

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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH:

Sunday, January 5 Communion

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. – Congregational Meeting

11:45 a.m. – Refreshments After Worship

Sunday, January 12

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - a brief meeting will be held **after worship today**. Please stay for the meeting as we elect new leaders for the ones rotating off.

AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENTS - Everyone is invited to join us **after Worship & the Congregational Meeting** in the Fellowship Hall TODAY for refreshments.

UNITED CHRISTIAN OUTREACH - **Today** is our collection of non-perishables and paper products. Donations can be dropped off at the church during the month or on the actual collection date which is normally the 1st Sunday of the month. Thank you for continuing to support this mission of Grace Church and helping those who are struggling in our community.

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

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

Bill & Bette Grubb

Larry Schendel

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

Unashamed in
Jesus' Name, we will

Gather, Grow, and Go

Happy New Year

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Celebration of Worship

January 5, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude Katharine Schendel

Silent Meditation

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord God of Israel, we praise you.

People: Only you can work miracles.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising: Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

*Opening Song Blue #66

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Call to Confession

Leader: Let the king be fair with everyone,

People: and let there be peace until the moon falls from the sky.

Leader: Let us confess our sin together to the God who is fair.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness

of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. In his name we pray, amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: The king has pity on the weak and the helpless

People: and protects those in need.

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 60:1-6

Special Music Nick Manzo

Epistle Reading Ephesians 3:1-12

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Message Rev. Pat Wadsworth

*Hymn *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"* Blue #37

Give Thanks to God

Offering and Offertory

*The Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's table

Prayer of Consecration The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Go - In God's Name

*Closing Song Blue #63

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

*Benediction Rev. Pat Wadsworth

*Postlude Katharine Schendel



*Those that are able please stand.

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!