



celebrating

REV. MATHEW A. GROVER

MAY 16, 1982 - FEBRUARY 24, 2025

Thank you

We are so incredibly thankful for the tidal wave of love that has washed over the Grover family these last few weeks. In a season of grief, shock, and disbelief, we have been enveloped in deep hugs, care, and an abundance of coffee and food. We cannot thank you all enough. Mat has always worked on creating community and relationships and it has never been more evident than now.

As we begin to wrap our minds around having to imagine a world without Mat Grover in it, we hope that his legacy of caring for those around him, making others feel seen, known, and loved by him and by Christ, can continue through each of you. May you trust that the Creator of the heavens and earth knows you and loves you, is holding onto you, and will never, ever let you go.

- The Grover Family



Saturday, March 15, 2025 | 2:00 pm
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tucson, AZ

order of service

WELCOME

Pastor John Tittle

*WORSHIP SONG: Living Hope

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leslie McIntyre

Leader: Grace and peace to you, friends, from God Who has made it plain through His holy word and the example of His son Jesus how we should live

People: God, Who calls us to do what is fair and just to our neighbors

Leader: God Who calls us to be compassionate and loyal in our love

People: God Who calls us to season the earth with peace and justice – shining His light through our lives to every corner of our hurting world

Leader: From our families to our neighbors to the stranger and the forgotten, God calls us to share that light with everyone – so that each one might feel that they are seen and known and loved just as they are.

Unison: God – we ask You to help us to be who we are meant to be in Christ Jesus – a welcoming oasis, a community of compassion, a justice making people giving You glory every step of the way. Amen.

VIDEO: JOY

SPECIAL MUSIC: Be Thou My Vision

Matt Holman and Caleb Hahn

VIDEO: THANKFULNESS

SPECIAL MUSIC: Gratitude

Justin Klump



PERSONAL SHARING

*Drew Hulse
Gordon Grover*

VIDEO: FAITH

PERSONAL SHARING

Jane and Ethan Grover

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

*Rev. Colin Robeson
Rev. Jeremiah Lange*

SPECIAL MUSIC: It Is Well With My Soul

Mark Gary, Carolyn K. Smith

SENDING

Jane Grover, Olivia Hahn

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor John Tittle

***WORSHIP SONG: I Love You, Lord**

BENEDICTION

Pastor Mat Grover

**Please stand as you are able.*



participants

PASTORS

Rev. Dr. John Tittle

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tucson, AZ
Friend and colleague at SACP

Leslie McIntyre, M. Div.

Tucson, AZ
Friend at SACP

Rev. Dr. Drew Hulse

Mountain View Presbyterian Church, Scottsdale, AZ
Father-in-law

Rev. Colin Robeson

Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, WA
SACP Youth Alum, friend, and chosen "Little Brother"

Rev. Jeremiah Lange

Marion Presbyterian Church, Marion, KS
SACP Youth Alum and friend

MUSIC & CREATIVE

SACP WORSHIP TEAM

Ben Constantinides, Liz Soflin, Ed Coates, Andy Squire, Kylie Shelton, Carolyn K. Smith, Freeman Taber, Carolyn Rapp, Dan Harms - *All friends of Mat from SACP*

Matt Holman, trumpet

Best friend since St. Andrew's Preschool & Kindergarten

Justin Klump, guitar and vocal

Family friend

Mark Gary, tenor

SACP Staff and friend

Caleb Hahn, trombone

Nephew

Tony Cohen, video editor

Brother-in-law

IMMEDIATE FAMILY

Amy Grover, wife

Jane Grover, daughter

Ethan Grover, son

Gordon Grover, father

Susan Grover, mother

Melissa Hahn, sister



obituary

Rev. Mathew A. Grover, of Tucson, AZ, passed away on February 24, 2025, living out his faith while on a mission trip to Uganda with World Vision. Born on May 16, 1982 in Portland, OR, Mat was a graduate of local NW Tucson schools St. Andrew's Preschool & Kindergarten, Harelson Elementary, Cross Middle School, and Canyon del Oro High School. He held a B.A. in Theology and Philosophy from Whitworth University in Spokane, WA, and a Masters of Divinity from the University of Dubuque Seminary. He was ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in October 2015.

Growing up in the Grover family meant good food, good music, and Go Ducks! Mat's parents not only showed compassion and care to those around them, but their quick wit and recitation of Monty Python in the home resulted in a rich environment for Mat and his sister, Melissa's, childhood and education.

Mat met his wife Amy while helping out at the Knox Presbyterian Youth Group in Spokane, WA. While friends had to clue them into the fact that they were actually already dating, just a few years later they were married on July 23, 2005. Throughout their marriage, Mat and Amy loved doing ministry together, loving on people, hosting people in their home, nerding out about musical theater, and spending time with their friends and family. Mat's love of good humor, big hearts, and soccer combined when he discovered Ted Lasso!

Mat was a friend to all, and a lover of music across all genres. At the height of Mat's involvement in the Tucson band scene, he was involved in his own bands and supported the bands of his friends. You could often find him at Scrappy's and leaning into the emo, punk, ska, or whatever style was playing that night.

While he lived out many roles in his life, Mat was born to be a Dad. He loved his kids immensely and wanted to be involved in all the highs and lows of their lives. He shared his passion for sports and

music with Jane and Ethan, while also showering them with the same kindness, support, and love he poured into everyone he met. He was their coach, leader of pool shenanigans, driver of road trips, and biggest cheerleader.

Mat's heart for ministry shown through every part of his life. Over the last 15 years, he poured himself into St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church through Youth Ministry, as an Associate Pastor, as well as standing in the gap during COVID and pastoral transition.

Mat never met a stranger. He saw a friend everywhere he went. From the grocery store clerk, to a soccer parent, to a member of his congregation, Mat made everyone he met feel important, supported, encouraged, worthy of his time, and loved unconditionally.

Mat led his life with empathy and understanding. He had a heart for justice and a passion for those in need. He believed in the inherent dignity of each person, no matter their faith, beliefs, or background. He believed the world could be a better place if we stopped to look at the value and worth of each person's humanity. He strived to live by Micah 6:8 "What does the Lord require of you? Act Justly, Love Mercy, and Walk Humbly with God."

Mat is survived by his wife Amy C. Grover, and children Jane and Ethan Grover, he is also survived by his parents, Gordon and Susan Grover of Tucson, AZ, sister Melissa Hahn (Tobias Hahn), nephew Caleb Hahn, niece Olivia Hahn of Portland, OR; grandfather Cyril King of London, England; father-in-law and mother-in-law Drew and Cathy Hulse of Phoenix, AZ; sister-in-law, Corrie Hulse (Tony Cohen) of Brooklyn, NY, and an abundance of cousins, uncles, aunts, and extended family, and close friends.

reflections



Thank you for being a role model for the rest of us and teaching us all how to live out our faith with grace, humility and an understanding that we'll never know everything, but that's ok. Thank you for believing a better world was possible, and that we all have a small part to play in its restoration.

NELS JOHNSON

His legacy was people. His superpower was connection and he figured out how to love everyone who crossed his path in an authentic and meaningful way. To know Mat was to experience Mat. He put souls first before anything else. Mat gave people the permission to start where they are and whole heartedly be themselves.

KATHY LOKALE

He believed in and lived out relational ministry. He had a gift for making people laugh, creating joy wherever he went, and making everyone feel like they truly belonged.

ALESHA GUYOT

...and from that you felt known, seen and loved. If you knew him, you felt that you were one of his favorite people. Gracious and loving Mat, thank you for showing us the love of Jesus.

CATHI KENTERA

I just keep replaying what you would say to everyone and it will never leave me. "You are seen, you are known, you are loved more than you will ever know."

OLIVIA HAHN

Every birthday, Mat would say, "The world is a better place with you in it." Today, the world is a little less better without Mat's light here to shine around us. Mat's soul will continue to shine brightly now in the presence of God.

JENNIFER BULTMAN

His friendship came with a love that was a reflection of Christ's love.

CHRISTINE ALTAVILLA

in lieu of flowers

in lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made to:

World Vision - worldvision.org

or

The Toole Legacy Mental Health Fund
(Session approved fund launching later this year.)



To find links for these organizations, post on our memory wall, or learn how you can support the Grover family, please visit our linktree.

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All my life I have wanted to be significant and make a difference. I had never thought that my faith would be something that would have an impact.

That was until I read Scripture like Micah 6:8 "What does the Lord require of you? Act Justly, Love Mercy, and Walk Humbly with God" and Matthew 22 where Jesus calls His followers to Love God and Love our neighbors.

It is simply by faith, living how God has called that makes us all SIGNIFICANT > we all matter and make a difference!

- Mat

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