



Sunday Morning Service
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Rejoice

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Rejoice in the Lord, now and always; sing it again, we rejoice.
Delight in the love He has shown us, gratefully lift up your voice.
His gentleness among us, will join our hearts with praise.
We gather in His goodness, a family of grace.

Chorus

With each breath He's given, praise the Lord!
In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord.
Throughout every season, I am sure
We have every reason to praise the Lord.

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing, praying for all that you need.
Come with a song of thanksgiving; lay your requests at His feet.
His peace will fall upon us, to guard our hearts and minds
In Christ, who reigns eternal, the Shepherd of our lives.

Chorus

Rejoice in the Lord now and always; tell of the good He has done.
Worship the Lord to remember, all of the joy yet to come.
The hope that burns within us, the dark cannot destroy.
With praise that's never ending, we say again, "Rejoice!"

Chorus x2

We have every reason to praise the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism # 86

Q. 86 Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by His blood, is also renewing us by His Spirit into His image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for His benefits, and that He may be praised through us, and further, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

Memory Verse

Psalm 86:10-11

For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God. Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

Call to Worship & Prayer

Psalm 95:1-7

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Henry Alford, 1844

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified, in Thy presence to abide:
Come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Corporate and Silent Confession **Colossians 3:5-9**

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace **Romans 5:8-11**

God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Now Thank We All Our God

Martin Rinkart, 1636. Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & 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.

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Sermon **“Oh Give Thanks to the LORD...” (Psalm 107:1-3)** **Rev. Adam Shields**

There Is a Redeemer

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There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

(Refrain)

*Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

(Refrain)

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

(Refrain)

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Doxology
Thomas Ken, 1709

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN GOD’S GRACE

Sunday
9:00 a.m.....Sunday School
10:15 a.m.....Worship Service
6:00-7:30 p.m.....Youth Group
Sunday school classes will not meet on November 30th. Our normal schedule will resume December 7th.

Please make plans to join Kathleen & Howard Owen in celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on November 23rd at 2 o’clock p.m. at the church, with a reception to follow. Please RSVP to 256-997-7039 or katbowen46@gmail.com, including your name and the number in your party.

Based on our last officer nomination cycle in August, there will be a **congregational vote on Sunday, December 14**, immediately following the worship service. The slate of candidates, approved by the session, will include the following candidate for deacon: Matt Sharp.

Monday, December 1
9:30 a.m.....Moms in Prayer (childcare not provided)

Tuesday, December 2
9 a.m.....Women’s Bible Study – Song of Solomon by James L. Harvey, III (childcare provided)

Wednesday
We will not have dinner or classes on Wednesday, **November 26th**. Our regular Wednesday night schedule will resume (and conclude) on December 3rd.

December 10th at 5:30 p.m. - Christmas Caroling at Spring Grove Apartments

Deacon of the Month: Chris Long (November); Phillip Smith (December)
Please see the deacon of the month for thermostat changes outside of office hours.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for December 8th at 5:15 p.m.

GRACE CHURCH DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR		
<i>DAY</i>	<i>CHURCH FAMILY</i>	<i>MISSIONARY / MINISTRY</i>
SUNDAY	Cecilia Sanaie	Marked for Life Ministries <i>Fort Payne, AL</i>
MONDAY	Sue Schwarz	Kathy & Carl Most <i>Caribbean Ministries, Cuba</i>
TUESDAY	Jana & Matt Sharp Moses	Elizabeth & Paul Musser <i>One Collective</i>
WEDNESDAY	Jessica & Adam Shields Emmie, Issac & Hazel	Ann & Jeff Nelson <i>Ponderosa, Mentone, AL</i>
THURSDAY	Fay & Jerry Smith	Amy & Wayne Newsome <i>MTW, Japan</i>
FRIDAY	Phillip Smith Blaire	Cheryl & Bill Nikides <i>REF Missions, Montana</i>
SATURDAY	Rachel & Pete Sterns	Jessica & Marcus Nobles <i>RUF, Alabama A&M</i>

Prayer Concerns

Anne Bearden – recovery from hip replacement
Linda Wagoner – recovery from surgery
Martha Baba (AmyLaura Duraski’s grandmother) – mental strength and healing
Anne Duraski (Matt’s mother) – upcoming medical decisions regarding back surgery
Brandy Smith – balance/gait therapy through January

Various Cancer Treatments

Leanne Burkett Weatherford, Roy Brittain, Rhonda Stewart, Rachel Davis

2025 Projected Missions Expenditures: \$157,100.00 2025 Faith Promise Giving: \$89,053.50
2025 Faith Promise Commitment: \$94,700.00

2025 General Fund Giving: \$323,473.21

Women’s Ministry Events

Weekly Song of Solomon Bible Study:
Tuesday morning study at 9:00 a.m. and **Wednesday** evening study at 6:30 p.m.

December 7 – **Christmas Gathering**