

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, February 25

- 10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. – After Church Refreshments

Sunday, March 3

- 10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. – After Church Refreshments

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEWSLETTER INFO – if you have anything for the March Church Newsletter, please get it to Sarah in the church office by **Tuesday, February 27th**.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE – will be on **Sunday, March 24th** at **10:30 a.m.** at Grace Presbyterian Church.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE – will be held on **Thursday, March 28th** at **5:30 p.m.** at Grace Presbyterian. We will also have a “potluck supper” and invite everyone to bring a dish. Communion will be served at our Maundy Thursday Service.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – will be held on **Friday, March 29th** at First Presbyterian Church. Time is TBA.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE – will be on **Sunday, March 31st** at **10:30 a.m.** at Grace Presbyterian Church.

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 so we can have a record of you joining us today. They can be placed in the offering plate or given to a church member to turn into the office.

Grace Presbyterian Prays for.....(New Requests in Bold)

- Family of Nick Manzo
- Bob & Katherine Hess
- Margaret Boone
- Elke Hitt
- Betty Adams
- Pam Fontenot
- Jim & Jean McLain
- Bill & Bette Grubb
- Mary Ann Daigle
- Mary Lou Montgomery
- Troy & Melanie Lillie (Sarah Gaspard)
- Larry Schendel (Katharine Schendel)
- Joyce Sorbet (Nick Manzo)
- Mona Faherty (Sandy Stewart)
- Jeff & Leslie Zellers (Melissa Gonzalez)
- Sherri Elter (Danny Jones)
- Cal Odom
- Alice Guillotte (Betty Adams)
- Judy Lopez (Pam Sanders)
- 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

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| Pat Wadsworth | Interim Pastor |
| Sarah Gaspard | Administrator |
| Gray Guillot | Custodian |
| Katharine Schendel | Organist/Pianist |
| Nick Manzo | Music Director |

Grace Presbyterian Church of Lafayette

Unashamed in
Jesus’ Name, we will

Gather,
Grow,
and
Go

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Celebration of Worship

February 25, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude Linda Kidd

Silent Meditation

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: You who fear the Lord, praise him!
People: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us faith to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" Blue #451

Call to Confession

Leader: Jesus calls us to be his disciples.
People: We take up the cross to follow him.
Leader: Let us confess our sin together to the God of the cross.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, it is easy for us to become caught up in the story as we prepare for Easter, and to forget the seriousness of Jesus' call. We often lose sight of the fact that the cross we are called to bear

sometimes consists of the daily trials and frustrations, which we have come to hate. Forgive us, we pray, our short-sightedness, and help us to remember that our cross is not anyone around us, but the charge to rise above the mundane obstacles to our growth and our joy in you. We ask all this in the name of him who showed us how to bear the cross, amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Our ancestor Abraham trusted in the Lord.
People: and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.
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 Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Special Music Nick Manzo

Epistle Reading Romans 4:13-25

New Testament Reading Mark 8:31-38

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 "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 "Be Thou My Vision" Blue #339

*Benediction Rev. Pat Wadsworth

*Postlude Linda Kidd



*Those that are able please stand