

Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church. We are pleased that you are here and look forward to discovering ways that we can grow in faith and service together. We pray that you will be blessed in worship today. If you have any questions, we encourage you to contact the church office at (337) 984-6400 or gracpreb@lusfiber.net. For Pastoral Care, please contact Rev. Pat at 337-781-1806 or at wadp1@msn.com.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH:

Sunday, January 12

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 14

6:00 p.m. – Session Meeting

Sunday, January 19

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – TODAY during our Worship Service we will be Installing our new Church Leaders. Thank you too all our past & present Session Members, Deacons & Board of Trustees.

SESSION MEETING – will be on **Tuesday, January 14th** at **6:00 p.m.** Please let Sandy Stewart know if you are an Elder and cannot attend this meeting.

CHANCEL FLOWERS – If you would like to bring flowers on Sundays for a special occasion (*birthdays, anniversaries, etc.*), we would love to celebrate your special day with you. Please let the office know which Sunday you would like.

VISITOR CARDS – if you are a visitor today, please fill out a “welcome card” which is located on the table as you exit the Sanctuary. Please place the completed card in the offering plate (*located in the same area*) so we can have a record of you joining us today!

Grace Presbyterian prays for..... (new in bold)

Bill & Bette Grubb

Joyce Guillot

Betty Tucker

Greta Halphen

Katherine Hess

Elke Hitt

Betty Adams

Jim & Jean McLain

Mary Ann Daigle

Mary Lou Montgomery

April Grigg Manzo (Nick Manzo)

Gloria Keller (David & Jysele Jones)

Delores Knots Marks (Terry Wolford)

Byron Hebert (Betty Couch)

Jacque Mauter Family (Causey's)

Jim & Jean McLain's Family

Anita Stamm Spears (Betty Couch)

Ann Womack Family (Jysele Jones)

Suzy Stewart (Sandy Stewart)

Mrs. Peebles (Gail Rea)

Troy & Melanie Lillie (Sarah Gaspard)

Joyce Sorbet (Nick Manzo)

Mona Faherty (Sandy Stewart)

Jeff & Leslie Zellers (Melissa Gonzalez)

Sherri Elter (Danny Jones)

Alice Guillotte (Betty Adams)

Ms. Mary Jo Brook

Tiffani Bass & Mazen Lee McCoy (William Baker)

Larry Baker (Nancy Sorbet)

Linda Scholes (Jean McLain)

Mildred & Maryann Baker (William Baker)



Grace Presbyterian Staff

Pat Wadsworth

Sarah Gaspard

Gray Guillot

Katharine Schendel

Nick Manzo

Interim Pastor
Administrator
Custodian
Organist/Pianist
Music Director

Grace Presbyterian Church of Lafayette

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Jesus' Name, we will

Gather, Grow, and Go

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Celebration of Worship

January 12, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude Katharine Schendel

Silent Meditation

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Honor the wonderful name of the Lord,
People: and worship the Lord most holy and glorious.

Opening Prayer

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who loves and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn Blue #265
"Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand"

Call to Confession

Leader: Pray that our Lord will make us strong
People: and give us peace.
Leader: Let us confess our sin together to the God who makes us strong.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to

destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfil the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us:

People: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
All: Thanks be to God!

*Praise Response

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Grow - Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

Special Music Nick Manzo

Epistle Reading Acts 8:14-17

New Testament Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Message Rev Pat Wadsworth

Installation of Officers *(see insert)*

*Affirmation of Faith (in unison) A Modern Affirmation
**We know that God is in the world – was and is and will be. God made it all, and continues to renew and remake and resurrect.
We know God best in the life of Jesus, who was and is our maker of hope, the one who saves.
We know the power and energy of God in the Holy Spirit.
We are filled with God's joy and pledged to discipleship and love.
We trust in God, We celebrate God. We work together for justice and peace through God.
We are never alone. We are free in the chosen bonds of the ways of Christ. Thanks be to God!
Amen.**

*Hymn *"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"* Blue #308

Give Thanks to God

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*"debts and debtors"*)

Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Go- In God's Name

*Closing Song Blue #538
"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

*Benediction Rev Pat Wadsworth

*Postlude Katharine Schendel

*Those that are able please stand