CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

October 11, 2026
Proper 23

**Those who are able, please stand.*
Please silence cell phones.
Please sign the blue friendship pad at the end of the pew.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Chiming Of The Hour (Prepare your hearts for worship)

Welcome

One: "The Lord be with you."
All: "And also with you."

Introit

Call to Worship *(Psalm 19)*

One: You have been called to the banquet.

All: This is the feast.

One: You have been summoned to the wedding.

All: This is the feast of life and light.

One: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

All: We have come to the banquet that has no end. Alleluia! Amen!

*Hymn 343 *"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"*
GERMANY

Children's Message

Prayer of Confession *(Exodus 20, Philippians 3)*

All: You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you.

Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community.

(silent confession)

One: The God of peace, who calls all creation to live in unity, hears your plea. In the spirit of feasting and thanksgiving, in the mercy of Almighty God, you are forgiven! For the sake of Christ Jesus, our Savior, who died and rose from the dead to destroy the shroud of despair, rejoice!

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 23	p. 474
Epistle: Philippians 4:1-9	p. 187
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14	p. 23

Sermon Rev. J. David Jordan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Discipleship

Prayer

Affirmation of Faith: (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of The People and The Lord's Prayer

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, and 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.

Offertory

*Doxology Hymn #606

Prayer of Dedication *(Psalm 19)*

All: God of compassion and generous love, we give you thanks for the riches of Earth, which sustain our lives and which you have created for our joy. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need and the work of your church. In peace, we pray our thanksgiving. Amen.

*Hymn 367 *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*
ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

SENT FORTH TO SERVE

Announcements

*Charge and Blessing

*Chorus

"Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love. There is only one God, there is only one King, and there is only one body; that is why we sing. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love."

Please greet each other as you leave with these words:
"Grace to you."

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 11 and Sunday, October 25
12:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal

Sunday, October 18
11:00 a.m. Generosity Sunday. Pledge cards and more information will be shared at church. Join us in celebrating the joy of giving.

Tuesday, October 20
12:30 p.m. OCTOBER LADIES LUNCHEON
Please Join Us
Tuesday 10/20 12:30 p.m.
PAPAS KITCHEN in Cumming
RSVP by Text to Marsha 770.883.2719
Hosted by Marsha & Margie

Sunday, October 25
11:00 a.m. Reformation Sunday

Sundays
9:30 a.m. Bible Study – The book of Genesis using the Serendipity Bible for Groups 3rd Edition.

Tuesdays
10:00 a.m. Ladies of Grace Bible Study. We will be studying *Twelve Extraordinary Women* by John MacArthur in the fall. There is a textbook and a study guide (the textbook is optional).

Wednesdays
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Now is the time to prepare for our annual Kirkin' O' the Tartan service. Families with ancestral ties to Scotland, Ireland, or Wales may be able to find their clan's tartan, a plaid wool fabric specific to a certain family name. If you would like to order a family tartan for this service, this is what you need to do:

1. Search www.scotweb.co.uk or www.scotlandshop.com
2. Order one meter . The fabric must be 60" wide (this may take some time to weave and ship from Great Britain). After purchasing your plaid, you will have to sew them. Contact Shirley Hawkins if you plan to order your family tartan, shirleyhawkins3@gmail.com.

Liturgist: Joey Homans
Ushers: Jerry Atkins, Joey and Kristie Homans
Flowers: Grace Walden
Refreshments: Priscilla Taylor, Joann Keller, Jane Miller

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Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church!
Grace is a church for the community, and all of God's people are welcome here.

In Our Prayers: John and Susan Adams (Marsha Loftin), Susan Atkins, Frank Ball, Ruth Ann Ball, the Barnes Family - Carey and his son Baron (Mary Ann Sheehy), Kenneth Behrens (Karen Permenter), Bill and Sandy (Dan Scott), Teresa Bright, Pat Brooks (Alyssa), Carter (Kyleigh), Cathy (Kristi Deutz), Harlan Chester (Shirley Hawkins), Trey Courtney, Patricia Crain (Ruth Ann Ball), Randy Crouse, Darren (Chris Yarbrough), Karen Davenport, Joan and Randy Davis, Mary Delasota (Bob Thornton), Jared Dixon, Jared Mike Eason (Joey), Bettie Fore, Joe Fortune, Marvin Fuller (Kelly), Fred Goodman (Margie), Bill Hambright (Jim and Margie), Patrick Hawkins family (Shirley), Shirley Hawkins, Robert, Sarah, and Mark Hunt (Jim Hambright), Bob Inman (Priscilla Taylor), Irena (Gretchen Blackwell), James (Andy), Jane (Shirley), Cindy Johnson (Amanda Herrit), Doug Jones (Margie O'Byrne), Joyce (Dan Scott), Julia (Kristi Deutz), Justin (Carmen), Bill Keller, Cliff Kelley (Andy), Sharra Kelley, Cynthia Kodua, Norman Leonpacher (Mike Norton), Judy Leyba (Mike Norton), Tom Longerbeam, Martha's Family (Dan Scott), Reed Maurer, Anna McQuilken (Kristi Deutz), Melissa, Alex Mills (Jared), Jakub Mills and family, John Murray (Betty Banks), Eric Nelson (Katie), Mrs. Nichols (Lynette), Mike Norton, Margie O'Byrne, Joan Palazzolo, Kay Parrish, Day Perez (Lynette Steritz), Betty Powell, Brenda Reagans (Kristie), Roman Ryan (Marsha), Sally (Kelly), Dan Scott, Chris Seese, Lisa Sheehy, Sherman (Sandy), Dustin Seymour, Kathy Silvio (Marsha Loftin), Nancy Smiley (Ruth Ann Ball), Mel Smith (Margie), Cory Speakman (Gene Seese), Lynette Steritz, Jacob Stone (Nancy McCue), Susan (Ruth Ann Ball), Brad and Colleen Taylor, Thomas (Kelly), Viviana Torres, the family of John Trammel (Emma Teems), Trudy (Sandy), Elise Turner (Chris Seese), Virginia (Kelly), Carol Watkins, Sherry Weeks, Gavin White, Wilma & her husband (Sandy), Desi Witten (Richard)

Hospital: Shelby Lee

Sympathy: The family of Helen UHarotai Bartal, the family of Sandy Grimes, the family of Margaret Hunt, the family of Stan Lowry Jr.

Elders : Andy Clemons, Betty Powell, Shirley Schmelzinger, Gene Seese, Lynette Steritz, and Bob Thornton
Clerk of Session: Dan Schmelzinger
Deacons: Jerry Atkins, Jane Miller, Barbara Quintrell, Christine Seese, Richard Smith, and Priscilla Taylor
Nominating Committee: Bonnie Fry, Christy Jordan, Kristie Myers, Betty Powell, Barbara Quintrell, Mary Ann Sheehy, and Nathan Steritz

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