

# Grove Presbyterian Church

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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.

## Sunday, May 12, 2024 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Jesus prays for His followers, that they may be kept safe. They are sent into the world armed with God's Word and sanctified in the truth. For their sake Christ consecrates Himself. The world may hate them, but there is no escape from involvement within it. Henceforth Christ's followers will go into all nations, proclaiming the truth of God's love and radiating the joy of new life. They are given the assurance of God's protection as Christ intercedes on their behalf.*

### Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome and Church Fellowship News

### Minute for Mission: Grove Memorial Scholarship

### Preparation for Worship

*To meditate upon Your law, O God, is to learn of Your love and know of Your righteousness. You are a God of tender mercy, Whose benevolent care protects our children and all creation. We gather to worship You, as creatures of righteousness, made whole by the redeeming love of Jesus the Christ. Open our hearts to sing of Your goodness, our minds to explore Your wisdom, and our lips to give You all praise. Amen.*

### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 1

Leader: Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord.

**People: They are like trees planted by streams of water. In all that they do they prosper.**

Leader: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

**People: May God number us with the righteous as we worship the Lord.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn #318** Jesus Comes With Clouds Descending

**Litany of Affirmation**

Leader: The testimony of God is greater than human testimony. God's testimony has borne witness to Jesus, the Christ.

**People: Whoever receives the Word of God has life.**

Leader: By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love the Lord and obey God's commandments.

**People: Whoever receives the Word of God has life.**

Leader: For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith.

**People: Whoever receives the Word of God has life.**

Leader: Who overcomes the world? Those who believe that Jesus is the Christ.

**All: Whoever receives the Word of God has life. 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**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: It is hard for us to learn to see Jesus in the most unlikely places. But He is always here among us – His image hidden within those around us. Let us open our eyes to Christ among us, as we share the peace with each other. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Anthem**

Soon and Very Soon

Grove Choir

**Prayer for Illumination**

**God of wisdom, power, and majesty, who are we that You should look with favor upon us? Yet, You have written Your law upon our hearts, that we may know of Your righteousness. Your Spirit guides us. Help us to be still, so that we can hear You speak through Your Word of life. Then help us to put these words into action. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**First New Testament Reading**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Pew Bible p. 1691

**Second New Testament Reading**

1 John 5:9-13

Pew Bible p. 1903



## **ONGOING CONCERNS**

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Maxine Cialella

Jon and Mary-Lynne Livezey

Carole Taylor

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

»All ladies attending church on Mother's Day will be given a gift as you leave the service. This is to honor current Mothers and Mothers who are no longer with us. And a special honor to the women who have had mothering roles in others' lives. Compliments of the Witness and Outreach Ministry.

»We hope everyone can join us for a very special Pentecost Sunday worship service, next Sunday, May 19. Remember - wear **Red!**

»Applications for the Grove Memorial Scholarship are now available in the Narthex. This scholarship is available to all members of Grove and to sons or daughters of members of Grove who are attending or will be attending, full time, an accredited institution of higher learning for an undergraduate degree. Applications must be completed and returned to the church office by Sunday, June 23, 2024. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship or the application, please see Sue Bissett, Edith Dillon or Eve Jacobs.

»The Nominating Committee has begun working to find those whom the Lord is calling to serve as Elders, Deacons and Trustees. Please keep the Committee in your prayers and also be in prayerful consideration if you are asked to serve. Thank you.

»The thrift shop will be closed on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.

### »DEACONS:

Cupboard Visitors - May 8<sup>th</sup>: 18 Families - 19 bags - feeding 54 people

Cupboard Needs: Cereal, Peanut Butter and Jelly

### **Church Officers**

Session: Moderator: Rev. Dr. Harold J. Bennett II (*contact #410-273-5320*) Clerk: Gil Jones

Class of 2024 Nancy Bounds, Gil Jones, Carol Troy

Class of 2025 Dave Yensan

Class of 2026 Sharon Moxley

Deacons: Moderator: Helen Farmer

Class of 2024 Steve Dunn, Marsha Gerdome, Eve Jacobs, Bill H. Loper

Class of 2025 BethAnn Cameron, Linda Dempsey, Helen Farmer, Rosi Yensan

Class of 2026 Sue Bissett, Yvonne Phillips, Peg Trimboli, Betty Umbarger

Trustees: Chair: Jim Farley

Class of 2024 Jim Farley, John Vecchio

Class of 2025 Dick Harrison

Class of 2026 Lambert Rickey, Scott Schubert

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