

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, December 15

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 18

9:30 a.m. – MDO Christmas Songfest

Sunday, December 22

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. – After Church Refreshments

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS:

ANGEL TREE – Thank you to everyone that took part in Angel Tree this year. All gifts will be delivered after worship today!

PLEDGE CARDS – if you would plan to pledge for 2025 and have not turned in your card yet, there are extra pledge cards on the table in the Narthex today!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - our Annual Candlelight Service will be held on **Tuesday, December 24th at 5:30 p.m.** Our offering on Christmas Eve will be split between our Agape Fund & our Good Samaritan Fund which helps people that are in temporary need.

STAFF CHRISTMAS BONUSES – Thank you to everyone who made donations towards staff bonuses. Today is the last day to contribute if you would like to. Donations will be split between our church staff members before Christmas!

AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENTS – will be provided by **Tim & Mary Conner** after worship **Next Sunday, December 22nd.** Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments & fellowship time after worship Next Sunday.

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

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
April Grigg Manzo (Nick Manzo)
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 15, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude Katharine Schendel

Silent Meditation

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Our Lord, we are thankful,
People: and we worship only you.

Lighting the Advent Candles Tim & Mary Conner

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you. Now prepare the world for your rule. Come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end, and your children may live in peace, honoring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Blue #8

Call to Confession

Leader: I trust you to save me, Lord God,
People: and I won't be afraid.
Leader: Because we trust God, let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we often become so wrapped up in the excitement of the season that we forget why we are celebrating. Remind us regularly,

we pray, that our power and strength come from you, that we may indeed celebrate aright this season of joy and salvation. We ask this in the name of him who came to us as a little child to bring us your redemption: Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Celebrate the greatness of the holy Lord of Israel.

People: God is here to help you.

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 7:10-16

Special Music Nick Manzo

Epistle Reading Romans 1:1-7

New Testament Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Message Rev Pat Wadsworth

*Affirmation of Faith (in unison) The Apostle's Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" Blue #27

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 "There's a Song in the Air!" Red #155

*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!