



GRACE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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**The Lord's Day Worship**  
**November 17, 2024**  
**MORNING WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Apostolic Greeting

**\*Call to Worship**

\*Opening Hymn #148B

*"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"*

\*Prayer of Invocation

**The Lord's Prayer**

"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.

**Word of God**

**Ephesians 1:15-23 p. 997**

Pastoral Prayer

**The Apostles' Creed**

**p. 851**

\*Hymn *"With All My Heart I Cry"* #119S

Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology #568

**Word of God**

**Isaiah 37:1-20 p. 614**

Preaching of God's Word

**"A Prayer for the Ages"**

\*Hymn of Response #115B

*"Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven"*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

(\*Please stand if able)

Worship Service & Sunday School Times	
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
Morning and Evening Worship Services are live streamed at: <a href="http://www.graceopcfairlawn.org">www.graceopcfairlawn.org</a>	

Worship Serving Schedule				
DATE	USHERS	NURSERY	MEDIA BROADCAST	COFFEE HOUR Refreshments
Today	Leo Baratta, Donny Jerie	Krystal Jimenez, HaeSung Keegan	Georgi Kanev	Jaclyn Mack
NEXT Sunday	John Hemrick, Gerald Wisz	Deborah Vasquez, Kerith Teschon	Tyler Teschon	Deborah Vasquez

## EVENING WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Apostolic Greeting

### Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn #487

*"Sometimes a Light Surprises"*

\*Prayer of Invocation

**Word of God** **Isaiah 43:1-7 p. 621**

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn *"Now Israel May Say"* #124A

Tithes and Offerings

**Word of God** **Mark 6:45-52 p. 857**

Preaching of God's Word

**"It is I"**

\*Hymn of Response #517

*"I Know Whom I Have Believed"*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

(\*Please stand if able)

**WELCOME TO GRACE OPC!** On behalf of the session of Grace OPC, I want to extend our warmest greetings to you. It is my hope and prayer that as we gather together this Lord's Day to worship our Triune God and Redeemer, you will be encouraged to cast your cares upon the Lord and to draw near to God by faith in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are new here in Fair Lawn, please join us for fellowship following the benediction, and be sure to sign our guestbook. We look forward to personally speaking with you, and if there are any prayer concerns on your heart, don't hesitate to bring them to our attention.

*Pastor John Keegan*

**This morning** in Isaiah 37:1-20, we will learn how at each stage of prayer – prayer that is sought, prayer that is encouraged, and then prayer that is offered – the petitioner is sanctified as he or she contemplates the covenant character of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**This evening** in Mark 6:45-52, we will learn how sanctification amid the storms of life, is the grace of God moving the disciple from short-term theological memory loss to long-term abiding faith.

### Trustees Call for a Special Corporation Meeting

The Trustees, with the encouragement of the Session, are calling for a special congregational meeting on December 1, 2024, following the morning benediction and the meeting will take place in the sanctuary. *See the insert for more details.*

## Calendar Events and Notes

<b>THIS WEEK:</b>		
Monday 11/18/24, 7 PM	<b>Trustees Meeting</b> via zoom	The trustees will meet for their monthly meeting
Tuesday 11/19/24, 7:30 PM	<b>Dinero Home Group</b> in Montvale	Prayer & Study in the book of 1 Peter. See Elder Leo Baratta
Wednesday 11/20/24, 7:30 PM	<b>Keegan Home Group</b> in Fair Lawn	Prayer & Study in the book of Romans. See Pastor John
Friday, 11/22/24, 7:30 PM	<b>Friday Night Fellowship &amp; Book Studies</b>	Men: "Redemption Accomplished & Applied"; Women: "Good & Angry". Pizza at 6:30pm, RSVP Pastor John for pizza
Saturday, 11/23/24	<b>Outreach to the County Parks</b>	Join a team at the Saddle River Park to witness Christ to the nations. Contact Elder Leo or Pastor John

<b>NEXT WEEK:</b>		
Monday 11/25/24, 7:30 PM	<b>Calendar Coordinators Meeting</b> at Hemricks	Monthly meeting for crafting the church events calendar
Tuesday 11/26/24, 7:30 PM	<b>Dinero Home Group</b> in Montvale	Prayer & Study in the book of Revelation See Elder Leo Baratta
Wednesday 11/27/24, 7 PM	<b>Thanksgiving Eve Service</b>	
Saturday, 11/30/24	<b>Outreach to the County Parks</b> contact Elder Leo or Pastor John	Join a team at the Saddle River Park to witness Christ to the nations

## SPECIAL CORPORATION MEETING

### Notice: Trustees Call for a Special Corporation Meeting

"The Trustees of Grace OPC, with the encouragement of the Session, are calling for a special congregational meeting on December 1, 2024, following the morning benediction and the meeting will take place in the sanctuary.

The purpose of the meeting is for the Trustees to ask the membership of Grace OPC to approve the allocation of a total of \$10800 from the Capital Improvements Reserve (\$2000) and from the Reserve Funds (\$8800), to cover cost of the Estimate to replace the front porch steps (\$7800) and to ensure the work is completed in the event of any unforeseen obstacles (\$3000). Lord willing, the final cost will be closer to the Estimate.

Further, the Trustees ask that the members' vote in the affirmative would grant the Trustees the authorization to secure the services of Cowboy Landscaping to begin the work, ideally on Dec. 2."

The Trustees first began to be concerned about the need to eventually replace the steps in 2018. Six years later the steps have evidenced a slow (thank God!) but progressive deterioration from within. Both the Trustees and the Session are concerned that immediate action be taken to prevent any future safety issue.

In the providence of God, Ben Williams, our landscaper, was asked to assess the steps with his mason, and Ben came back with what the Trustees believed to be a reasonable

Estimate and a providential timeline (begin the work on a Monday; complete the work by Friday).

Ben has been a trustworthy and reliable contractor for our church for more than three years now and has a heart for our church, having grown up across the street. It was Ben who referred the Trustees to Steve Struck, a general contractor of Weather-Tite Home Improvements co. to resolve our recurring water issues in the Fellowship Hall following severe rain storms.

Notification of the call for this meeting will also be included in the next bulletin (November 24), in accordance with our Bylaws, Article II, Sections II and III.

**The Session, along with the Trustees, would welcome any of our members who are so inclined, to offset the cost of this project with a free-will offering! \*The cost of this project will put us in a precarious financial situation if any other major project arises, and in light of our difficulty to make budget throughout 2024.**

Please do not hesitate to discuss this urgent matter with any member of the Trustees, including Pastor John, prior to the December 1 meeting.

And please do continue to pray for the spiritual health and numerical growth of Christ's church here in Fair Lawn; that we may see soon a great ingathering of God's elect from our families and from the community of Fair Lawn and Saddle Brook, and beyond!