

**Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.**

**Psalm 119:105**



**Grace Presbyterian Church**

**Fort Wayne, IN**

**September 28, 2025**

**The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook**

## Sunday Service – September 28, 2025

*How can we pray for you? Let us know in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!*

*We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in **\*BOLD\*** with us from your homes!*

*10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts*

**10:30 – Live Prelude Starts**      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* by Runyan

### **Welcome & Prayer of Illumination** (*Psalm 119:105, 130, 18*)

“Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

Open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of your law.”

**Amen.**

### **Favorite Verse - Sue Creager**

### **Call to Worship —**

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (*Psalm 118:24*)

**“Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.”** (*Psalm 95:6*)

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end.” (*Lamentations 3:22*)

**“They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”** (*Lamentations 3:23*)

“Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!” (*Psalm 150:6*)

**“We will bless the Lord at all times; God’s praise shall continually be in our mouths.”** (*Psalm 34:1*)

### **Opening Hymn #729 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”**

### **Call to Confession —**

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Let us confess our sin together.

## Prayer of Confession —

Merciful God, we confess that we have gone astray. Like sheep, we have turned to our own way. Forgive us, bring us back to your fold, and lead us in your paths of righteousness. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*Time for silent confession*

## Assurance of Pardon — 2 Corinthians 5:17

“If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.” Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## Song of Assurance #581 “Gloria Patri”

## Favorite Verse - Tammy Menkes

## Passing the Peace

He is the vine and we are His branches. He cares, guides, and forgives us. The Peace and Love of The Gardener, our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**And also with you!**

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

## Children’s Message

## Time for Music & Meditation

## Favorite Verse - Holly Bouthot

## Favorite Verses - Pam Callahan, Todd German, & Jill Werling (all read by Jill)

## Choir Anthem #838 “Standing on the Promises”

**Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Hymn of Response #177 "I Will Come to You"**

Optional Note On "I Will come to You (You Are Mine)" - *Presuming to speak in the voice of God, as this song does, can only be done with integrity if the singers understand their words as an expression of what they believe about God's nature and God's intentions. It is an occasion for affirming faith, not for wishful thinking. Glory to God, 2013.*

**Favorite Verse - Cindy Bowers****Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

Gracious God,

Jesus taught us that blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. So we pray for all who feel empty, forgotten, or without hope.

He said, blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

So we pray for all who grieve this day, and for those who carry sorrow too heavy to name.

He said, blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

So we pray for humility in our leaders, gentleness in our dealings with one another,  
and greater care for your good creation.

He said, blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

So we pray for justice where oppression reigns, and peace where violence tears communities apart.

He said, blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

So we pray for compassion in our hearts, and for reconciliation where there is division.

He said, blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

So we pray for the renewal of our hearts and minds, that we may see your presence more clearly.

He said, blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

So we pray for peace in our homes, our neighborhoods, and among the nations of the world.

He said, blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

So we pray for your church wherever it suffers, and for all people who endure injustice.

Gather these prayers, O Lord, along with the silent petitions of our hearts, and make us signs of your blessing in the world.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying:

Hear us also, Lord, as we bring to you the prayers of our own hearts.

- We lift before you Kevin, Holly, and Jill's cousin, asking for your healing hand in their recovery.
- We remember Marcia Dawkins, Diana's sister, and pray for strength and restoration in her recovery as well.

- We pray for Grace, O God – that you would guide us and bring to us the pastor you have already prepared for our future.
- And we pray for Diana, that she may know your peace and your presence as she faces the return of cancer.

Surround each one with your mercy, your comfort, and your love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gather all our prayers, O Lord, spoken and unspoken,  
as we pray together the words Jesus taught us:

**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.**

**Favorite Verse** - *Tom Monnier & Peggy Mahoney (read by Jill)*

**Call to Offering** – *2 Corinthians 9:7*

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Let us bring our gifts to God with joy.

**Offertory**

*Blessed Assurance* by Knapp

**Doxology #606** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Prayer of Dedication** — *1 Chronicles 29:11*

Let us pray. “Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours.”

Receive these gifts, O God, for your glory and for the work of your kingdom.  
**Amen.**

## Announcements

**Favorite Verse – Todd German**

**Time for Additional Favorite Verses**

**Closing Hymn #547 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

**Charge & Benediction – (Psalm 119 & 2 Corinthians 13:13)**

Go forth with God’s Word as your guide:

*“For God’s word is a lamp to your feet and a light to your path.*

*The unfolding of God’s words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.*

*Open your eyes to behold the wondrous things God sets before you.”*

*“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.”*

**– 2 Corinthians 13:13**

**Postlude**

*Come Thou Almighty King* by Giardini

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**World Communion Sunday & Joint Worship With United Faith:** Next Sunday, October 5th, Grace will be worshiping with United Faith to celebrate World Communion Sunday. The service is at 10:30 AM @ 1616 W. Main Street. Our members are encouraged to bring a canned food item for their Food Bank. There will be no worship service held at Grace next week.

**October Newsletter:** You still have a chance to submit items for the October Newsletter. Please get submissions to the office by 10 AM Monday, September 29.

**Favorite Bible Verse Sunday:** Thanks to everyone who volunteered their favorite

verses. We appreciate your participation.

**Fall Congregational Meeting:** Our Fall Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, following the service.

**Halloween at Grace:** Our annual ‘treat’ for our neighbors is just around the corner (October 31) and we need volunteers. We need people to hand out candy. We need people willing to decorate cars or tables. We need people to sever the hotdogs and cider. If you can help talk to Todd or sign-up in the narthex (sign-up sheet with times and volunteer options coming soon).

**Grace Pledge Day—Save the Date:** Our annual pledge day will be held on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meal to follow the service.

### Birthdays

Bob Bausser – October 3

Quinn Fahrenbach – October 5

Gail Bellis – October 6

Colbie Geist – October 6

### Anniversaries

Kevin & Jennifer Mahoney

September 28, 1996

### ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

*To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.*

#### **Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting**

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

#### **Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting**

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on “Join” and enter this information:

**Meeting ID:** 9712063468

**Password:** 030414

#### **Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)**



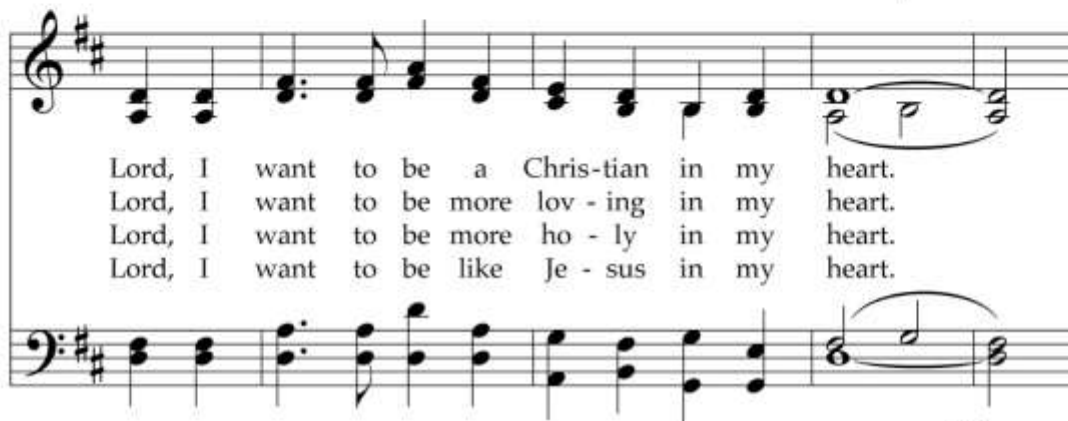
On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

*Phone Number:* (301) 715-8592 *Meeting ID:* 9712063468 *Password:* 030414

## 729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian



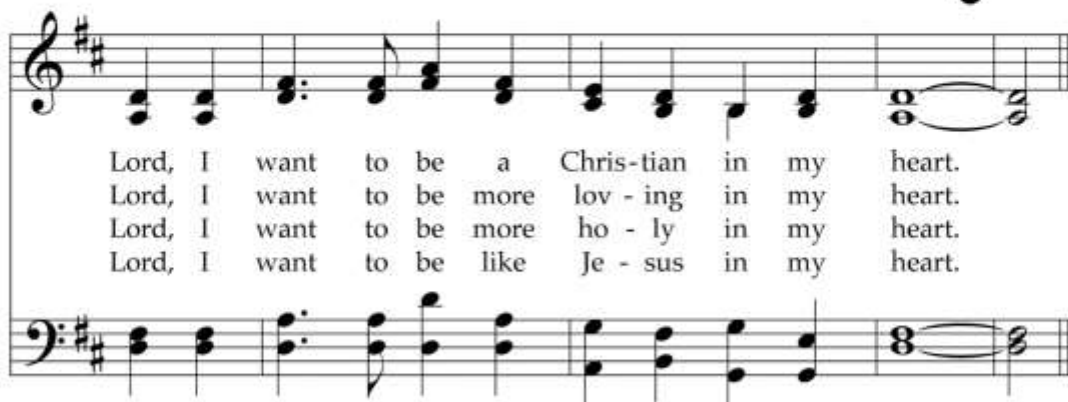
1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;  
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;  
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.



In my heart, in my heart, In my heart, in my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

## Glory Be to the Father

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

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# I Will Come to You You Are Mine

*Leader or All*

A D A E

1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I

F#m D Esus E

I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.

A D C# F#m

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

Bm A D Esus E Esus E

still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)  
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)  
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)  
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

*Refrain All*

A D E F#m7 D

Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by

Esus E A D E F#m F#m7

name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I

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love you and you are mine." 4 "I

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*Refrain*

Stand - ing, stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

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# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

\*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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## Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort

ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

TEXT: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983  
 MUSIC: Welsh melody  
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