

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 8

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

Friday, December 13

11:30 a.m. – Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Sunday, December 15

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS:

ANGEL TREE – If you have not brought your Angel Tree gifts to the church office yet, **please try to get them to Sarah on Monday/Tuesday** so they can be prepared for delivery to the children which will be on the afternoon of Sunday, December 15th.

GRACE STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON – will be on **Friday, December 13th** at **11:30 a.m.** 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.

PLEDGE CARDS – cards can be placed in the offering plate or delivered to the church office. We ask that all cards be returned by **Tuesday, December 10th**. Thank you to everyone for continuing to support Grace Church.

STAFF CHRISTMAS BONUSES – a basket is located at the sanctuary entrance for donations to go towards giving our staff Christmas Bonuses this year. **All donations must be received by December 15th.**

Thank you to everyone that helped Decorate the Church for Christmas and to those who provided food for all our hard workers to enjoy! We had a great turnout this year!

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 8, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude Katharine Schendel

Silent Meditation

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Our God has given us a mighty Savior
People: from the family of David, his servant.

Lighting the Advent Candles Joe & Glenda Hunter

Opening Prayer

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Blue #2

Call to Confession

Leader: God has promised us a new heaven and a new earth,
People: where justice will rule.
Leader: Let us confess our sin together to the God of justice.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, we thank you for the message that our Savior is about to come; but we confess that we are slow in preparing for his arrival in our lives. We don't

want to give up the sins of which we have become so fond. Forgive us, we pray, our reluctance to accept the salvation offered to us. Help us to prepare again for Jesus' coming, that we may know the joy, the peace, and the love of his promised kingdom. In his name we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: On us who live in the dark shadow of death
People: this light will shine to guide us into a life of peace.

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 Malachi 3:1-4

Special Music Nick Manzo

Epistle Reading Philippians 1:3-11

New Testament Reading Luke 3:1-6

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 "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers" Blue #15

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 #26
"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"

*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!