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# **November 9, 2025**

Sunday School 9am Worship Service 10am Office hours: Tues & Thurs. 10-2 (may be subject to change)

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# Welcome to Grace Mennonite Fellowship!

We are glad you are here today to worship with us. Here at Grace, we strive to learn more about Jesus through the scriptures, song & each other. We want to walk alongside you on your faith journey!

Our hope is that you will feel at home here at Grace.

The Grace family is made up of people from all walks of life and all ages. We pray that you will find where you fit in and let your gifts shine.

Pastor Josh is available to meet you over coffee, in his office or your home.

Today's Message:

**Pastor Josh Cox** 

"Conspiracy!"

Isaiah 8

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8, NIV

## Order of Service

**Prelude** 

Welcome & Opening Prayer Ginger Brubaker, Worship Leader

**Responsive Reading** 

Worship leader: Lift up your hearts

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Worship leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Lighting of the Peace Candle** 

**Announcements** 

Music

Offering

Dismiss Children for Children's Church

Sermon: Pastor Joshua Cox

Hymn Sharing Time Benediction

# **Worship Schedule**

	Nov 9	Nov 16	
PREACHING	Pastor Josh	Derrick Cash	
WORSHIP LEADER	Ginger Brubaker	Kent Armentrout	
Music Team	Arbogast Team	Mathias Team	
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Julie & Darren	Loyd & Wren	
PreK-3rd Grade	Jones	Whetzel	
Jr. Church		Ginger Brubaker &	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday's		Billie Jo Mohler	
TODDLER ROOM	Melinda Armentrout	Lam family	
	& Diane Oswald		
Secure Church	Jacob Armentrout	Chris Mathias	

#### **YOUTH NEWS**

Lots of good stuff coming up in the near future! The youth will be having a bake sale on Nov 22 to help us get ready for Thanksgiving!

Talk to Cristina & Austin for all the details!



#### **GIVING...**

**Attendance** 

Last Sunday: 133 One year ago: 158

All Giving Last Sunday:

\$19,212

**Breakdown of Last Sunday** 

General Fund: \$2,963 Church Rental: \$200 Pantry: \$5,000 Pavilion: \$10,000

Pavilion FR (Soup): \$1049

EASY TITHE	July	Aug	Sept
General	3958	3015	3140
Pantry	405	385	425
VCM	45	55	45
Philippines	50	60	1050
Compassion	90	130	100
Totals	4548	3645	4760

#### **This Week's Calendar**

Mon, Nov 10 Food Pantry, VCM

Tues, Nov 11 Care Team, CC, Church Cleaning

Wed, Nov 12 Bible Study

Thur, Nov 13 Sewing Circle, FH Reserved

Nov 15 & 16 Sanctuary, Kitchen & FH Reserved

Please remember to schedule meetings or other activities thru the church office.



#### **Upcoming Birthdays**

Nov 9 Glen Adams, Cindy Rahe
Nov 12 Ollie Cox
Nov 13 Logan Thompson,
Faith Jorgensen
Nov 25 Andrea Crawford
Nov 26 Nancy Callahan

Please turn your cell phones off or silence them during the service. Wifi Network: Connect to Graceguest Password JesusSaves

## **Announcements**

- \*Safe Church: remember, if you are an approved adult, please take a few minutes and reread the policy. There are changes that you need to know about. Let's keep our little ones safe.
- \*Derrick Cash will be giving the message next Sunday! He will be sharing his testimony with us! Plan to attend!
- \*Information Corner/Area is being brought back! Over the next few weeks, we will be pulling this together for our visitors. There will be information about Grace, where to take children for **their time** of worshipping and other things a newbie needs to know about us! We will be asking for volunteers to help our visitors with this each Sunday!
- \*Check your bulletin for forms for poinsettias!!!
- \*Operation Christmas Child: Sallie Crowl will be overseeing this event this year. Boxes are in the hallway near the bulletin boards. Start collecting items for boxes!
- \*There will NOT be a Thanksgiving meal here at Grace this year. Please share with your circle of people so we can get the word out. Plans for 2026 are in the works. This could be a great opportunity to invite someone you know that doesn't have family close by to your home for Thanksgiving! Start planning!
- **\*SAVE THE DATE:** Leadership Retreat, Feb 20-22, 2026. Worship Retreat, Feb 27-29, 2026. More details to come.

#### Area Events

\*Highland Banquet: Thursday, November 20, 2025. 6:00-8:15 pm, at Lindale Mennonite Church fellowship hall (located on VA Route 42, north of Harrisonburg). Doors will open at 5:45. GMF has a table for 10 people and those seats have been reserved! We can start a second table if more are interested in sitting together! Highland's theme will be "Lengthen the cords of our tent," inspired by Isaiah 54:2. The Banquet program will include some updates on the past year and some exciting plans for the future that will give us opportunities to "lengthen the cords" (ex. some new facility options) and "strengthen the stakes" (ex. infrastructure projects) of the tent that is Highland Retreat.

**Blue Ridge District News** No new news this week. **LMC News** No new news at this time.

### **Prayer List**

Pray for our church and those that lead us; pray for those that are homebound; pray for our country and our leaders. Specific prayers: Margaret Palmer, Shirley Daniels, Kyla Weaver, Larry & Doris Davis, Paul Huseni, Lindsey (Glen Adams friend), Rebecca's mom, Shelley Jorgensen's coworkers, Jean Martin's family, Margie Clement, Doreen Roes' brother in law.

### Please remember our elderly by sending them a card...

Dan Benner Liz Landis
Frances Showalter Paul Mishler
Virginia Saylor Millie Early
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Ministries of Grace

#### **GMF Philippines Learning Center**

Grace has a school in the Philippines, that is for 3-5 year old children. We have been supporting them since 1999. For more information, please talk to Wayne & Joanne Showalter.

#### The Lacey Spring Food Pantry

Open on Mondays from 1-5:30pm for anyone in need of food. If you or someone you know that is facing food insecurities, have them talk to Kay Kibler or Amanda Fauls.

#### **Vertical Connections Ministry**

This is a clothing ministry open on Mondays from 10am-1pm. For more information, talk to Glen Adams.

#### Prison Ministry

Grace has a men's jail discipleship class that meets from 8:45am-9:45am each Friday in Rockingham Regional Jail. Out of the class has developed a breakfast with jail volunteers and friends made on the inside that are now free. Talk to Pastor Josh if interested.

### **Important Contacts of Grace**

- Mike Oswald, Elder Chair
- Kent Armentrout, Council Chair
- Larry Davis, Head Trustee
- Tamra Puffenbarger, Care Team Lead
- Kay Kibler, Administrative Assistant
- Jacob Armentrout, Sound Tech
- Bekah Mongold, Visuals



### **Mission Statement**

We will endeavor to faithfully give ourselves to prayer, worship, and study of the Bible. We acknowledge that God invites us to practice love, forgiveness, and hospitality to all humanity. We commit ourselves to invite others to faith in Jesus and to seek God's peace in our homes, work, neighborhoods, & the world.

# **Vision Statement**

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as a witnessing community of love, grace, joy and peace; so that God's healing and hope flowthrough us to the world.



Bishop, Peter Eberly Bishop, Jason Rhodes Showalter

- Grace Mennonite Fellowship
  - Eastside Church
    - Early Church
  - Trissels Mennonite Church
    - Mosaic of Grace
- Iglesia Cristiana Enciende una Luz
  - Weavers Mennonite Church