



GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

S P A R T A N B U R G

The goal of managing anxiety is not simply for relief, it is to connect more fully with God and to raise awareness of what God is doing. Anxiety blocks our awareness of God because it takes our subconscious attention. This means that anxiety can be an early detection system that we're depending on something other than God for our well-being.

Anxiety shrinks the power of the gospel because it presents a false gospel—one of self-reliance rather than reliance on God. The gospel of self-reliance is always bad news because it always leads to more anxiety. But if I can learn to notice it, eventually name its source and triggers, and move past it, I encounter the actual good news of Jesus, the gospel of grace, which always leads to freedom. The consistent witness of the New Testament is that freedom and life come when we deny, crucify, and are wary of something inside us that shrinks the gospel. What is it inside us that gets in the way?

~ Steve Cuss. *Managing Leadership Anxiety: Yours and Theirs*

Prayer is the way we work our way out of the comfortable but cramped world of self
and into the spacious world of God.

~ Eugene Peterson

Prayer is the way we slug our way through troubles.

~ Dale Ralph Davis

Order of Worship: May 5th, 2024

Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

~ *Psalm 27:14 (ESV)*

Call to Worship

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

People: We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.

People: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

~ based on *Psalm 108:1-4*

Invocation

Hymn – O, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! The Name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come,
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy Name.

Hymn – Come, Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

Confession of Sin

O Almighty God, I humbly ask you to make me like a tree planted by the waterside, that I may bring forth fruits of good living in due season. Forgive my past offenses, sanctify me now, and direct all that I should be in the future, for Christ's sake. Amen.

~ The Worship Sourcebook

Remembering the Gospel

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

~ Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)

Hymn – There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in His day;
And there have I, though vile as he,
Washed all my sins away:
Washed all my sins away,
Washed all my sins away;
And there have I, though vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more:
Be saved, to sin no more,
Be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die,
And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

When this poor, lisping, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save,
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

Confession of Faith

Q: How can we be saved?

A: Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

~ The New City Catechism, Q29

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

3 O LORD, how many are my foes!
Many are rising against me;
² many are saying of my soul,
“There is no salvation for him in God.” *Selah*

³ But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.
⁴ I cried aloud to the LORD,
and he answered me from his holy hill. *Selah*

⁵ I lay down and slept;
I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.
⁶ I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all around.

⁷ Arise, O LORD!
Save me, O my God!
For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;
you break the teeth of the wicked.
⁸ Salvation belongs to the LORD;
your blessing be on your people! *Selah*

~ Psalm 3 (ESV)

Sermon

Rev. Justin Kendrick

Hymn – Jesus! What a Friend For Sinners!

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me,
he, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
he is with me to the end.*

Jesus! what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
he, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Chorus

Jesus! what a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking,
he, my comfort, helps my soul.

Chorus

Jesus! I do now receive him,
more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness,
I am his, and he is mine.

Chorus

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

~ Matthew 26:26-29 (ESV)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Serving of the Bread and Cup

Note: The outer ring contains grape juice, the inner rings contain wine.

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper†

The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians – a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal‡, please use this time to meditate on one of the prayers below.

Prayer for those searching for truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

† Note to Parents: To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.

‡ Please remember Paul's words from 1 Corinthians 11:27-29:

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Hymn – It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

*It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

Chorus

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so,” it is well with my soul.

Chorus

Benediction

Doxology

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

*If you would like to contribute to the ministry of Grace,
please place your offering in the wooden box near the door.
Contributions can also be made online at www.gracespartanburg.com/give*

Sunday School – Adult, Youth, and Children's classes meet weekly at 9:00 am.

Younger Elementary (Grades K-2) – taught by Ginger & Alex Lever, Lauren Nass, & Lauren Smith

Older Elementary (Grades 3-5) – taught by Tisha O'Donnell

Youth Group (Grades 6-12) – taught by Ethan & Claire Greer

Adults – A study in Genesis

Community Groups – Community groups are currently the main avenue at Grace for us to bless one another, be blessed by one another, and bless our neighbors. We encourage all of our members to be involved in a group if at all possible.

Westside Community Group – meets Sundays at 5pm at the Smiths' home. For more information contact Jim O'Donnell at 864-804-7482 or otenews@gmail.com.

Eastside 1 Community Group – meets Sundays at 5pm at the Nasses' home. For more information contact Dylan Nass at 608-295-9811 or dylan.nass@gmail.com.

Eastside 2 Community Group – meets Mondays at 6pm. For more information contact Robert Wood at 843-670-2532 or RobertLeroyWood@gmail.com.

Boiling Springs Community Group – meets Sundays at 5:30pm at the Swicegoods' home. For more information contact Cindy Swicegood at 704-692-3806 or cindypianist@gmail.com.

Interested in Serving?

- If you're gifted **musically**, and would like to help lead worship, contact Eric Sparks at michaelericspark@gmail.com.
- If you'd like to be involved in **outreach**, contact Jake Farkas at jrfarkas11@gmail.com.
- If you're the hospitable sort and are willing to serve as a **greeter**, contact Cassie White at cwhite6105@bellsouth.net.

The Session (made up of our pastor and elders) meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6pm.

Elders:

Ken Huff
Dylan Nass
Jim O'Donnell
Thomas White
Robert Wood

Deacons:

David Evans
Jake Farkas
Michael Humeniuk
Martin Ilderton
Roosevelt Leggett
J.J. Lies
Joshua Meador
Chris Wayne
David White
Jerry Womack

Youth Group – Students in grades 6-12 meet during Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 9am, as well as Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8pm at 119 County Road.

Nursery – We provide a nursery for children ages 0-4 for both the Sunday School hour and worship service. We also welcome all children to stay in the worship service.

Today, May 5: SS - Jeté & Naomi Sparks; Worship – Jeté, Andrew & Anna Yoon
Next Week, May 12: SS - Jeté & Lana Huff; Worship – Jeté, Jerry & Donna Womack

Building Fund:

Budget	\$975,000
Spent	\$197,611.53
Remaining	\$777,388.47

Completed in April:
Education wing framing
Wall and floor plumbing
Sheetrock in education wing

Planned for May:
Sanctuary ceiling sheetrock
HVAC rough in
Bathroom tile

Future Projects:

Funds Available - \$127,718.02



The Church

For information about who we are and what we're doing:



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Youth Group – Ethan & Claire Greer, youthgroup@gracespartanburg.com

*If you have a question, announcement or prayer request contact us via email:
admin@gracespartanburg.com*



Use your camera app to fill out a contact card, sign up for our newsletter, or give online.

Worship

Please don't feel pressured to say or sing anything you don't believe. Please do feel free to ask questions by dropping them in the offering box, email, ask a member, or contact our pastor. Please remember to silence all cell phones during the worship service.

Announcements

- **Monthly prayer** - Join us immediately following worship today for our monthly time of prayer at our church building on Brawley Street.
- The next **Grace Men's Night** is coming up on Wednesday, May 8th, 7pm, at New Groove Artisan Brewery. Join us for a fun night of fellowship and trivia!
- **College Students**, the end of classes is almost here, and we're hoping you'll have a strong finish to the school year! On Sunday, May 12th, we will have **homemade cookies** available for you in the lobby. Please plan to grab a bag to enjoy during exams!
- The **Grace Women's Book Club** will be discussing *The Pilgrim's Progress* for their next meeting on Monday, May 20th. There are many versions of this story available; so, please select and read your favorite. For our discussion, *The Pilgrim's Progress in Modern English* will be referenced, and during our time together, we'll cover only the story of Christian. We look forward to seeing many of you in May!
- **Grace women, save the date!** On Saturday, June 8th, at 10am, you are invited to join us for a gathering we are calling **Mug and Muffins!** Stay tuned for more details to come.