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, March 10

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. – After Church Refreshments

Tuesday, March 12

2:15 p.m. – MDO Board Meeting

Sunday, March 17

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. – After Church Refreshments

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MDO BOARD MEETING – will be on Tuesday, March 12th at 2:15 p.m. Please let Tim Conner know if you cannot attend.

2024 PHONE DIRECTORIES – are ready for pickup! They are located on the table outside the Sanctuary. Feel free to take more than 1 copy if you wish. A lot of information has changed since our 2023 directory, so make sure to pick up a copy today.

HOLY WEEK INFORMATION:

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

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 PRAYER VIGIL – will be held on **Friday, March 29**th at First Presbyterian Church from **11am-1pm**. During this time, there will be several different prayer stations you can visit.

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

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

Bob & Katherine Hess

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

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,

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Celebration of Worship

March 10, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude Ann Voge

Silent Meditation

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. **People: His faithful love continues forever.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Almighty God, we turn to you together at the opening of this new day, seeking your presence and your peace. Attend us here, we ask, that on this day of rest, as we prepare ourselves for the coming week, you might renew our strength for whatever challenges are to come, renew our compassion for those around us, and renew our resolve to lean on your power and your grace to get us through it all; in the sweet name of Jesus we pray, amen.

*Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Blue #356

Call to Confession

Leader: In the past, God's people have cried out to the Lord because of their problems.

People: And he saved them from their troubles. Leader: Let us turn to him together now and confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, we acknowledge that, because of your undying love for your people, you have always tried to guide us in the right ways. Yet we continue to

choose the wrong paths, doing and saying ugly things to one another when we are angry, when life is hard, and when we disagree with each other. We even blame you for our problems when we can't blame anyone else, or when we don't want to accept our own fault. Forgive us, we ask, so that we might finally face up to our own faults, and try living in the ways you require, instead of insisting on our own ways. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who came to show us your love and your grace, amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord for his faithful love.

People: Let us give thanks for the wonderful things he does for people:

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.

Grow - Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Numbers 21:4-9

Special Music Nick Manzo

Epistle Reading Ephesians 2:1-10

New Testament Reading John 3:14-21

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.

Give Thanks to God

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer ("debts and debtors")

Offering

*Doxology

Go- In God's Name

*Closing Song "To God Be the Glory" Blue #485

*Benediction Rev. Pat Wadsworth

*Postlude Ann Voge



^{*}Those that are able please stand

^{*}Passing of the Peace

^{*}Hymn "Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound" Red #275

^{*}Prayer of Dedication