



You are welcome here.

Following Jesus, we love, welcome and serve. That's what we at Grace Presbyterian Church, strive to do. We believe that we are more faithful to that goal together than we are individually, and we welcome you to join us on that journey.

You are welcome here if you are single, divorced, married, widowed, LBGTQIA++, straight, non-binary, or cisgender. We have made an intentional decision to welcome folks who may have been rejected by or felt unwelcome in other congregations. We strive to be a safe space and to welcome folks into all aspects of our life together, just as you are. Honestly, though, if that's not cool with you, you'll be happier someplace else.

Regardless of your skin tone, hair color, primary language or immigration status, you are welcome here. We see God at work in the community and seek to join those endeavors. We aim to be anti-racist and pro-Jesus. We listen for the voices of those long silenced, look for those missing from the table, and seek to protect the vulnerable.

You are especially welcome if you are in the messiness of real life, no matter how frazzled or uncertain your life might be. If you feel really on top of it right now, or if you have a gap in your life that you're not sure what to do with, if you are frantic about the state of the country or world right now, you'll fit right in here.

We love babies who sing and toddlers who wiggle, neuro typical and neurodiverse kids. They are welcome to hang with their parents or with our caregivers, whichever suits their needs. We welcome their parents, too, because they might need a little respite and adult conversation.

You are welcome whether you sing like Taylor Swift or just look silently at the words and let the music wash over you. It's cool if you're more Christian than Mother Teresa or if you aren't even sure whether God exists.

You are welcome if you are over 60 but not grown up yet or are a teenager who is growing up too fast. We welcome moms, dads, child-free folks, grands, starving artists, tree huggers, home brewers, service members, vegetarians, hunters, junk food eaters and NASCAR/SEC/ACC/NFL/Premier League/ESPN fans. Duke fans will be most welcomed by the pastor's husband.

If you are in recovery or still addicted, welcome. If you have lots of fashion sense or jumped off that train a long time ago, welcome. Welcome to you who are working on some serious stuff in your life, or down in the dumps, or aren't attracted to organized religion. Trust us, we're not that organized.

We offer a special welcome to those who don't know which end is up, work too hard, don't work, can't spell or are here because mom is visiting and thought it'd be nice to go to church. Welcome to those who are inked, pierced, both, or neither. A special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, are ready to give thanks for something wonderful, or are just testing the water after having had religion/Jesus/expectations shoved down their throat as a kid.

We welcome wandering pilgrims, comfortable tourists, curious seekers, cynical doubters and you!

We can make this welcome to you, just as you are, because God welcomed us into God's own big crazy family and that's a gift we don't want to keep to ourselves.

If I can be helpful to you on your journey, please contact me at joanne@gracefortmill.org.

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