

Grace Presbyterian Church
Fort Wayne, IN – Oct. 18, 2026
21th Sunday After Pentecost



*Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's,
and to God the things that are God's. — Matthew 22:21*

Service Notes: Prayer cards are available in your pews for the sharing of Joys and Concerns. You can give them to Sandy Garcia. We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in **BOLD**. *Indicates when to stand in body or spirit.

Worship Volunteers: Worship Leader: Pastor Sandy Garcia – Lay Leader: Pam Callahan – Children's Message: Holly Bouthot – Ushers: Stacey Monnier, Katelyn Monnier, & Grace Hochstetler – Tech: Todd German & Bob Bausser – Counters: Kevin Mahoney & Todd German – Pianist: Sue Creager – Choir Director: Tom Callahan.

Prelude — *I've Found a Friend* arr. by Danielson

Welcome — Rev. Sandy Garcia

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

We belong to God, and all that we have is God's gift.

God calls us by name and invites us to lives of faithfulness.

Our time, our gifts, our relationships, and our resources belong to God.

Come, let us worship the One who gives us life.

We come with gratitude, offering ourselves to God.

*Opening Hymn — #681 "This is the Day the Lord Hath Made"

*Call to Confession —

*Prayer of Confession —

Generous God, you have given us life, love, time, abilities, relationships, and resources, yet we confess that we often cling tightly to what we call our own. We forget that every good gift comes from you. We spend our time without seeking your wisdom, overlook opportunities to serve, and measure abundance by what we possess rather than by the grace we receive. Forgive us. Free us from fear and scarcity. Teach us to live with open hands and grateful hearts, offering our whole lives to you and loving our neighbors with generosity. Amen.

Time for silent confession

*Assurance of Pardon —

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new, freed to live generously as people who belong to God.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Song of Assurance #583 "Glory to God"

***Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Time for Music & Meditation

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading — Isaiah 45:1-7

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1 “This is what the Lord says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut:

2 I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron.

3 I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.

4 For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me.

5 I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me,

6 so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the Lord, and there is no other.

7 I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things.”

Choir Anthem — #307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Gospel Reading — Matthew 22:15-22

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15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. 16 They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are.

17 Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

18 But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? 19 Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, 20 and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

21 “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

22 When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

Message

What Belongs to God?

**Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle’s 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 — #716 “God, Whose Given Knows No Ending”

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

(We responsively prayer together.)

Lord we acknowledge...

All that we are belongs to you.

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.

Call to Offering

Offertory — *I Offer My Life* by Moen

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

*Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray: Generous God, everything we have comes from you, and everything we are belongs to you. Receive these gifts and receive our lives. Use our time, talents, relationships, resources, and service for your purposes. Root us in gratitude, grow us in generosity, and send us to love our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Announcements

*Closing Hymn — #541 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude — *Let There Be Glory & Honor & Praise* by Greenelsh

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Faith Food Bank in Need of Empty Egg Cartons and Grocery Bags:

Grace's Fall Congregational Meeting October 18: The meeting to follow the service.

Session Reports: If you are responsible for a Session Report, please get it to the office by Wednesday, October 14th.

Halloween at Grace: Our annual trunk or treat is coming up. We need volunteers and candy! Currently, there is a bin in the narthex for candy donations. Also, a sign up for decorated cars and helpers to hand out candy will be out soon.

Per Capita: Just a friendly reminder, if you haven't paid your \$46.06 for 2026, you still can.

Financial Literacy Opportunity: On October 23rd (6:00 PM) & 24th (9:00 AM), Grace's Generosity Team will be offering their first two classes, one on freedom from debt and the other how to save for your future. There is more information in the narthex. If you're attending, please contact Stacey so she can plan the materials.

Congregational Life Game Day: October 24th, at 2:00 PM, we will be playing games here in the fellowship hall. Join team German or team Werling as we battle it out for prizes. People coming are encouraged to bring a snack to share. Everyone welcome.

Prayer Requests

- Prayers of peace and comfort for the family of Merry.
- Prayers of recovery for Judy Bellis
- Peace and strength for Bruce Barnet during his cancer treatment.
- Your continued presence and healing for Sue.
- Healing for Jenny, JoAnn's niece, in her cancer treatment.
- Prayers of peace and comfort for those affected by the recent shootings.

Birthdays

Matt Seitz – October 23

Ken Mahoney – October 24

Anniversaries

Brian & Deb White

October 21, 1985

Carl & Bonnie Geist

October 21, 1972

Dylan & Grace Hochstetler

October 23, 2021

Worship Volunteers for October 25, 2026

Lay Leader – Todd German

Children's Message – Katie Lochry

Ushers – Stacey Monnier, Katelyn Monnier, & Grace Hochstetler

Technology – Todd German & Bob Bausser

Counters – Kevin Mahoney & Todd German

CELEBRATING TIME

681 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

(Psalm 118)

1 This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are
2 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's
3 Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with mes - sag -
4 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on

all God's own. Let heaven re - joice; let
ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
es of grace, who comes in this ac -
earth can raise! The high - est heavens in

earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.
scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.
cept - ed hour to save our sin - ful race.
which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.

These stanzas provide Watts's paraphrase of Psalm 118:24-29 (minus a stanza he inserted about Easter and Pentecost as part of his effort to Christianize the Psalms). They are set to a tune composed for and named by a Paul Gerhardt text, "Now Let All Thank and Bring Honor."

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
MUSIC: Johann Crüger, c. 1647

NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'
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God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B $\flat$ (D) F (A) C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F $\sharp$ m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$ (A) C (D) F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$ (D) F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days,
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.
 MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958
 Text © 1961, ren. 1989 *The Hymn Society* (admin. Hope Publishing Company)
 Music Harm. © 1958, ren. 1986 Broadman Press (admin. Music Services)

BEACH SPRING
 B,7,B,7,D

SENDING

God Be with You Till We Meet Again 541

Unison *Harmony*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
 float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

A North American Congregational minister wrote this text as a Christian expansion of the root sense of "good-bye": God be [with] ye/you. The tune, named for a cousin, was composed by one of the few 20th-century British composers to make a major contribution to hymnody.

TEXT: Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880, alt.
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

RANDOLPH
 9.8.8.9

(alternate tune: GOD BE WITH YOU, 542)

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