



Grace Presbyterian Church

“To see Long Island awakened to the glory of Jesus Christ.”

Update from Pastor Mark Middlekauff

A Season of Gratitude and Growth

As the summer winds down, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for all of our summer attendees. Each year, we are blessed by those who choose to make Grace Presbyterian Church their summer church home. Their participation reminds us of the broader family of faith that stretches beyond our local community, and I am grateful for the way they contribute to the vibrant spirit of Grace Church.

Part of our vision at Grace Presbyterian Church is to bless and serve our many summer attendees and to encourage them in the gospel. We believe that for many our church becomes a place of spiritual renewal during the summer months. And our prayer is that they find rest and refreshment here, both in body and spirit. And so, if this describes you, know that you are always welcome, and we hope that Grace Church continues to be a place where you can deepen your relationship with the Lord.

As we celebrate our summer community, I am also thrilled to share the ongoing excitement surrounding our GraceGroup discipleship groups. We are now entering our fifth year of GraceGroups, and the impact these small gatherings have had on our people is astounding. Jesus’s Great Commission calls us to be disciples who make disciples, and we take that mandate seriously at Grace Church. Through our GraceGroups, we see lives being transformed as individuals grow deeper in their faith and closer in their relationships with one another. These groups are the central part of our church’s ministry as they foster a sense of belonging and encourage spiritual growth.

This fall, I am particularly excited to announce the start of a new men’s GraceGroup, which I have the privilege of leading. This group, consisting of roughly 10 men, is a testament to the hunger for fellowship and discipleship within our congregation. I look forward to seeing how God will work in and through this group as we journey together in faith. If you’ve been considering joining a GraceGroup, I encourage you to take that step. There’s no better way to grow as a disciple of Christ than to walk alongside others who are doing the same.

In His service,

Mark Middlekauff
Pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church



GraceCamp: Adventure Park!



S’mores at
Hotdogs & Volleyball
at Long Beach



Our youngest GraceCampers
learning John 3:16



Third Annual Cornhole Tournament



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



New Members and Communicants



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Lesley Middlekauff

GraceYouth Atlantic City Service Trip



At the beginning of August, a group of Sr. High Youth from our church spent a week serving in Atlantic City. We joined with three other youth groups to serve with Hope for Atlantic City and the New City Fellowship Church of Atlantic City. For fifteen years they have been serving with the objective to revitalize neighborhoods, develop leaders, and fulfill the church's calling to care for the poor, elderly, and widows.



The trip was an amazing opportunity for our students! While in Atlantic City, our days were very full! We gathered each morning for training on topics such as justice, racial reconciliation, and charity and development. Then we headed off to work projects throughout the city. The students went out with great attitudes to tackle tasks such as trash clean up, landscaping, clearing debris out of uninhabited buildings, serving at a soup kitchen, painting over graffiti, and working with an economic development company. These experiences were eye opening for our students, and they enjoyed the opportunity to feel like they were able to help others and make a difference. This was followed by a little rest and then dinner before heading out to designated neighborhood where we led a bible camp for kids each night. Our students came prepared with skits, song, games, crafts, and a gospel presentation. We had a lot of fun with a spiderman theme and even came with a mascot! One of our favorite things was to ask the campers if we could pray for them. This led to some beautiful discussions and time of prayer. We were all amazed at how easily we were able to build relationships with the kids. We came to love them so quickly and really miss them!

As the leader of this trip, I was so excited to see our youth leading and growing in so many ways. I am so proud of this amazing group of students! They are so full of love and faith and they served so well in the midst of challenging and uncomfortable situations. We all believe that God gave us strength to serve and may He be glorified!

Lynn Mendelman

Meet Lynn Mendelman



Grace Presbyterian Church has been my home congregation since 2010. I am a third generation in a family of immigrants from Northern Europe and currently live in East Hampton. Each Sunday I make the trip to join our lively, motivated, PCA church in Water Mill. I enjoy

top-notch sermons based on Bible content, music that enriches my soul, rich reading lists on Bible history and theology, and our web site's well-organized content for community resources.

I was confirmed as a Christian Lutheran. Jesus has been and always will be the light that leads me out of any dark times. His yoke has been easy throughout my constantly sinful life. Belief and faith in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost has given me strength, endurance, and perseverance through the many redemptive processes I have needed. I have worked full time as an owner of marinas and boat yards in Three Mile Harbor since 1995 and I am the medical proxy for my parents with my siblings and caregivers. Dad had Parkinson's and died in 2020 and Mom requires 24-hour care. We hope to celebrate Mom's 88th this September.

As I've worshipped and served at Grace Church, I've had the privilege of participating in Christianity Explored classes, serving in the children's ministry, leaving Second Saturdays Out, greeting, serving as a Trustee, enjoying Lady's night and much more.

As we approach the East End harvest season, I will continue with the 'Bible in a Year' reading, assist in the Sunday School classes, greet (and make cookies) and join in the 4th and final year of GraceGroup. I am grateful and believe that every day offers ways to see His Light and live with His love to find peace.

Adriana Pariz

Third Annual Cornhole Tournament!



The REACH Team organizes events throughout the summer in order to "embrace" our community. The goal of these events is to provide an opportunity for our congregants to invite people with whom they have been building a relationship. This allows folks from our community to be with the body of Christ and experience the love and joy of the Church.

One of our most successful summer events is the Hamptons Cornhole Tournament, which we host in August. We partner with The Long Island Cornhole Association and host it at The Clubhouse, a wonderful facility in East Hampton. This was our third year having this event and it was a success yet again!

We had 66 people who participated and about 30 who watched. Our church had the privilege of interacting and building relationships with a lot of people as the majority of those present were not affiliated with Grace Church. The Youth Group was also invited and many came with their parents – one family brought a pickup truck with a couch, chairs, table and a chess board and the youth kids had their own spot for the night! Our prayer is that those who came, experienced the warmth of Christ and his people and left wanting more. May they come to know our gracious King and surrender their lives to him.

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