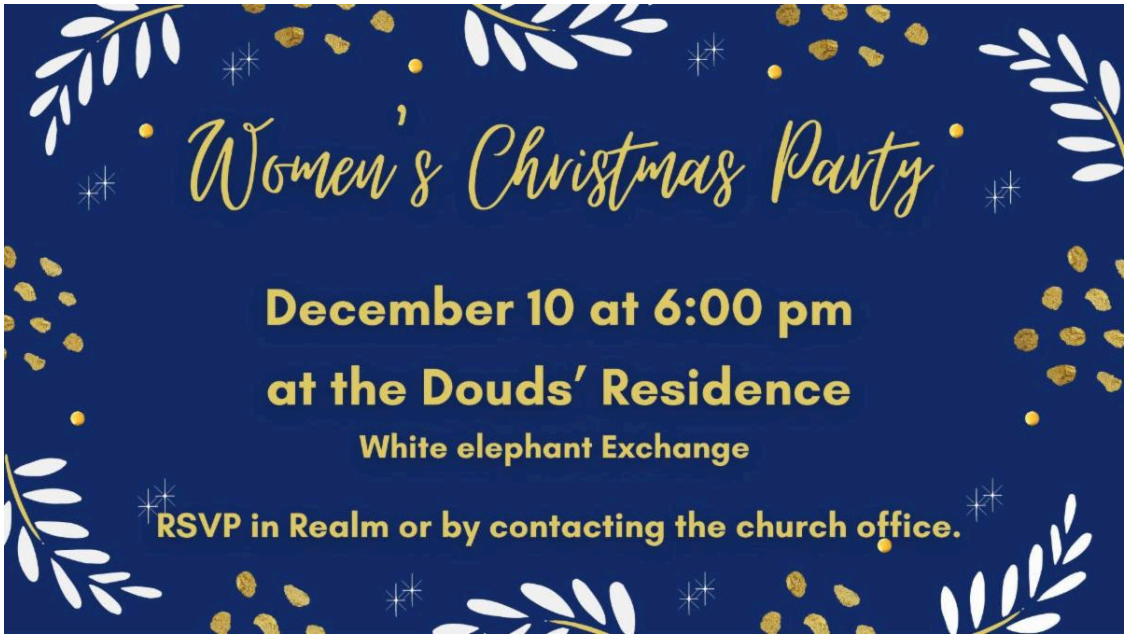
Please join us for lunch and a movie at Grace! We hope to see you there. Please RSVP on Realm or call the church office.



GUYS' SUPPER CLUB

December 8th at 6:00pm

Please join us for dinner, fellowship and good conversation! We hope to see you there! RSVP in Realm or by calling the office.



WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 10th at 6:00pm

It is time for the Annual Grace Women's Christmas party! The party is graciously hosted by Jill Douds. We will be meeting on December 10th at 6:00 pm. Jill will provide a pork main dish. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will have a White Elephant gift exchange so please bring a gift with a $15 limit. We look forward to celebrating with you! Please RSVP in Realm or by calling the church office.



GAP @ MATTHEWS PLAYHOUSE: LITTLE WOMEN

Friday, Jan 22nd, 2027 at 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

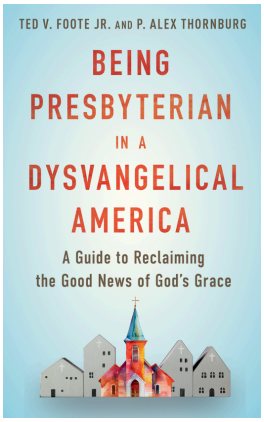
Meet up at Matthews Playhouse for a production of Little Women the Broadway Musical.

NOTE RSVP ON REALM DOES NOT GET YOU A TICKET. Please only RSVP after you've bought your ticket so we know who to expect. Right now, there is a decent block available in the center in the E-I rows. It's fun to block together, but ultimately, pick what looks good to you.

Go to this link and buy your own tickets. Make sure you select January 22. Show starts at 7:30pm with an estimated 2.5 hour runtime.

Between now and then, we'll make a plan for those who want to meet up for dinner before the show.

Opportunities to Learn



ADULT EDUCATION GROUPS

- Tuesday Study Group (10am on Zoom) We are studying ***The Gospel of John***, by Amy-Jill Levine. We would love to have you join us. We watch a video and talk about the book. Next meeting Dec.1st.

- Wednesday Study Group (7:30pm on Zoom) We have just started ***Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America: A Guide to Reclaiming the Good News of God's Grace***. Next meeting Dec. 2nd.

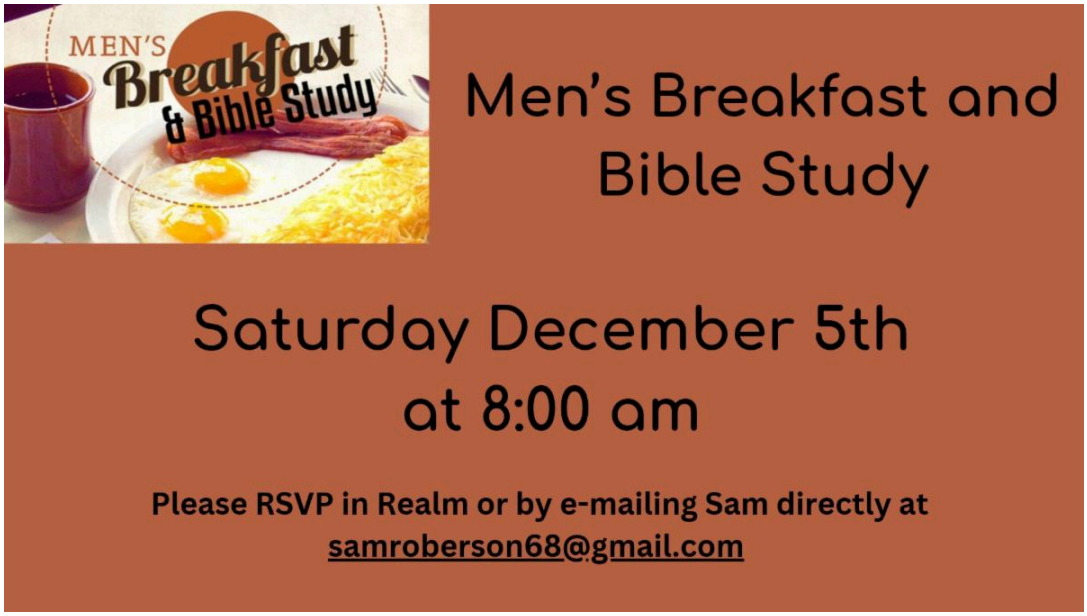
E-mail Joanne for more information about either of these groups.

- Thursday Study Group (10am -11:30am hybrid) We are studying ***Invitation to Romans*** by Pamela Eisenbaum, part of the **Disciple Bible Study Series**. There is a video followed by a discussion about the readings and reflections of that week. This a participant lead study group.

E-mail Celia Wilson for more information.

- Adult Sunday School (9:00am in-person) Come and join the conversation on Sundays! Our multi-generational Sunday School class is a great spot to connect with others at Grace and explore your faith! No prep or pre-requisite required, come as you are! As a reminder, our class officially starts at 9:15; we use 9-9:15 to chat and enjoy coffee as everyone gathers.

E-mail Dre Manoni for more information.



MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, December 5th at 8:00am

We will meet on December 5th at 8am for Breakfast and Bible Study. We will be studying Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85; and Mark 1:1-8. We hope to see you there! Please RSVP here or by contacting Sam directly!

Grace Youth

This week's activities:

Sunday, November 29: Sunday school 9-10am

No Youth Group due to Thanksgiving!

If you have a junior or senior interested in the boy's basketball team church league this year, please let Jason or Rhett Eckhardt know ASAP.

Friends are welcome at GYG events!!!

Celebrations and Concerns

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

11/26 Vivian Harbin
11/26 Billy Nguyen
11/27 Ashton Fleming

11/28 Saran Scott
11/29 Mallory Kendall
11/29 Mark Cable
11/29 Derrick Ehrhardt
12/02 Tom Weir
12/02 Steve Clark
12/03 Angela Kendall
12/03 Rick Mabie

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

12/1/2012	Mallory and Drew Dittmer
12/3/2012	Jenny Desch and Amanda Kent

PRAYER REQUESTS

As you pray this week, remember:

Gratitude for:

. All our blessings
Pray for:

- Those who are sick or in treatment, including: Grace members Becky, Barry, Mike, and Ray Smith
- Those in hospice care and making decisions about end-of-life care
- The people of our country and for the world, we pray for justice, and for leadership committed to the same
- Evelyn, Elton, Allie, Gil & Binky and others in residential facilities and homebound folks Chuck & Karen, John & Brenda, Agnes, Ruthanna and Larry & Janet
- People with, and families affected by, mental health and substance use disorders
- Those who serve in the military, including Grace folks Clay, Heath, Carrie, Daniel, David and Jacob, and for those former military folks who struggle

. The victims of natural disasters,

- Our unhoused neighbors
- Those who grieve

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- Those affected by the gun violence epidemic in our country
- Those who will be born today and those who will die today

**You can submit a prayer request by e-mailing Joanne during the week or writing it down Sunday morning to give to a member of staff.

E-info

E-Game - Grace Wordle

Are you ready to combine the wordle craze with this Sunday's worship service? Check out the custom Wordle to see how many guesses it takes for you to solve the puzzle.

Receiving the Message

Did you know that you can watch our worship service each week?

- YouTube - Check out our YouTube channel. You'll find worship services on there as well as other great videos: hymns, anthems, historical pieces, and promo videos.

Looking Ahead

Is there something that should go in the newsletter or on the website?
Send it in by noon on Wednesday.

To put items in the newsletter, send it to Ami by clicking here
To send a note to Joanne, please email her by clicking here

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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