

Questions to Think About

In Matthew 7:13-23, Jesus presents a sobering challenge about the paths we choose in life and the importance of authentic faith. The narrow gate symbolizes the difficult path that leads to life, while the broad gate represents the easy, wide road that leads to destruction. This passage challenges us to reflect on the foundation of our lives and to pursue a faith that reflects true relationship with Christ. Here are some questions to consider:

1. What do I believe about the narrow and wide gates, and how does that influence my choices and lifestyle?
2. Am I actively seeking the narrow gate that leads to life, or am I unknowingly walking on a broader, easier path?
3. How are my actions and words reflecting either a true relationship with Christ or mere outward religiosity?
4. In what ways might I be resting on the idea of knowing Jesus superficially, while my heart is far from Him?
5. How can I discern true fruitfulness in my life that indicates I am genuinely following Jesus?
6. Are there behaviors, attitudes, or habits in my life that could be evidence of a false profession?
7. What steps can I take to ensure I am building my life on the foundation of Jesus' teachings rather than on shifting sand?
8. How does Jesus' warning about false prophets challenge me to be more discerning in the beliefs and influences I accept?
9. In what areas of my life might I need to examine whether I am just calling Jesus "Lord" with my words, but not obeying His commands?



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Connecting & Transforming Lives in Christ

July 26, 2026

We are so glad you are here to worship God with us!
During the time of musical prelude, consider offering a silent
prayer for our service of worship this morning.

Flowers today are given by Mary Blauvelt
in memory of Howard Blauvelt



Order of Worship

*"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice
and be glad in it!" (Psalm 118:24)*

Musical Prelude

Bev Wanner

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Rick Myers

***Hymn** *"We Are Called to Be God's People" #415 (vs 1, 2, &3)*

*Call to Worship

Leader: The heavens are shouting the glory of God;

People: And the earth proclaims God's handiwork.

Leader: Your law, O God, is perfect, reviving our souls,

People: And Your commandments are sure, rejoicing our hearts.

Leader: Let our words, our worship and the meditations of our hearts,
be acceptable to You, O God.

Unison: You are our Rock and our Redeemer!

Leader: Let us praise the Lord!

***Hymn** *"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" #82 (vs 1, 2 & 3)*
(Kids may go to Children's Worship in Faith Express during the hymn)

Prayer of Praise and Confession

Eternal God and Redeemer, We confess that we have tried to hide from You. We have not followed Your commands. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from You. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In Your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from our misguided ways, that we may choose to obey Your will for us to the glory of Your Kingdom through Jesus Christ our Savior. Hear now our personal prayers of confession...

(A time is given for a silent personal confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

Sermon Text

Matthew 7:13-23 NIV

Sermon

Did Jesus Really Say That?

"Genuine Christianity!"

Rev. Dr. Rick Myers

*Hymn

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" #602 (vs 1, 2, &3)

A Time for Prayer

Dedicating Ourselves to God

"On Eagle's Wings"

GLPC Choir

*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

*Sending Hymn

"He Keeps Me Singing"

#746 (vs 1, 3 &5)

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

**Please rise in body and/or spirit*
Ushers: Bill Favenesi, John & Kathy Spelman

Prayers for:

Bjarne Sjodin
Clarann McCoy
Bob & Kathie Bishop

Collin Glover
Stuart Bailey

Brett Marshall
Nick & Bill Swierc

*If you have a prayer request or would like to join our prayer team,
please email prayers@grandlakespc.org.*

Worship Flowers

If you are interested in purchasing flowers for worship services in celebration, honor, or memory of someone or something, please sign up in the binder next to the volunteer desk!

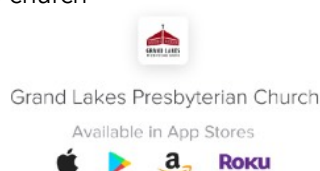


2026 Stewardship Snapshot

Total 2026 Budgeted Contributions:	\$744,161
YTD Income as of May 31:	\$351,882
Remaining to meet 2026 goal:	\$392,279
	47% of Annual Goal
	42% Target

Download the GLPC App!

- Watch our worship services
- Sign in for worship
- Submit prayer requests
- Give financially to the ministry of the church
- Sign up for events & share events with others
- Explore info about the church
- Access the Bible & MORE!



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What's happen'n at GLPC?!

Back to School Happenings! Sunday, August 9th



Back to School Bingo Begins at 5:00pm

All our church family is invited to join for a fun potluck dinner and bingo!

Back to School Blessings

All students, teachers, and administrators are encouraged to bring their backpacks as we bless the upcoming school year during the worship service. You can even wear your school shirts!



SUPPORTING OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We want to continue to show our support for our college students, and we are doing that in two great ways!

- 1) **Care Packages:** We would love to hear what college students would be interested in being a part of our care package ministry. Also, any church members who are interested in supporting a student, please let us know!
- 2) **GLPC's Christian Growth & Leadership Scholarship:** GLPC offers a scholarship for college students who continue to actively invest themselves in church and campus ministries while in college. For scholarship info, please contact Pastor Tyler.

Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday School

K-5th grade Sunday School at 9:30 & 10:30am

Sunday Morning Childcare

Childcare is available for children ages 5 years old & younger.



CLUB 45

CLUB 45: 4th and 5th graders are welcome to join us the first Sunday of the month from 4:00-5:30 for Club 45! We enjoy spending time studying God's Word, playing games, and making lasting friendships!

Youth Ministry

Youth Bible Study, Sundays 5:00-6:30pm

All Jr. & Sr. High Youth are welcome to join us for Bible study, fellowship, and fun!



Upcoming Calendar:

July 26 - Alaska Trip!

Aug 2 - End of Summer Swim Party

Aug 9 - Back to School Bingo

Aug 16 - Tailgate Kick-Off!

End of Summer Pool Party!

Sunday, August 2 - 5:00-7:00pm

Join us at the Dentons' house for a fun end of summer pool party!

(The address will be provided in our youth communications.)



Fall Kick-Off Tailgate!

Aug 16th, 5-7pm

All Middle & High Students **AND their parents** are invited to our Fall Kick-Off Tailgate! We will cookout on the grill, fellowship, talk about the ministry and preview the upcoming year, and play some games!



Pre-Planning Workshop:

A Final Gift For Your Loved Ones

A 5-week workshop beginning Aug 9th

We all know how difficult it is after a loved one passes away. The grief we experience is sometimes made all the more stressful when trying to figure out all the necessary details that have to be sorted through. What a relief it would be if all that was taken care of beforehand. Making these arrangements beforehand can be such a gift to your loved ones... this is why we are offering this workshop class for adults of all ages. Limit of 25 participants. Please sign-up in the GLPC app.



Confirmation Class!

Confirmation Classes will begin Sept. 13! What is confirmation?? Confirmation is a class designed to cover the essential tenets of the Christian faith. It is designed for middle school to high school aged youth who are ready to take ownership of their faith. To sign your child up, please scan the QR code or register in the events page in the GLPC app.



Sign Up For Table for 8-ish!

Connect with a group of 8-9 church members by gathering around the dinner table. Groups generally meet once a month rotating who hosts the dinner and who brings what dish. Some groups have even opted to meet for dinner at restaurants. Sign up at the church, the GLPC app, or scan the QR code.



Acorn Art Festival!

Mark your calendars October 3rd for artwork, crafts, jewelry from local artists along with kids activities, live music, food trucks, and LOTS MORE! If you or someone you know are interested in becoming a vendor, more info can be found at acornartfest.com !

