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Grove Presbyterian Church is a Christian fellowship brought together by the Holy Spirit to worship and serve God, to share our belief in Jesus Christ, and to reach out with love and understanding to all people.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 7, 2024

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Church Fellowship News

Preparation for Worship

God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. His righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne. He is God above, beyond, and within all creation. Let us prepare to praise our God, the Rock of our salvation.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come out of sadness, from wherever you have been.

People: Come broken-hearted, let the rescue begin.

Leader: Come find your mercy, Oh sinner come kneel.

People: Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

All: Let us come and worship our God.

*Hymn #583 You Call Us, Lord

Prayer of Confession

You know our hearts, O Lord. You see what is done in secret. You hear our anxious thoughts, and know our evil deeds. Forgive us for our deceptiveness even in our confession. Lead us into the depths of our brokenness, that we may experience the heights of Your love. And then teach us how to exhibit Your love to a world that is broken. In the Name Jesus Christ, Amen.

Silent Time of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon (adopted from John 1:10-13)

Leader: He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

People: Through Him, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As Christ Jesus has shared His peace with each one of us, let us now share that peace with one another. Peace of Christ be with you, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

All: And Peace be with you!

Leader: Let us share in the peace given to us this day.

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious Lord, open our ears that we might hear Your Word to us this day, and follow where it leads us. Open our eyes, that we might witness You in the world and proclaim Your presence with joy. For the glory of Your Kingdom, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 15:23-33 Pew Bible p. 1006

New Testament Reading Acts 20:25-35 Pew Bible p. 1729

Sermon The Price of Avarice Marcus D. Webster II

***Hymn #328** O Breath of Life

***Call for the Offering**

***Doxology**

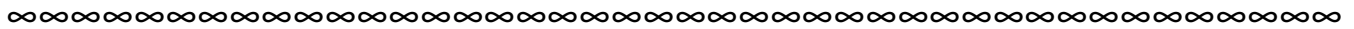
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above the heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Dedication of the Offering**

***Hymn #718** Forth in Your Name

***Charge and Benediction**

Asterisk (*) indicates stand, if able



Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers today are given by Gil and Carlla Jones in celebration of their 37th wedding anniversary (July 11).

Liturgist: Jim Matts

Ushers: 2

Attendance:

In-person last week: 53

152 Unique, in-person people in worship in 2024.

Average 2024 online views per worship service: **78**

PRAYER LIST

PRAYER CONCERNS

Judy Bennett, health concerns

The family of Ida Bryant (Pastor Hal’s Aunt), who recently passed

Eleesa Farley, health concerns

Bruce Gerdom, health concerns

Marsha Gerdom’s daughter Tammy, health concerns

Lisa Gray, health concerns

Sheila Hooker, health concerns

Phyllis Matheson (Stephenie Dunn's mother), health concerns

Sam and Rose Preston, family concerns

Scott and Sheryl Schubert, health concerns

Peg Trimboli, health concerns

Tom Trimboli (Peg’s brother), health concerns

ONGOING CONCERNS

Maxine Cialella

Jon and Mary-Lynne Livezey

Carole Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

»A special thank you to Marcus Webster for bringing the message today.

»Many thanks to Billy Loper for bringing us the special music today.

»The Fellowship committee would like to invite everyone to Mitchell Hall for Coffee Hour immediately following the service. Sue Bissett and Gil and Carlla Jones will provide treats. You don't want to miss this celebration of our summer. There will be blueberries a-plenty! (and whoopie pies, too!)

»The Lord's Supper will be celebrated NEXT Sunday, as Pastor Hal will be attending the General Assembly and is away today.

»While Pastor Hal is away for the General Assembly, pastoral care will be provided by Pastor Ray Meute (Highland Presbyterian Church, cell number: 610-329-1812).

»Pastor Hal will also be on vacation later this summer. Pulpit Supply will be provided by Sally Holmes on August 25 and Rev. Jack Carlson on September 1, who will lead us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

»Dear friends, I just want to thank everyone for all the birthday cards and the texts, and also the phone calls, it made my day very special. Thank you. Love, Janet Blair.

»**Change for Worship Service Flowers:** Beginning in July, we will no longer be ordering flowers through Dee's Florist. Instead, the Worship Committee will oversee the logistics of obtaining requested flowers for a given Sunday. Eleesa Farley will still serve as the point person for dedications and reminders for payment. Special requests for particular colors can still be made, as long as those requests are made at least two weeks in advance. The **new cost** for two arrangements will be **\$30**. The payment process remains the same. Please see Dave Yensan with any questions.

»**DEACONS:** Remember today is the 1st Sunday and the loose plate collection will help support the missions of the Deacons!

Cupboard Visitors - July 3rd: 13 Families - 16 bags - feeding 37 people

Cupboard Needs: Cereal, Peanut Butter and Jelly