

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, April 14

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

Monday, April 15

10:30 a.m. – PW Bible Study (@ Grace Church)

Sunday, April 21

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PW CIRCLE MEETING – will be on **Monday, April 15th** at **10:30 a.m.** at **Grace Presbyterian Church**. All ladies are invited to join us for Bible Study & Fellowship. Afterwards, any ladies that wish to go to lunch together are welcome!

As with Christmas, Easter refers not only to a single day, but to a whole season of celebration in the Christian year. The season of Easter spans the fifty days between the Resurrection of the Lord (March 31 this year) and the Day of Pentecost (May 19 this year) and encompasses the Ascension of the Lord.

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 today. Please place the completed card in the offering plate which is also located in the same area so we can have a record of you joining us today.

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

Katherine Hess
Donna Causey
Greta Halphen
Elke Hitt
Betty Adams
Pam Fontenot
Jim & Jean McLain
Bill & Bette Grubb
Mary Ann Daigle
Mary Lou Montgomery
Family of Michael Jamison (Katharine Schendel)
Mrs. Peebles (Gail Rea)
Troy & Melanie Lillie (Sarah Gaspard)
Joyce Sorbet (Nick Manzo)
Mona Faherty (Sandy Stewart)
Jeff & Leslie Zellers (Melissa Gonzalez)
Sherri Elter (Danny Jones)
Cal Odom
Alice Guillotte (Betty Adams)
Judy Lopez (Pam Sanders)
Ms. Mary Jo Brook
Tiffani Bass & Mazen Lee McCoy (William Baker)
Larry Baker (Nancy Sorbet)
Linda Scholes (Jean McLain)
Mildred & Maryann Baker (William Baker)



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

April 14, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude Katharine Schendel

Silent Meditation

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: My faithful God, answer me when I call out to you.

People: Give me rest from my trouble.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. In baptism, you raise us with him from the waters of death, and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns within the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" Blue #113

Call to Confession

Leader: How long will you people turn my glory into shame?

People: How long will you love what will certainly fail you?

Leader: Let us confess our sin together to our faithful God.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess

that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: All of us, like sheep, have gone astray,

People: but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

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 Acts 3:12-29

Special Music Nick Manzo

Epistle Reading 1 John 3:1-7

New Testament Reading Luke 24:36-48

Message Rev. Pat Wadsworth

*Affirmation of Faith (in unison) The Apostle's 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 "O Word of God Incarnate" Red #251

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 "Take My Life" Blue 391

*Benediction Rev. Pat Wadsworth

*Postlude Katharine Schendel



*Those that are able please stand