

Grace Notes

From: Rev. Jim Gorski

September 2025

Our Heavenly Intercessor

...Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us – Rom. 8:34

It is always a great comfort to know that people pray for you. To have someone say, “I am praying for you,” is a wonderful encouragement, especially in difficult days. Well, if that is true when we know that people pray for us, how much more should we be comforted and encouraged to know that Jesus prays for us and his intercession is never-ending. Day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute, year by year, Jesus prays for us at the right hand of God the Father in heaven. The author of Hebrews mentions Christ’s perpetual prayers in chapter 7:25, when he writes, “he always lives to make intercession for them,” that is, for his people. As our Great High Priest in heaven, Jesus forever intercedes for us. God’s people are truly blessed.

Now, while it is true, Scripture does not reveal the exact content of Jesus’ intercessions as he prays for his people in heaven, it does record his parting prayer in John chapter 17. Taking this prayer as a pattern for his intercessions, we can see that Jesus prays for his people in at least seven ways.

Jesus prays for the preservation of his people.

And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled – Jn. 17:11-12

Jesus prays that God the Father will guard his people. He prays for their preservation and perseverance in saving faith. He prays that no true Christian would fall away but remain true to the faith until the end.

Jesus prays for the consolation of his people.

But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves – Jn. 17:13

Jesus prays that through the comfort and consolation of his Spirit his people would know his joy and peace.

Jesus prays for the protection of his people.

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world – Jn. 17:14-16

Jesus prays for his Father to protect his people, whom the world hates, from the malice of sinners and the wiles of the evil one.

Jesus prays for the sanctification of his people.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth – Jn. 17:17-19

Jesus prays for the Father to conform his people to his image by the Word of God and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus prays for unity among his people.

I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me – Jn. 17:20-23.

Jesus prays that all who believe in him will be united into one spiritual family and society.

Jesus prays for the glorification of his people.

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world – Jn. 17:24

Jesus prays for every true believer to be with him in heaven and to experience the glory that awaits them as the children of God and co-heirs with him.

Jesus prays for the edification of his people.

O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them – Jn. 17:25-26

Jesus prays that his people will edify each other in love, through his love for them and presence with them, by his Spirit who indwells them.

What a joy to know that Jesus intercedes for us in heaven at the Father's right hand. How blessed we are to have the prayers of our crucified, risen, and ascended Savior who prays for our preservation, consolation, protection, sanctification, unity, glorification, and edification. Not sometimes but at all times. For Jesus always lives to make intercession for his people. As Scottish Presbyterian Robert Murray M'Cheyne once said: 'If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million of enemies. Yet the distance makes no difference; he is praying for me.' Amen. Thank you, Jesus.

On behalf of my family I want to thank all of you for their prayers during Erik's healing from his accident.

He has returned to work and will continue to seek treatment for his hearing loss.

Thank You,
Chris Neusetzer



Budget Committee Meeting

The Committee will meet on September 22 to discuss and finalize the budget for the upcoming year. Please be in prayer for these individuals as they seek the Lord's wisdom for Grace Presbyterian Church's 2026 Budget.



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)



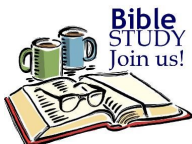
Blessed
is the NATION
whose
GOD
is the LORD.
Psalm 33:12

The Lord's Supper

will be observed on September 7 at the morning worship service.

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

*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me,
and I will listen to you."
Jeremiah 29: 12*



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: Tuesday, September 4, 6:30pm
WIC Circle Meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 10:00 am
Session Meeting: Sunday, September 14, 12:00 pm
Prayer for our Nation: Wednesdays at 10:00 am
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:30 am



Men of the Covenant **Resumes Thursday, September 4**

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 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and the meal begins around 7:00 p.m.

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

The next **Session Meeting** will be Sunday, September 14 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.

Verse to Remember

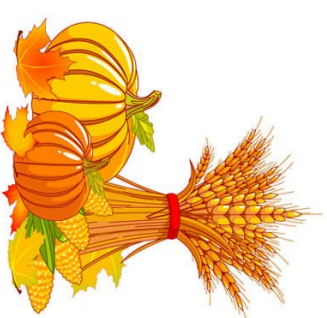
If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

*James 1:5
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For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven... "Ecclesiastes 3:1



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	4 6:30 pm Men of the Covenant	5	6
7 Communion 	8	9 10:00 am WIC Circle Meeting	10 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	11	12	13
14 Session Meeting	15	16	17 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	18	19	20
21 	22	23	24 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Sundays : 9:15 a.m. Sunday School • 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

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