

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](mailto:gracpreb@lusfiber.net). For Pastoral Care, please contact Rev. Pat at (337) 781-1806.

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

**THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH:**

**Sunday, March 5 Communion**

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. – Congregational Meeting  
12:00 p.m. – After Church Fellowship

**Sunday, March 12**

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. – After Church Fellowship

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – This morning after worship we will have a brief meeting to elect Sandy Stewart as an Elder. If elected, Sandy will be ordained & installed the following Sunday.

**PHONE DIRECTORIES** – should be available for pickup **Next Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**. If you are not attending in-person worship and would like us to mail you a directory, please contact the church office. A lot of information has changed since our 2022 directory so make sure to pick up a copy once printed.

**VISITOR CARDS** – 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.

**Grace Presbyterian prays for..... (new in bold)**

Pam Fontenot  
Jim & Jean McLain  
Bill & Bette Grubb  
Mary Ann Daigle  
Ray Montgomery  
**Sheilah Altomare (Sandy Stewart)**  
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	Interim Pastor
Sarah Gaspard	Administrator
Gray Guillot	Custodian
Katharine Schendel	Organist/Pianist
Nick Manzo	Music Director

# Grace Presbyterian Church of Lafayette

Unashamed in  
Jesus’ Name, we will

# Gather, Grow, and Go

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# Celebration of Worship

March 5, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

## Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude Katharine Schendel

Silent Meditation

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: I look to the hills! Where will I find help?

**People: It will come from the Lord, who created heaven and earth.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**O God, whose greatness knows no limits, whose wisdom no bounds, whose peace excels all understanding; you who love and help us beyond measure—help us to love you. Though we cannot fully do so because of your infinite goodness, increase and deepen our understanding so that we may love you more and more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Bernard of Clairvaux—1090-1153)**

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

Call to Confession

Leader: Our ancestor Abraham trusted in the Lord,

**People: and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.**

Leader: Let us confess our sin together to the Lord whom we trust.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God our Protector, we thank you that you look after our best interests and protect us from all**

**dangers and all our foes. Nevertheless, we are often hooked into defensiveness over small things, and our peace is disturbed by fear of our vulnerability. Sometimes we even try to defend you, Lord, when others question our beliefs. Forgive us, we pray, our insecurity, and reassure us in our faith, that we may live confidently in your peace and mercy. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: The Lord is your protector,

**People: and he won't go to sleep or let you stumble.**

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 Genesis 12:1-5

Special Music Nick Manzo

Epistle Reading Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel Reading John 3:1-17

Message Rev. Pat Wadsworth

\*Communion Hymn Red #445  
"Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"

## Give Thanks to God

Offering and Offertory

\*The Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's table

Prayer of Consecration The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Go - In God's Name

\*Closing Song "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Blue #84

\*Benediction Rev. Pat Wadsworth

\*Postlude Katharine Schendel



\*Those that are able please stand.