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ONLINE GUIDE TO WORSHIP

November 1, 2026

WELCOME!

We are a church whose worship exalts the greatness of the triune God and celebrates the wonders of our salvation. We corporately worship God in a worthy manner through the reading and preaching of God's Word, fervent prayer, singing of Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, giving of offerings, and celebrating the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. We are a church where worship is not contained to a building, but directs every aspect of the believer's life.

OUR PURPOSE:

To exalt the triune God
To edify the saints
To evangelize the world

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EXPLANATION OF THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship: Our Sacred Privilege
We have been called out of darkness and into His marvelous light. We have been made worshipers of the one, true God. He calls us to come and worship Him to the joy of our souls. Hallowed be His Name.

Invocation: Our Solemn Plea
We ask God to visit us and for us to know that He is among us. Let Your kingdom come.

Song of Praise & Offering: Our Sincere Proclamation
We respond to God's call and presence with praise and sacrifice. We not only give our words but our material abundance with our offerings. Let Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Doxology & Songs of Praise: Our Shared Joy
We give because He has first given to us. All we have— heart, mind, body, and soul— is His and our life's activity and purpose are never more aligned than when we express our love and worship of God.

Scripture Reading & Prayer: Our Submission & Dependence
We submit to the authority of Christ and partake in the refreshment of prayer. One of our elders shepherds us by reading God's Word and asking God to give us our daily bread, to forgive us our sins, and to protect us from evil.

Sermon: Our Sustenance
We now partake of God's spiritual provision to us. Our spiritual life depends on understanding and obeying the Word of God. The preached Word is our nourishment.

Benediction: Pronouncement of the Lord's Blessing
We have been blessed in the gathering and we are to go forth in faith, acknowledging and receiving this blessing until we meet again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors, requests for information, prayer requests... Scan the QR code, which will take you to our website, gracebfc.com. There are links at the top of the webpage to fill in visitor information, request information, or leave a prayer request.

MISSIONS FOCUS OF THE MONTH:
November: David and Rebecca Ridell, World Team, Int'l Director

Work Days A big thank you to all who helped at our Work Days this fall. Your hard work on the chipping project is immensely appreciated!

Operation Christmas Child You can find shoeboxes in the narthex to fill with special gifts for children around the world. See p. 17 for more information.

Men's Hike Meet at the church at 7:45 AM to carpool to Colonel Denning State Park on Saturday, November 14. See page 16 for details.

Int'l Family Thanksgiving Celebration Monday, November 16, is our 6th annual dinner. Bring your family and a dish to share while getting to know our international neighbors. Sign up with this code or the Church Center app.

Yams for the Bethesda Mission We are collecting 40-oz. cans of yams for the Bethesda Mission's holiday dinner. Place your donations under the coatrack in the narthex. Our goal is 500 cans.

Hearing Assistance Devices for hearing assistance are available from one of our sound technicians at the back of the sanctuary.

Statistics for October:
Average Attendance: Worship 256, SS 122
Average Offering: $10,083.46
Budget Amount Needed Each Week: $12,173.08

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PERSONAL PREPARATION & PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 93:1-2**

The Lord reigns; He is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed; He has put on strength as His belt.
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
2 Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

INVOCATION: "Lord, be with us."**

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING:

HYMN OF PRAISE: #358 *For All the Saints* **

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING **
DOXOLOGY (HYMN #731)**
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.

SCRIPTURE READING & PRAYER:

Scripture Reading: Genesis 23:1-20**
Pastoral Prayer: Howard Wells

SONGS OF PRAISE**
Hymn #103 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

1 Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you;
all on earth your scepter claim,
all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.

2 Hark, the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord."

3 Lo! the apostolic train
join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name you;
while in essence only One,
undivided God we claim you,
and adoring bend the knee,
while we sing this mystery.

Hymn #2 O *Worship the King*

1 O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6 O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

(There is no children's class on the first Sunday of the month when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. We invite children to observe the church partaking of the Lord's Supper.)

SERMON: "Faith to the End"
Hebrews 11:13-16
Pastor Josh Miller

THE LORD'S SUPPER
HYMN OF PREPARATION: #247 *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

1 O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

2 What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor,
vouchsafe to me thy grace.

3 What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest Friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.

Welcome to the Table
Guarding the Table
Confession
Partaking in Faith
Communion Hymn: *The Happy Land*

1 There is a happy land, far, far away
Where saints in glory stand, bright, bright as day.
O how they sweetly sing: Worthy is our Savior-King!
Loud let his praises ring, Praise, praise for aye.

2 Come to this happy land, Come, come away;
Why will you doubting stand, Why still delay?
O we shall happy be, When, from sin and sorrow free,
Lord, we shall live with thee, Blest, blest for aye.

3 Bright in that happy land, Beams every eye;
Kept by a Father's hand, Love cannot die.
On, then, to glory run; Be a crown and kingdom won,
And bright above the sun, Reign, reign for aye.

BENEVOLENCE OFFERING

HYMN OF ACCEPTANCE: #176 *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!*

1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us:
thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou agonizing Savior,
bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merits we find favor;
life is given through thy name.

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins were on thee laid;
by almighty love anointed,

thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven
through the virtue of thy blood;
opened is the gate of heaven,
peace is made 'twixt man and God.

3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
there forever to abide;
all the heav'nly hosts adore thee,
seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading;
there thou dost our place prepare;
ever for us interceding
till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing
thou art worthy to receive:
loudest praises, without ceasing,
meet it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
help to sing our Savior's merits,
help to chant Immanuel's praise!

BENEDICTION: Pronouncement of the Lord's Blessing

We have been blessed in the gathering, and we are to go forth in faith, acknowledging and receiving this blessing until we meet again.

Those desiring prayer after today's service can find volunteer prayer partners at the front of the sanctuary.
All are invited to our Agape Meal following the second service, and we will enjoy an evening service tonight at 6:00 PM.

SERMON NOTES

Hebrews 11:13-16

"Faith to the End"

Last week in the life of Sarah we were shown that while true faith is not always lived out in a clean, smooth journey, the final verdict of the faithful is that God is the Faithful One and I will trust Him. There resides in the heart of all the faithful "a hope against hope.'

True faith sustained Sarah amid the frightening and vulnerable. In Heb. 11:13-16, true faith sustains the believer amid the disappointing.

SUNDAY TO SUNDAY

MONDAY: Where did the Spirit use the preaching of His Word to bring you comfort? conviction? hope?
In light of yesterday's sermon, where do you want to change?

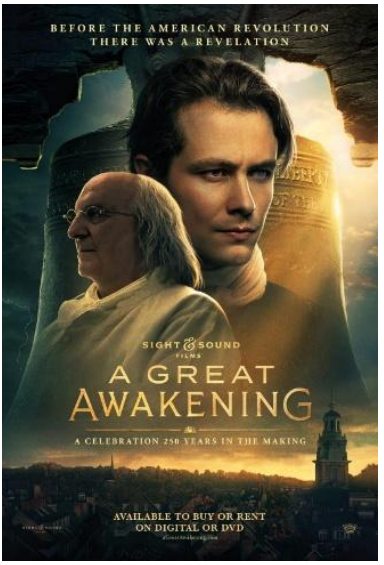
TUESDAY: Should our true faith in a "better country" lead us to despise the world we are in? How does 1 Peter 2:13-20 guide our mindset for how we should now live?
Should you vote today?

WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 11:13-16. How did all of these "die in faith?" Why did all these people hang onto their faith even though they never saw what they hoped for during their earthly lives?
How might you prepare even now to "die in faith?"

THURSDAY: Living with disappointment is not unique to you. It goes all the way back to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. They didn't receive the promises. While disappointment may be universal, complaining is condemned. It is one thing to cast your disappointments onto the Lord, it is another to spread them around and foster discontentment. One path leads to the strengthening of faith, the other leads to faith's demise.
Which path are you on? Are you submitting your disappointments (e.g. marriage, finances, relationships, etc.) to the Lord in faith trusting that He is building something greater? Or are you believing the lie of the devil, that God is holding out on you and you have a right to let others know your level of disappointment in God?

FRIDAY: What is the better country and city for which we are to long (Heb. 12:22)?
"Notice it is a 'country' and a 'city' we are promised. The fulfillment of the promise in its highest form is set before us as social and not simply as personal. God prepared for his chosen not a home but a city, a Divine Commonwealth." (B.F. Westcott)
Are you investing in the citizens of this country and city even now?

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



CHURCH MOVIE NIGHT: NOVEMBER 6

Bring some friends to enjoy this special showing of *A Great Awakening*, based on the lives of evangelist George Whitefield and Benjamin Franklin.

The movie begins at 6:30 PM with a discussion following.

Use the QR code, the Church Center app, or sign up on the communication wall in the narthex to attend and indicate any snacks that you can bring to share.

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GOOD NEWS CLUB

Our laws allow for the gospel to go into every school in the country! This is great news, but it won't happen without volunteers to teach and help in the Good News Clubs. North Side Elementary School is in need of two helpers in order to start their Good News Club this year. Will you prayerfully consider if God would have you serve one or more weeks per month?

The Club meets on Mondays from 3:45 – 5:00 PM at the school. For more information, contact Child Evangelism Fellowship director, Brooke Morrison at 717-652-0372 or cefdauphin@comcast.net.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH
SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARABIAN PENINSULA
NOVEMBER 1, 2026



In the Arabian Peninsula, when men and women leave Islam to follow Christ, the first opposition they face is from family members. Our Christian brothers and sisters are shamed and rejected. They are often beaten or humiliated. If they do not return to Islam, they are abandoned. Joining other believers for worship and fellowship is difficult, so persecuted Christians in the Arabian Peninsula are isolated. But our Christian family members are resolute in their faith, determined to stand for Christ at any cost.



PRAYING FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA

» Pray that God will lead them to places where they can worship and fellowship with other Christians.
» Pray that they will continue to witness boldly in the face of persecution.
» Pray that they will know Christ is with them and that they are not alone.
» Pray that their ability to forgive their family members will lead many to faith in Christ.





You will find prayer calendars for the month of November in your mailboxes and on the communication wall in the narthex.

ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 (7 AM – 8 PM)

Our church is a polling place. Sign up on the Communication Wall in the narthex if you can help with hospitality, prayer and answering questions about the gospel for those who ask.

Pray for Our Nation.

- **Pray that the Lord would bring about repentance in our nation** and revival in the church.
- **Pray that the fear of the Lord would fall upon our government leaders**. Pray for Christians serving in government positions. Pray that they would bear bold testimony to the greatness of the One True God.
- **Pray that justice, truth, and peace will prevail.** Pray that our leaders would be used of God to restrain evil.
- **Continue to pray for mercy and God's glory in the cause to protect children in the womb. Pray for the judges of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court** to give a ruling that reflects the value of human life.
- **Pray that the promises and truths of the Gospel will sustain our Christian students & teachers &** impact the lives of those who need to know the power and grace of our Savior. Pray for our local school district, private schools, & colleges.
- **Pray the church of the Lord Jesus Christ engages the prevailing culture with compassion and without compromise.**




You are invited to
Ladies Christmas
Candlelight
Good and Perfect Gifts
Come be filled, encouraged, and reminded
of the gifts that truly endure.
DEC | 4 | 6:15 PM
Grace BFC Fellowship Hall
women of grace
PLEASE REGISTER BY
NOVEMBER 29TH ON
CHURCH CENTER
$5 SUGGESTED DONATION
Register
Donate

MEN OF GRACE HIKE



Colonel Denning State Park
Flat Rock Overlook
1599 Doubling Gap Road
Newville, PA 17241

The men and boys of Grace BFC are invited to the Men of Grace annual hike. We will hike 4 miles to Flat Rock Overlook in Colonel Denning State Park. The hike is considered moderately difficult. Bring a lunch and water for the trail. Wear brightly colored clothing and avoid brown as it is hunting season. We will meet at the church at 7:45 AM to carpool. Register on the church app or contact the office to sign up. See pastor Andy if you have any questions.

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LIVE TRANSLATION FOR TODAY'S SERMON

Arabic, Nepali, Russian, Spanish
Scan the QR code to use today.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Families of Grace,

I am a volunteer with the area Operation Christmas Child team and would like to explain some important things about the shoeboxes of gifts that are packed at this time of year.

First, though the boxes are packed during the holiday season, they are not Christmas gifts for needy children across the globe. The boxes are actually delivered all year long. But each box IS a gospel opportunity. Each child that receives a box also receives a brief statement of the gospel in their language (over 118 languages currently) called "The Greatest Gift." In addition, each child receives an invitation to take part in a 12-week follow-up discipleship course called "The Greatest Journey" (in over 99 languages at present). Last year these materials were translated into the language of a remote Peruvian tribe, and this became the first written material in their language!

Over 12 million shoeboxes were collected last year, and they go into OVER 100 countries in the world, including countries where Christian missionaries are not allowed to go. EVERY 24 hours, on average, 32,656 children hear the gospel when boxes are delivered, 9,737 children accept Jesus, and 16,538 children enroll in "The Greatest Journey."

I encourage you to consider packing one or more shoeboxes! It is one of the simplest ways to share the gospel, and children are often the most open to receive the message of salvation in Jesus. See me if you have any questions or want more information. Thank you!

Dennis Spinney
Operation Christmas Child Church Relations

REGULAR SERVICES AND STUDIES

Sunday	8:15 AM	Prayer in the Library - All are welcome.
	8:45 AM	Morning Worship
	10:15 AM	Sunday School for All Ages (and nursery)
	11:15 AM	Morning Worship (with nursery)
	2:00 PM	Worship Service at Kindred Place
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship – 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
	1:00 & 6:00 PM	Discipleship Groups – 2nd & 4th Sundays
Tuesday	6:00 AM	Men's Study at Capitol Diner
	10:00 AM	Moms Group - 2nd Tuesday from September through May
Wednesday	5:00 PM	Table of Grace (Sept-May) Sign up online.
	5:30 PM	MLTs & Committee Meetings
	6:30 PM	Men's & Women's Bible Study & Prayer Children's Classes, Youth Group & Nursery
Thursday	1:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study (Sept. – May)
	7:30 PM	College/Career Bible Study-Messiah Univ. See Pastor Josh for the schedule
	7:00 PM	Men of Honor – 1st & 3rd Thursday
Friday	6:30 AM	Friday Morning Men's Study -1st & 3rd Fri.
	6:00 PM	Young Adult Group on the 2nd Friday
Children's Church	During Sunday Sermon: Grades Pre-K-1: Children's church during the 11:15 AM service (except for the 1st Sunday of the month). Toddler class is available for age 4 every Sunday during the 11:15 AM service.	
Nursery	Nursery care is available during Sunday School and the 11:15 AM Sunday service. Infants – first floor; Toddlers – lower level. (On Wed., both nurseries - lower level.)	
Discipleship Groups	See one of the pastors. All are encouraged to join.	

GRACE FAMILY CLASSIFIEDS provides access to free items offered by our church family, as well as a place to request items. Use this link or the QR code.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Please see the information wall in the narthex for more information and to sign up.

Tues	11/3	7AM – 8PM	Election Day Outreach
Wed	11/4	5:30 PM	Short-term Missions MLT
Thurs	11/5	7:30 PM	College/Career Study-Messiah
Sat	11/6	6:30 PM	Movie Night: Great Awakening
Tues	11/10	10:00 AM	Moms of Babies & Preschoolers
Wed	11/11	5:30 PM	Property Committee
Fri	11/13	6:00 PM	Young Adult Group
Sat	11/14	8 AM-2 PM	Men's Hike
Wed	11/18	5:30 PM	Evangelism & Outreach MLT
Thurs	11/19	7:30 PM	College/Career Study-Messiah
Wed	11/25	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wed	12/2	5:30 PM	Prayer MLT
Fri	12/4	6:15 PM	Ladies Christmas Candlelight
Wed	12/9	6:00 PM	Youth Group Christmas Party

SERVING:

This Sunday, November 1

Sunday School Nursery – Bethany Newcomer, Leslie Rayner

Corporate Worship

Infant Nursery – Rita Burger, Tonja Greene

Toddler Nursery – Julie Prensner, Dennis Spinney

Children's Church – No children's class this Sunday

Greeters – Aaron & Holly Beth Stout

Prayer Room – Bill & Chris Danielewicz

Wednesday, November 4 – Jacqueline Lintner, Nicole Tregunna

Next Sunday, November 8

Sunday School Nursery – Darla Grim, Rachel Miller

Corporate Worship

Infant Nursery – Ja'Neice Roland, Karen Swanson

Toddler Nursery – Laura Reynolds, Sarah Waldron

Children's Church – Stacey Frost, Brenda Wasielewski

Greeters – Bill & Daryl Richards, Sue Barron

Prayer Room – John Beauliue, Carol Helman