

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.

****Nursery provided in Room 4 on Sunday Mornings****

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH:

Sunday, January 9

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

Sunday, January 16

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2022 PHONE DIRECTORY - our phone directory which includes Grace Members, Non-Members & Regular Visitors (even our Facebook Live Regulars) is currently being updated. If you have any changes/additions/corrections to make from last year, *(no longer have a landline, etc.)* or were not included in our 2021 phone directory and would like to be, please email the office at gracpreb@lusfiber.net or call (337) 984-6400. **Please let Sarah know by January 30th if you have changes.**

CHANCEL FLOWERS – We need volunteers to bring flowers on Sunday Mornings in 2022. If you would like to help, there is a signup sheet on the table outside the Sanctuary or you can let Margaret Boone know which Sunday you would like. You can give flowers “*in honor*” or “*in memory*” of a loved one.

PW HOME CIRCLE MEETING – will be on **Monday, January 17th** at the home of Margaret Boone. All women are invited to join us for Bible Study & Fellowship.

SESSION MEETING – will be on **Tuesday, January 18th** at **6pm**. Please let Lynne Castle know if you are an Elder and cannot attend this meeting.

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

Jean McLain

Katharine Schendel

Pam Fontenot

Ellyn Macpherson

Mary Ann Daigle

Ray Montgomery

Elaine Hamm

Larry Baker (Nancy Sorbet – Nick’s mom)

Troy Lillie (Sarah Gaspard)

Frances Smith (Ellyn Macpherson)

Sandy Tidwell (Danny Jones)

Spencer Gentry (Danny Jones)

Linda Scholes (Jean McLain)

Mildred & Maryann Baker (William Baker)

Joyce Sorbet (Nick Manzo)

Claire Guidry (Lana Gaspard)

Norma White (Terry Wolford)

Cherry Taylor (Betty Couch)

Michelle Shipley (Betty Couch)

The Boyette Family (Montgomery)

Calen Rodgers Aultman (Carol Rodgers)



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

January 9, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude Katharine Schendel

Silent Meditation

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: All of you angels in heaven, honor the glory and power of the Lord!

People: Honor the wonderful name of the Lord, and worship the Lord most holy and glorious.

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

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ or Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Call to Confession

Leader: The Lord rules on his throne, king of the flood forever.

People: Pray that our Lord will make us strong and give us peace.

Leader: Let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with

ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us.

People: "You are my child, my beloved, with you I am well pleased."

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 43:1-7

Special Music Nick Manzo

Epistle Reading Acts 8:14-17

New Testament Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Message Rev. Pat Wadsworth

*Affirmation of Faith (in unison) The Apostles' 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 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Blue #404

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 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Blue #438

*Benediction Rev. Pat Wadsworth

*Postlude Katharine Schendel



*Those who are able, please stand.

**Please silence cell phones.

VISITOR CARDS – if you are a visitor today, please fill out a "welcome card" which is located on the table as you enter the sanctuary. Please place the completed card in the offering plate so we can have a record of you joining us today.