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 19

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. – After Church Refreshments

Tuesday, February 21

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, February 22

5:30 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, February 26

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. – After Church Refreshments

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE</u> – will be at Grace Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, February 22nd at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for the start of the Lenten season.

<u>SESSION MEETING</u> – will be on Tuesday, February 28th at **6:00 p.m.** Please let Lynne Castle know if you are an Elder and cannot attend this meeting.

<u>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</u> – on Tuesday, February 21st for the Mardi Gras Holiday.

2023 PHONE DIRECTORY – (Last call for changes!) Please let Sarah know if you have any changes to make to your contact information. We will be finalizing the directory soon!

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

Pam Fontenot

Jim & Jean McLain

Bill & Bette Grubb

Mary Ann Daigle

Ray Montgomery

Donna Platt (MDO)

Joel Abu (Betty Couch)

Larry Schendel

Hannah Grace Murphy (Valerie Lapointe)

Lucas Dinnat (Causey)

Chi Chi Whitely (Couch)

Joyce Sorbet (Nick Manzo)

Ms. Mary Jo Brook

Tiffani Bass & Mazen Lee McCoy (William Baker)

Byron Hebert (Betty Couch)

Patsy Lewis (Melissa Gonzalez)

Vicki Boudreaux (Danny Jones)

Larry Baker (Nancy Sorbet – Nick's mom)

Linda Scholes (Jean McLain)

Mildred & Maryann Baker (William Baker)

Claire Guidry (Lana Gaspard)

Cherry Taylor (Betty Couch)

Michelle Shipley (Betty Couch)

^{*}Please review this list, and call or email Sarah in the church office with any additions or deletions.



Grace Presbyterian Staff

Pat Wadsworth
Sarah Gaspard
Gray Guillot
Katharine Schendel
Nick Manzo

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Administrator
Custodian
Organist/Pianist
Music Director

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Unashamed in Jesus' Name, we will

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Grow,

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^{**}Please sign your name on the attendance sheet at the end of your pew today so that we may have a record!

Celebration of Worship

February 19, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Katharine Schendel

Silent Meditation

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, you have ordered us always to obey

your teachings;

People: I don't ever want to stray from your laws.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts; Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil; Eternal Power, be our support; Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance; Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, that with all our heart and mind and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. (Alcuin of Tours—c. 735-804)

*Opening Song Red #3

"Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens, Adore Him"

Call to Confession

Leader: You shall be holy, for the Lord your God is

holy.

People: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: Let us confess our sin together to our holy

God.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord of all, we confess that while you have taught us that any good thing we do without love is pointless, we nevertheless persist in trying to earn your love; and you have further taught that confession of sin without repentance is a waste of time. Continue to teach us, we pray, about the nature of your love and mercy; and help us to imitate what Christ has shown us in our own lives. Bless us as we seek your face and your presence in our daily lives, for we ask all this in the name of our precious Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: In Christ the promises of God are fulfilled; **People: in Christ we are sealed by the Holy Spirit.**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 Exodus 24:12-18

Special Music Nick Manzo

Epistle Reading 2 Peter 1:16-21

New Testament Reading Matthew 17:1-9

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 "I Love Thy Kii

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Blue #441

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 Blue #462 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

*Benediction Rev. Pat Wadsworth

*Postlude Katharine Schendel



*Those that are able please stand.

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

^{*}Passing of the Peace