

Grace Notes

From: Rev. Jim Gorski

November 2025

God's Thankful People

*Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you – 1 Thess. 5:18*

This year Americans celebrate Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 27. The roots of Thanksgiving can be traced to the year 1621, when the Plymouth colonists, known as the Pilgrims, and the Native American Wampanoag people shared a three-day feast whose purpose, for the Pilgrims, was to thank God for the bountiful harvest he provided. This celebratory feast, organized by Governor William Bradford, is commonly acknowledged as America's first Thanksgiving, though the Pilgrims themselves likely did not use the term at the time.

After this first Thanksgiving, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states for more than two centuries. However, it wasn't until 1863, at the height of the Civil War, that President Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each final Thursday in November. Thanksgiving was then celebrated on this day until 1939 when President Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week hoping to spur retail sales during the Great Depression. Roosevelt's plan, mockingly known as "Franksgiving," was strongly opposed by the American populace. In 1941, President Roosevelt reluctantly signed a bill that officially made Thanksgiving Day the fourth Thursday in November.

While it is wonderful to have a National Day of Thanksgiving (though, sadly, our nation has lost the true meaning of the day), for the Christian Thanksgiving should be more than a holiday we celebrate with family and friends once a year. It should be the persistent attitude of our heart. For when we reflect on all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ, we should be the most thankful people on earth every day God gives us breath. And not only when life is good, but in every circumstance.

Think of the Pilgrims who celebrated the first Thanksgiving. They had endured great loss, extreme hardship, and continual uncertainty. Yet, they set aside time to thank God – not for perfect circumstances, but for his sustaining grace in the midst of their imperfect circumstances. As Paul discovered centuries before them, God's grace proved sufficient for their needs and his power was perfected in their weakness and they were very thankful for his grace.

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So, as we gather together this Thanksgiving with family and friends on our national holiday, let us thank God for a day to remember his manifold blessings upon this nation. And let us pray for God to have mercy upon us. For we are desperately in need of a spiritual awakening. But as those whom God has saved by his grace from his judgment and granted eternal life, let us not forget to thank him for the redemptive blessings he has bestowed on us through Christ. For these eternal blessings belong only to the people of God whose true citizenship lies not in America but in the new heaven and earth.

As one author writes:

Only in Jesus Christ are we able to become the kind of thankful people God created us to be. For the Christian, with both feet standing firmly in the good news of Jesus, there are possibilities for a true thanksgiving which we otherwise would never know.

**GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD
FOR HE IS GOOD**
His LOVE endures FOREVER!!!



A Congregational Meeting...

will take place on Sunday, November 16, after the morning worship service. The 2026 Budget will be presented. All members of Grace Presbyterian Church are encouraged to attend.

New Member

We are pleased to welcome our newest member of the family of God at Grace Presbyterian Church

*Duane Landry
On October 12, 2025.
Please extend a warm welcome to our brother in Christ!*



Praying for our Nation...

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Our group of prayer warriors meets in the sanctuary for the sole purpose of praying for our nation. If you cannot attend, please join us in prayer from your home or office during that time as we follow the command to pray for all those in authority.

"First of all then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quite life, godly and dignified in every way."

(1 Timothy 2: 1-2)



Blessed
is the NATION
whose
GOD
is the LORD.
Psalm 33:12

***The Lord's Supper***

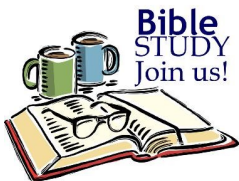
will be observed on November 9
morning worship service.

Everyone is
encouraged to be in prayer and
repentance in preparation to partake in this
holy sacrament.

Please pray for the following physical concerns
and spiritual needs of each, individual.

*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me,
and I will listen to you."*

Jeremiah 29: 12



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

**Please Join us every Wednesday
Time: 10:30**

**Where: Fellowship Hall
Rev. Jim Gorski will be teaching from the book
"Survey of the New Testament"
By
Jack B. Scott, Ph.D.**



Ladies
ministry

“Looking to Christ: The Book of Hebrews”
by Marci Ogrosky

Marci is a pastors wife, Mom, and has a degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Special Education. She is a down to earth writer that we have enjoyed learning from. Hebrews has 13 chapters, and encouragement is the heart of the books purpose. Jesus sanctifies us for the true worship of God, so that we draw nearer to heaven.

Please join us on the second Tuesday every month at 10am at Grace. I think you will enjoy Bible study, prayer, and fellowship with loving Christian women. Bring a friend if you like. If you have any questions, please call Marsha Allison.

Pennies for Missions

Just a reminder that the WIC is still collecting pennies for our missionaries! If you have any spare change that you’ve been looking to get rid of, feel free to drop it in the container in the Foyer or in the Sunday School Rooms.

The money will be used to help the missionaries that Grace Presbyterian Church supports.

Calendar of Activities for the Month

Men of the Covenant: Thursday, November 6 at 1pm
Session Meeting: Sunday, November 9 at 12 pm
WIC Circle Meeting: Tuesday, November 11 at 10am

Prayer for our Nation: Wednesdays at 10:00 am
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:30 am



Men of the Covenant **November 6**

All men of GPC are invited to the Men of the Covenant which will resume its monthly meetings every first Thursday of the month.

We will have a time of fellowship, food, and a devotion from the Word of God.

The men gather around 1:00 p.m. for fellowship and the meal begins around 1:30 p.m.

*“As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens another.”
Proverbs 27: 17*

The next **Session Meeting** will be Sunday, November 9 at 12:00 p.m. If you have something you would like the Session to discuss, please let Pastor Jim, Jesse Arnold, Randy Borill, or Cleve Chandler know.



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*Enter his gates with
thanksgiving, and his
courts with praise!
Give thanks to him;
bless his name!*

*For the LORD is
good; his steadfast love
endures
forever, and his
faithfulness to all
generations."*

Psaln 100:4-5

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	6 12:00pm Men of the Covenant	7	8
9 Communion Session Mtg-	10	11 10:00 am WIC Circle Meeting	12 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	13	14	15
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Sundays : 9:15 a.m. Sunday School • 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

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Celebration Committee

**We are looking for
volunteers to help
organize the
100th Anniversary of
Grace Presbyterian
Church next year.**

**Please contact
MaryAnn Bennett
if you would like to
participate.**