

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 26

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

Thursday, December 30 - Office Closed

Friday, December 31 - Office Closed

Sunday, January 2 - Communion

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JOY OFFERING – Today there are special envelopes in your bulletin for if you would like to donate to the Christmas Joy Offering. Donations can be placed in the regular offering plate. **Please make checks payable to Grace Church.**

PLEDGE CARDS – We ask that you please try to return your “estimate of giving” card **by January 2nd** to the church office. These cards help the finance committee create the church budget each year. If you did not receive a card in the mail and need one, there are extra cards at the entrance of the Sanctuary or you can contact the church office.

UNITED CHRISTIAN OUTREACH – Next Sunday, January 2nd will be our next collection of non-perishables and paper products. These items are collected by the Presbyterian Women & donated to UCO on the 1st Sunday of each month.

The Grace Presbyterian Staff would like to thank everyone for their donations/gifts given to us this Christmas Season!

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
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Katharine Schendel
Nick Manzo

Interim Pastor
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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 26, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude Katharine Schendel

Silent Meditation

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord! He has worked miracles,

People: and with his own powerful arm, he has won the victory.

*Opening Song "There's a Song in the Air!" Red #155

Opening Prayer (in unison)

God of mystery and might, we praise and worship you, for you came in silence, while all lay sleeping, to enter our world as a child of humble birth. We thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, born of your handmaid Mary. In his face we behold your glory, for in his life as in his death is your gift of salvation. By your Spirit, make our hearts burn with thanksgiving, that we may give as we have received. Let our whole lives be gifts of praise to you, God of love and peace, in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son, by the power of your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Call to Confession

Leader: He is coming to judge everyone on the earth,

People: and he will be honest and fair.

Leader: Let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Heavenly Father, as the excitement of Christmas begins already to wane, we confess how much our faith depends upon our mood. As our families return home, as we clean up after our celebrations, as we face the new year ahead of us, sometimes our faith wavers, and we search for new reasons to be happy. Forgive us, we pray, our shallow cheer, and help us to find again our joy in the salvation that is ours in Christ, whose arrival we have just shared so gleefully. In his dear name we pray, amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: God has been faithful in his love for Israel,
People: and his saving power is seen everywhere on earth.

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 52:7-10

Special Music Nick Manzo

Epistle Reading Hebrews 1:1-12

New Testament Reading John 1:1-14

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 "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" Red #166

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 "As with Gladness Men of Old" Red #174

*Benediction Rev. Pat Wadsworth

*Postlude Katharine Schendel



*Those who are able, please stand.