

## RESPOND and REFLECT

Stewardship is about our response to God's goodness in the blessings of Creation, the mercy we receive when we mess up, and the ability to start again, to show God's grace to others, even those we do not know. This season we will consider our responsibilities given to us at Creation. On Reformation Sunday, October 30, we will give thanks that we are saved by Grace Alone, a mark of the Protestant Reformation. We will reflect on the story of the Forgiving Father who welcomed a prodigal home and had a party. As a response to God's grace, we are called to love our neighbors, even the stranger, like the Good Samaritan did. All of these Scriptures remind us of God's grace in action.

Where have you seen God's Grace in Action shown to me? Think of a story or a time you experienced grace.

What is one habit or commitment, beyond my financial giving, I can make to show God's grace to others in real ways?

## PRAY

Teach us the rhythms of grace, dear Lord.

When we experience loss and failures, change and uncertainty, division and disruption, teach us the rhythm of grace.

When we enjoy health and joy, relationships and peace, simple gifts and abundant blessings, teach us the rhythms of grace.

You say, come to me, take my yoke upon you, and learn from me. Your yoke is easy, and burdens are light, when we walk in step with you, O Jesus, in the rhythm of grace.

Teach us to walk in your ways, dear Lord, trusting in the power of your Spirit at work in us. Amen.



# GRACE IN ACTION

## Fort Hill Presbyterian Church 2023 Stewardship Campaign

Our Youth showing *Grace in Action* while setting up a Little Food Pantry for those in need in our community.



## Stewardship Dedication Sunday Sunday, November 13, 2022



# GRACE IN ACTION

A campaign is a “planned group of activities that are intended to achieve a particular aim,” according to the Cambridge Dictionary. While this fall is filled with other kinds of campaigns like mid-term elections, our Fort Hill faith community will be united in celebrating Grace in Action. God is the source of grace, and we are called to live it out. The world needs more grace in action and who better to show it than followers of Christ Jesus? In fact, that embodied grace is a way we can fulfill our vision and mission.

Grace is an unmerited favor, an undeserved gift. We are saved by grace through faith. Even faith is a gift of God’s grace. Jesus, the fullness of God, shows us what grace in action looks

like. According to John 1:16 that we have received grace upon grace. The way it reads in The Message is, “We all live off his generous abundance, gift after gift after gift.” We see this when a nurse cares for a patient, family and friends gather around a table, a bag of groceries is donated to stock the food pantry.

Our divided and hurting world could use more of God’s grace in action – lived out in us. In sermons and worship, in our storytelling and photos, and in our annual giving commitments, we will celebrate and spread more grace in God’s world. It is such a huge need, we may just keep this campaign going all year long!

# GIFT AFTER GIFT AFTER GIFT

JOHN 1:16

Here is how you can help:

1. Listen to God’s Word as we explore God’s grace in worship October and November.
2. Pray about one new way you might practice grace in action.
3. Take photos and submit them to Lori at [lori.houck@forthillchurch.org](mailto:lori.houck@forthillchurch.org) or post them to show where you see God’s grace in action. Tag them “Grace in Action”, you will see these show up in a celebration slideshow for the congregation.
4. Send stories or quotes that you want to share with others to Pastor Laura at [laura.conrad@forthillchurch.org](mailto:laura.conrad@forthillchurch.org).

5. Make an annual giving pledge, a financial commitment, to respond to God’s abundant grace in your life.

Grace is the favor of God’s first shows towards us in love. Remember you are called by God and sent into this world to live in God’s grace! Like at the Lord’s Supper and Baptism (Sacraments), be a “visible sign of an invisible grace.”

In God’s Grace.



Laura Conrad, Pastor



Our children welcome Kim Morris, Interim Children & Family Ministry Coordinator



## Prayer Shawl Ministry:

L to R: Cathy Spragins, Ellen Torrence, Carol Hipp, Dianne Smith, Betty Pettigrew, Mary Morrison, Susan Brown, Hazel Sparks, & Stephanie Scott

