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VISION 2030

**Boldly proclaiming and celebrating  
the all-encompassing love of  
Jesus Christ for everyone.**



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# What is Vision 2030?

Grace Members and Friends,

The following booklet is what resulted from sharing my vision for the church with our Session. After spending concentrated time in worship, prayer, discernment and discussion, this is who we believe God is calling us to be and what God is calling us to do, by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus. We set 2030 as a goal because that is our 50th birthday as a church and because 7 years from when we began our discernment seemed like a challenging but doable timeframe to work toward these goals.

Our hope and prayer is that you too will catch this vision. I believe Grace's best days are ahead of us because I know that nothing is impossible with God.

Your Pastor and friend,

 Rev. Dr. Tracey Davenport

## Celebration

Celebration immediately brings worship to mind: worship that is joy-filled, authentic, creative, exciting, and full of music. Celebration also calls us to fellowship and fun. In fact, there is nothing we do as a church that cannot be celebratory. What do we have to celebrate? We celebrate God's great power and love for us in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**The joy of the Lord is your strength.**  
- Nehemiah 8:10



*Exultation Choir Tour, Summer 2023*



**Worship the Lord with gladness, come  
into God's presence with singing.**  
- Psalm 100:2



# Community Engagement

We are called to share God's love with our neighbors. We do not do this by pushing our agenda, but by building authentic relationships. We are on call for the community around us, because our community knows we see them and care about them. We go out into the world to meet our neighbors as well as inviting them to participate in the community at Grace PC.



**Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus.**  
"Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." - Luke 10:25-28



## Storytelling

Every person has a story to tell. Each story is so important because each is a piece of God's story. We are called to testify to what we have seen and heard about God's great love for us in Jesus Christ. We learn more about God as we share. As we proclaim God's love to others, we become more compassionate.

**We will not hide them from their children; we will  
tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds  
of the Lord and his might and the wonders that  
he has done.** - Psalm 78:4



*Story time at Vacation Bible School*

**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will  
be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the  
earth.** - Acts 1:8





# Inviting Everyone

Those who enter Grace PC for the first time will be warmly welcomed by non-judgmental, open-hearted followers of Jesus Christ. We believe God calls us to be inclusive of everyone by becoming a more diverse church. We are called to ministry that includes young and old and everyone in between. We are called to minister to the outcast, the lonely, the lost and the least in our world in the name of Jesus. There is no Biblical directive for anything but love toward all.

**This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.**  
- Luke 15:3



*Reaffirmation of Baptism*

**Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God.** - 1 John 4:7



# Lifelong Learning

God has gifted us with minds that constantly grow and learn. We recognize that we do not have all the right answers and are eager to explore and discover new spiritual insights together. Learning begins before a person can ever walk and continues until their last breath. We hold space for questions, doubts, and conversation even when we do not agree with one another. We encourage people wherever they are on their faith journey to grow deeper in love with God.

**Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life.** - Proverbs 4:13

**Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.** - Psalm 25:4



*Young Adult gathering*



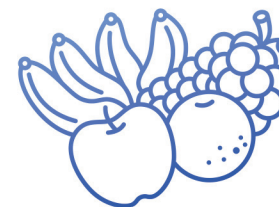
# Gifts

Everyone has God-given gifts to use in the service of God's kingdom. All are valuable, and even essential to the church's thriving. We aim to help everyone discern the gifts they have been given and find a place to use them.

**Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.** - 1 Corinthians 12:4-7



*Baby quilt from our Quilters*

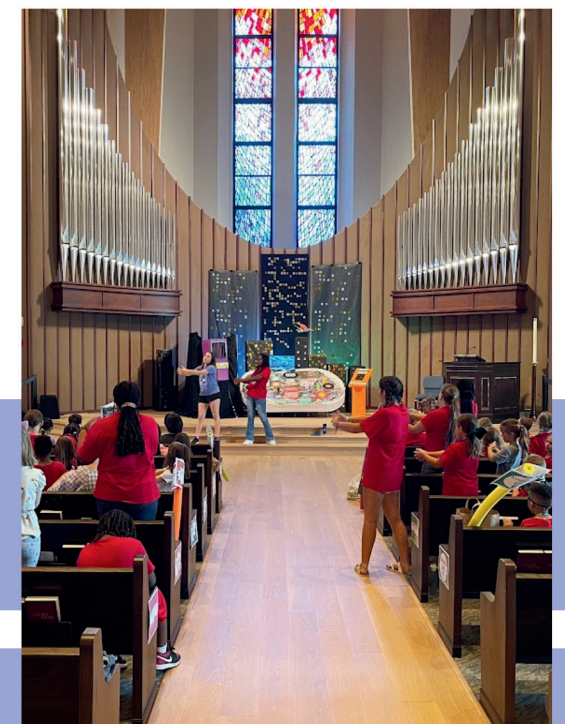


# Spirit-Led

We join God where God is already at work. We recognize that God is breathing life and love all around us. We are being nudged deeper into our calling to live our love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control in our world. We are not afraid to change and are open to the encouragement of God's Spirit

**By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.** - Galatians 2:22-23

**But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.**  
- John 14:26



*Lively song time at Vacation Bible School*





# Generous

We want to be extravagant givers out of gratitude to God. Because God has blessed us abundantly, we want to be known as a generous church who shares our time, our resources, our gifts and talents, our love, and our faith with the community around us. Let's surprise the world with our generosity.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. - Matthew 6:21



Family Gateway  
Christmas donations

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7



# Prayer

Prayer is a gift from God. We want to be a church that is courageous in how we pray. We want our members to have an intimate relationship with God through prayer.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”  
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Laying hands on  
our confirmands



Trinity Sunday School Class

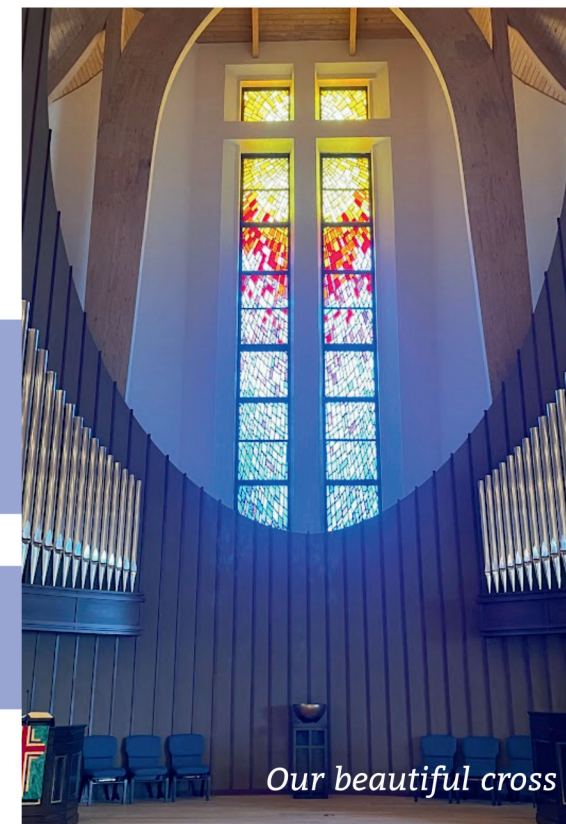


# Bold Faith

We want to be a church who is not afraid to proclaim our faith, take risks, and try new ministries to which we believe God is calling us.

When we trust in Jesus, we're free to say whatever needs to be said, bold to go wherever we need to go. Ephesians 3:12 (MSG)

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness. – 2 Corinthians 3:12



Our beautiful cross



# Hands & Feet of Jesus

Being the hands and feet of Jesus means sharing God's barrier-breaking love with each individual we encounter. It's the kind of radical hospitality and selfless, Christ-centered service that makes the Kingdom of Heaven more present and visible in our world today. It means to faithfully follow in the footsteps of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, as a response to God's unfathomable love for each and every one of us.

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ – Matthew 25:37-40

Take what you need.  
Leave what you can.

