

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, December 19

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

Friday, December 24

5:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 26

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

There will be NO Sunday School on Sunday, December 26th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

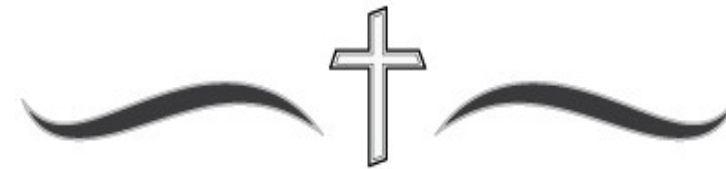
GRACE STAFF BONUSES – Today is the last day we are collecting donations for Staff Bonuses. There are special envelopes in the narthex labeled “*Staff Christmas Bonus*”. **Cash or checks payable to cash.** You can either place your donation in the basket located in the narthex or in the offering plate. Bonuses will be distributed to our Grace Employees before Christmas!

PLEDGE CARDS – have been mailed out. We ask that you please return your card **by January 2nd** so we can finish planning our 2022 Budget. You can return your card by placing it in the offering plate, dropping it off to the Church office, or by mailing it back to the church.

JOY OFFERING –if you would like to give to the Christmas Joy Offering, there are special envelopes for this located on the table outside the Sanctuary. **We will “officially” have the Joy Offering on Sunday, December 26th, but you can give to this offering throughout the month of December.** Please make checks payable to Grace Presbyterian Church.

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

Jean McLain
Katharine Schendel
Pam Fontenot
Catherine Sarwar
Ellyn Macpherson
Mary Ann Daigle
Ray Montgomery
Elaine Hamm
Frances Smith (Ellyn Macpherson)
Sandy Tidwell (Danny Jones)
Spencer Gentry (Danny Jones)
Linda Scholes (Jean McLain)
Troy Lillie (Sarah Gaspard)
Mildred & Maryann Baker (William Baker)
Joyce Sorbet (Nick Manzo)
Peggy Taylor (Linda Griffis-Smart)
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
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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 19, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

4th Sunday of Advent

Prelude Katharine Schendel

Silent Meditation

Lighting the Advent Candle The Conners

*Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Blue #41

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

People: tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

*Opening Hymn "Once in Royal David's City" Blue #49

Prayers of Intercession

Beloved in Christ, it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, and the babe lying in a manger. Therefore, let us hear again from the holy scriptures the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin until the glorious redemption brought us by this holy child; and let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols of praise. But first, because this of all things would rejoice Jesus' heart, let us pray to him for the needs of the whole world, and all his people; for peace upon the earth he came to save; for love and unity within the one Church he did build; for goodwill among all peoples. And particularly at this time, let us remember the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and them that

mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all who do not know the Lord Jesus, or do not love him, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love. Lastly, let us remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we forevermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words that Christ himself has taught us...

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

Lessons and Carols

1 **Adam and Eve disobey God** Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19
"O Little Town of Bethlehem" Blue #44

2 **God's promise to Abraham** Genesis 22:15-18
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Blue #9

3 **A great light in the darkness** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Blue #38

4 **A little child will lead them** Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Blue #48

5 **An angel appears to Mary** Luke 1:26-35, 38
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Blue #31

6 **Mary gives birth in Bethlehem** Luke 2:1-7
"Away in a Manger" Blue #25

7 **Angels announce the Messiah** Luke 2:8-16
"Angels We Have Heard on High" Blue #23

8 **Magi come from the East** Matthew 2:1-11
"We Three Kings of Orient Are" Blue #66

9 **And the Word became flesh** John 1:1-14
"Silent Night, Holy Night" Blue #60

Offering & Offertory

Doxology

*Closing Hymn "Joy to the World!" Blue #40

Blessing and Charge

Leader: May the Christ, who, by his incarnation, gathered into one the things of heaven and earth, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Go forth in peace and joy.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

This service of nine lessons and carols from the PC(USA) Book of Common Worship originates from a 1918 Christmas Eve service at King's College Chapel, University of Cambridge, England.



*Those who are able, please stand.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE – will be held on **December 24th** at **5:30 p.m.** Invite your friends and family to join us or invite someone you know who might be spending Christmas Eve alone. Communion will be served at our Candlelight Service. Hope everyone can join us!