## Sermon Text: Revelation 2:8-11 Sermon: The Rich Church of Smyrna

I. Background on Smyrna

1. The economy

2. The imperial cult

Revelation 2:9b "I know the slander of those opposing you. They say they are Jews, but they really aren't because theirs is a synogogue of Satan." NLT

## II. Christ's Contradictions

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2 Corinthians 6:10 Our hearts ache, but we always have joy. We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. We own nothing, and yet we have everything.

## 1. The poor people of Smyrna are rich

Revelation 2:9a "I know about your suffering and your poverty-but you are rich!" NLT

## 2. Martyrs will receive life

Revelation 2:8b "This is the message from the one who is the First and the Last, who died and is alive."  $\mathsf{NLT}$ 

Matthew 10:28 "Don't be afraid of those who want to kill you. They can only kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell." NLT

## 3. Persecuted will be crowned

Revelation 2:10b "Remain faithful even when facing death, and I will give you the crown of life."  $\mathsf{NLT}$ 

**Trunk or Treat!** Saturday, October 28, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. All of our Grace Church family is invited! Trunk or Treat provides a safe environment for our Church Family to trick-or-treat as a group. Adults: park your car in the S & T parking lot (closest to Church Street), with your TRUNK open and DECORATED. Kids: walk from trunk to trunk for treats beginning at 7:00 pm! Awards will be given for the best decorated trunk! Don't forget to wear your costumes!

**ENGAGED and MARRIED COUPLES: WEEKEND TO REMEMBER 2017** is offering two different weekends in Pittsburgh. Flyers are available in the Welcome Center with more details or go to Familylife.com.

**Senior Adults** are invited to have Lunch With the Pastors on Thursday, October 19 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the Welcome Center.

**Blue T-shirts** with the new Grace Church logo are now available at a cost of \$10 each in the church office, or see Will Pinos! Support our local campus ministry. Also available in youth sizes!

It is not too early to be thinking of the Christmas season and the Love Basket. This year's **Love Basket registration** will be October 23, 24, and 25 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. If you know anyone who needs the special lift that a Love Basket would provide, please call Ed Scott at 724-388-3291 with their name and telephone number by November 17.

**New time and place for GEMs** (God Empowering Me/Gals Encouraging Me) weight loss Grace Group for women will now meet at 10:00 am on Sundays in Room 202.

Youth Meeting: Today, October 08, 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Grace Growth Center. PLEASE BRING A SNACK!!! Guest Speaker: Phil Floyd. It's going to be awesome!

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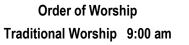
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# Our Pastors Rev. Bill Blair - Senior Pastor

Pastor Kathy Mihoerck - Congregational Care & Senior Adult Ministries

Pastor Dennis Marshall - Visitation

We gather in grace	Child care
The coffee is ready! Please enjoy a time of fellowship in our Welcome Center between worship services. Meet and greet your friends and make new ones.	Child care for children up to age 4 is available in the nursery Sundays during worship services.
Check your bulletin today for information on special events, including Sunday School, Sock-tober, small groups and <i>Trunk or Treat!</i> Get connected with a Grace Group! There is something for everyone!	Children K-5 can attend Kid's Church: "The Train Station" - an exciting worship experience - at 11:00 am (please sign your child in downstairs before the worship service begins).
More information is available in the Welcome Center. Check our website for other opportunities to Gather in Grace!	Children ages 3-5 can attend Kid's Church: "The Caboose" during the 11:00 worship service (located down the main hallway past the Welcome Center).



**Gathering Music** 

Announcements

Prelude - Come, Christians, Join to Sing Agape Bells

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn of Praise - No. 155 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Prayer of Invocation

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:19-21; 31-33

Response - No. 70 Glory Be to the Father

Anthem - Holy Is He (Congregation joins in singing)

Hymn of Preparation - No. 140 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Message The "Rich" Church of Smyrna

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Jesus, Name Above All Names

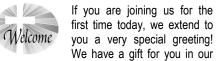
\*Doxology - No. 95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn - No. 128 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

\*Benediction & Postlude

\*Indicates the congregation standing as able



Welcome Center. Additionally, while in the Welcome Center, please take a moment and complete a connect card and return it to the Welcome Center host. Thank you for joining us!

The white carnation on the altar is in memory of Althea Dunlap who passed away on September 28, 2017. Our sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

Our sympathy is extended to Savannah (Barris) Tutko and family and Donald & Melissa Barris on the death of Savannah's husband, Michael Tutko on 09-27-2017.

Please note the time change: The Coffeehouse Worship Service now meets at 7:00 pm on Saturdays in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sock-tober!** During October, Grace children are collecting new adult socks for the homeless. Bring socks to the children's area of the Church. The children will pray over them to bring warmth and God's love to the lives they will touch. Questions? Contact Kara Krauss.

Youth Trail Ride on October 14: Sign up by today! \$10 per rider. We leave at 10 am sharp!

## Wednesday Dinner

Serving 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall Adults: \$5 Kids 4-12: \$2.50 Under 4: Free

> THIS WEEK'S MENU Chili Con Carne, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Salad & Dessert

To properly plan, reservations are required. Sign up in the Welcome Center, or call the church office by 4:00 pm on Tuesday.

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

#### Monday, October 09 Columbus Day

10:00 am

4:00 pm

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

Remember in

prayer....

North Korea

Joan Shirlev

Micah Taylor

Jean Rapach

Terry St. Clair

Betty Scarpino

Chris Lybarger

Andrew Manzek

Debbie Douglass

Dale Cunningham

All First Responders

Rosemary McDowell

Althea Dunlap Family

Michael Tutko Family

Victims of the recent

Hurricanes

**Deployed Military** 

Personnel

Women's Bible Study - Room 106 Women's Prayer Group - Room 205 Trustees Meeting - Room 208 SPRC Meeting - Room 205

Tuesday, October 106:30 pmOrchestra - Room 1067:00 pmWomen's Evening Fellowship - Room 101 & 102

Wednesday, October 11 7:00 am Men's Bible Study - Room 102 10:00 am The Seekers Women's Group - 173 Valley Rd., Indiana Women's Grace Group - Room 201 3:30 pm Wednesday Dinner - Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm Praver Walk - meet at KCAC stadium side lot 6:15 pm Case for Christ Study - Room 208 6:15 pm Men's Grace Group - Room 201 6:15 pm 6:15 pm Marrieds with Young Kids - Room 207 Co-Ed Lifers Grace Group - 211 Grant St., Indiana 7:00 pm 7:00 pm Agape Bells - Room 105

## Thursday, October 12

6:30 pmWomen's Bible Study - Room 1066:30 pmPuppet Ministry Meeting - Room 2087:00 pmChancel Choir - Room 2037:00 pmWorship Team Practice - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 147:45 amPrayer Fellowship - G.I.M. (1st Floor)7:00 pmCoffeehouse Worship - Fellowship Hall

Charlie Brown Christmas Play: Practice for today (October 08) needs to be rescheduled, because we have not received the script yet from the company. The first practice will be held October 15 from 12:30-1:30 pm.

**New Small Group for Couples: Wednesday evenings at 6:45 pm** beginning on October 11 at Sandy and Ken Carr's home at 1442 Philadelphia Street in Indiana. Please call 724-349-3234 to sign up.

**Marriage Matters Sunday School Class will start on October 29** at 10:00 am in room 205 (off of Fellowship Hall). This class is for married couples in order to discuss God's word and apply HIS guidelines to everyday marital matters.

**Children's Ministry Sunday School** will begin Sunday, October 29, 10:00 - 11:00 am. Please contact Kara Krauss if you would like your child to sign up for Sunday School Classes.

Childcare for Sunday School will be provided during the Sunday School hour of 10:00 -11:00 am for those who need it!

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