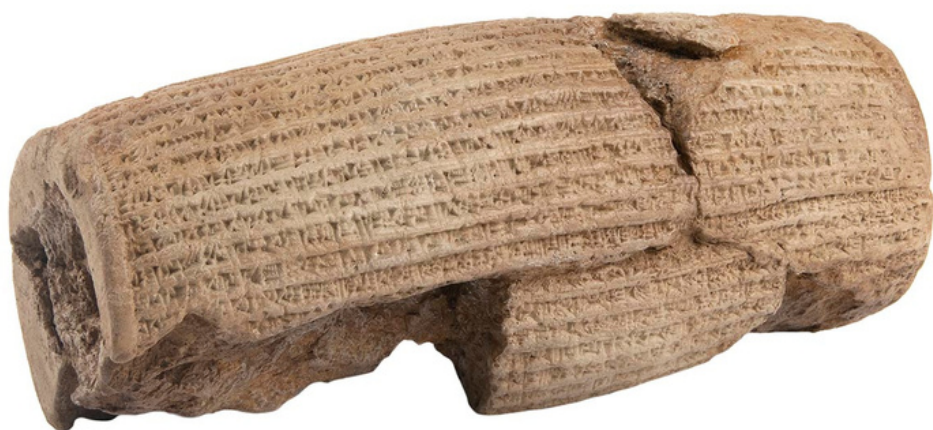




August 23rd, 2026



Order of Worship

Call to Worship & Invocation

From Psalm 107

Leader Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

All His steadfast love endures forever!

Leader Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed
And gathered from East and West, North and South.

**All Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
For his steadfast love endures forever!**

Music & Words
by Rowley/Prichard

Welcome Song

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

1. I will sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me
How He left the realms of glory
For the cross of Calvary
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me
Sing it with the saints in glory
Gathered by the crystal sea.

3. He will keep me 'til the river
Rolls its waters at my feet
Then He'll bear me safely over,
Made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ Who died for me.
Sing it with His saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

2. I was lost, but Jesus found me
Found the sheep that went astray
Raised me up and gently led me
Back into the narrow way
Days of darkness still may meet me,
Sorrow's path I oft may tread;
But His presence still is with me,
By His guiding hand I'm led.

Song of Praise

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Music & Words
by Rodgers and Wyse

1. Wonderful, merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way
[chorus]

Chorus:

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

3. Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne
[chorus x 2]

Confession of Sin & Silent Confession

from *Psalms* 51

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God,

All: according to your steadfast love;

Leader: according to your abundant mercy

All: blot out our transgressions.

Leader: Wash us thoroughly from our
iniquity,

All: and cleanse us from our sin!

Leader: For we know our transgressions,

All: and our sin is ever before us.

Leader: Against you, you only, have we
sinned

All: and done what is evil in your sight,

Leader: so that you may be justified in your
words

All: and blameless in your judgment.

Leader: Purge us with hyssop, and we shall
be clean;

**All: wash us, and we shall be whiter
than snow.**

Leader: Let us hear joy and gladness;

**All: let the bones that you have
broken rejoice.**

Leader: Hide your face from our sins,

All: and blot out all our iniquities.

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O
God,

All: and renew right spirits within us.

Leader: For the sake of Jesus Christ,
who loved us and gave himself for us,

All: Amen.

Assurance of the Gospel

From Ezekiel 36:28-29

“You shall be my people, and I will be your God. And I will deliver you from all your uncleanness.”

Song of Assurance

O Praise the Name

1. I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

2. His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Refrain:

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

3. Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King
[refrain]

4. He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face
[refrain X2]

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Blessing of the Children and Invitation to Sunday School

Greeting and Passing the Peace of Christ

Announcements and Offering

Sermon: God Restores His People

Rev. Marshall Brown

Music & Words
by Ussher/Sampson/
Hastings

Children must be checked-in and have a nametag. The check-in kiosk is located on the south side of the foyer

A nursery for ages 0-24 months is available in the children's area

The foyer and hall area may also be used as a quiet space for little ones

Ezra 1:1-11

¹ In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:

² “Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. ³ Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem. ⁴ And let each survivor, in whatever place he sojourns, be assisted by the men of his place with silver and gold, with goods and with beasts, besides freewill offerings for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.”

⁵ Then rose up the heads of the fathers’ houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up to rebuild the house of the Lord that is in Jerusalem. ⁶ And all who were about them aided them with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, with beasts, and with costly wares, besides all that was freely offered. ⁷ Cyrus the king also brought out the vessels of the house of the Lord that Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and placed in the house of his gods. ⁸ Cyrus king of Persia brought these out in the charge of Mithredath the treasurer, who counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah. ⁹ And this was the number of them: 30 basins of gold, 1,000 basins of silver, 29 censers, ¹⁰ 30 bowls of gold, 410 bowls of silver, and 1,000 other vessels; ¹¹ all the vessels of gold and of silver were 5,400. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up, when the exiles were brought up from Babylonia to Jerusalem.

Ezra 3:1-6

¹ When the seventh month came, and the children of Israel were in the towns, the people gathered as one man to Jerusalem. ² Then arose Jeshua the son of Jozadak, with his fellow priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel with his kinsmen, and they built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the Law of Moses the man of God. ³ They set the altar in its place, for fear was on them because of the peoples of the lands, and they offered burnt offerings on it to the Lord, burnt offerings morning and evening. ⁴ And they kept the Feast of Booths, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number according to the rule, as each day required, ⁵ and after that the regular burnt offerings, the offerings at the new moon and at all the appointed feasts of the Lord, and the offerings of everyone who made a freewill offering to the Lord. ⁶ From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the Lord. But the foundation of the temple of the Lord was not yet laid.

Confession of Faith | Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Please let the usher know if the elements need to be brought to you.

The light drinks are juice and the dark drinks are wine.

The bread is gluten-free.

Communion Music is "I'll Fly Away" by Albert B. Brumley.

Receiving the Supper is for adults and children who have publicly professed to follow Jesus and received Christian baptism.

For children and adults who have not publicly professed faith in Jesus, we welcome you to come forward to receive a blessing. Indicate you won't be taking the Lord's supper by crossing your arms or saying to the server, "I will not be participating today."

Song of Thanksgiving | Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Song of Sending

Mighty to Save

Music & Words
by Fielding/Morgan

Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

Chorus:
Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender.
[chorus]

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King
[chorus]

This song was drawn from Zephaniah 3:17: "The Lord Your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves".

Mollie VanderLaan-
piano and vocals; Matt
Ulery-bass; Brent
Roman-drums; Dave
Miller-guitar; Olya
Prohorova-violin;
Catherine Karnes and
Emma Shinall-vocals

Benediction

Announcement of
God's blessing upon
his people.

Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church! We're delighted you've joined us.
Scan the QR code to fill out our Welcome Card.



Ways to Serve

Would you like to serve at Grace? We'd love for you to join a Sunday, Children's, or other ministry team—scan the QR code to get involved.



Ways to Give

For more information on giving to Grace, please scan the QR code.



Children & Sunday School

Children are welcome to stay in worship.
Childcare is available for ages 0–3 years old in the children's area.
PreK–3rd stay in service until the Blessing and dismissal to Sunday School.
Children should be checked in at the iPad station in the foyer before service.
Please pick children up from the Children's classrooms after service.
The foyer and hall area may be used as a quiet space for little ones.

Announcements

Scan to register for events.



End of Summer Party | August 30 | 5:00-7:00pm | Crow Island Woods
GriefShare | Begins September 8 | Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm | Skokie
Children's Ministry Volunteer Training | September 13 | 11:15am-1pm | NSCD
Welcome to Grace | September 27 | 11:45am-1:15pm | the Browns' Home
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: The Grace Fall Conference | Nov 13-14

General Operating Fund Update (FY End 3/31/2027) :

Actual giving as of 8/14/26: \$447,656

Budgeted giving as of 8/31/26: \$425,000

Budgeted giving as of 3/31/27: \$1,985,000



To learn more about our ministries, events, and Grace groups,
download the Church Center app or email office@gracenorthshore.org.