

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](mailto:gracpreb@lusfiber.net). For Pastoral Care, please contact Rev. Pat at (337) 781-1806.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH:**

**Sunday, December 1 Communion**

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

**Tuesday, December 3**

5:00 p.m. – Decorate the Church

**Sunday, December 8**

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

**DECORATE THE CHURCH** – will be on **Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** at **5:00 p.m.** A meal will be provided to all our volunteers.

**ANGEL TREE** – If anyone did not get an angel and would like one, please let Sarah know. Normally there are extra children that haven't been assigned to a church yet. **All gifts are due back to the Church Office by December 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**STAFF CHRISTMAS BONUSES** – a basket is located at the sanctuary entrance for donations to go towards giving our staff Christmas Bonuses this year. There is an insert in your bulletin about this today from the Grace Session. **All donations must be received by December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**PLEDGE CARDS** – can be placed in the offering plate or delivered to the church office. We ask that all cards be returned by **December 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON** – will be on **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** at Grace. This is a potluck meal and everyone at Grace is invited and encouraged to join us in showing our appreciation to our church staff.

**POINSETTIAS** – if you have not purchased a poinsettia and would like one, please let Sarah know by tomorrow, **December 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

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

Family of Lynne Castle  
Larry Schendel  
Joyce Guillot  
Betty Tucker  
Greta Halphen  
Katherine Hess  
Elke Hitt  
Betty Adams  
Jim & Jean McLain  
Bill & Bette Grubb  
Mary Ann Daigle  
Mary Lou Montgomery  
Gloria Keller (David & Jysele Jones)  
Delores Knots Marks (Terry Wolford)  
Byron Hebert (Betty Couch)  
Jacquie 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

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# Celebration of Worship

December 1, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

## Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude Katharine Schendel

Silent Meditation

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: I offer you my heart, Lord God,

**People: and I trust you.**

Lighting the Advent Candle Bette Harris & Linda Griffis

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*Opening Song Blue #5

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

Call to Confession

Leader: Please, Lord, remember,

**People: you have always been patient and kind.**

Leader: Let us confess our sin together to our patient Lord.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live**

casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Lord, you are honest and merciful,

**People: and you teach sinners to follow your path.**

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 Jeremiah 33:14-16

Special Music Nick Manzo

Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36

Message Rev. Pat Wadsworth

\*Hymn *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"* Blue #345

## 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 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* Blue #9

\*Benediction Rev. Pat Wadsworth

\*Postlude Katharine Schendel



\*Those that are able please stand.

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**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!