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, August 17
10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 19
6:00 p.m. – Session Meeting

Sunday, August 24
10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CARDS FOR JOYCE'S BIRTHDAY – Joyce Guillot will turn 95 on Saturday, August 23rd. We are gathering birthday cards for Paul & Gray to hand deliver to Joyce. Cards can be given directly to Paul or Gray. They will be going to New Orleans to visit Joyce on her birthday.

SESSION MEETING – will be on **Tuesday, August 19th** at **6:00 p.m.** Please let Sandy Stewart know if you cannot attend this meeting.

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 in the same area)* so we can have a record of you joining us today!

Grace Presbyterian prays for……(new in bold)

Sue Blackshear
David Causey
Bill Grubb
Joyce Guillot
Betty Tucker
Katherine Hess
Elke Hitt
Betty Adams
Jim & Jean McLain
Mary Ann Daigle
Mary Lou Montgomery
Family of John Turner
Camille Hensaling Mahtook (Donna Causey)
Linda Johnson (Alicia – MDO)
Steve Sanders (Pam Sanders)
Larry Schendel
Chuck Pickett (Causey's)
Sandy Self (Donna Causey)
Rozlyn Murphy (Nick Manzo)
April Grigg Manzo (Nick Manzo)
Byron Hebert (Betty Couch)
Jacquie Mauter Family (Causey's)
Jim & Jean McLain's Family
Anita Stamm Spears (Betty Couch)
Suzy Stewart (Sandy Stewart)
Mrs. Peebles (Gail Rea)
Troy & Melanie Lillie (Sarah Gaspard)
Joyce Sorbet (Nick Manzo)
Sherri Elter (Danny Jones)
Alice Guillotte (Betty Adams)
Ms. Mary Jo Brook
Linda Scholes (Jean McLain)

Grace Presbyterian Staff

Pat Wadsworth	Interim Pastor
Sarah Gaspard	Administrator
Gray Guillot	Custodian
Katharine Schendel	Organist/Pianist
Nick Manzo	Music Director

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Grow,
and
Go

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Celebration of Worship

August 17, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude — Katharine Schendel

Silent Meditation

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Without faith no one can please God.

People: We must believe that God is real and that he rewards everyone who searches for him.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* Blue #306

Call to Confession

Leader: God All-Powerful, please do something!

People: Look down from heaven and see what's happening to this vine.

Leader: Let us confess our sin together to God the Vine-Dresser.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord of all, we know that you created us for your pleasure, and as an expression of your love for us. The glory of your purpose is evident all around us. Yet we rebel against your plan, and we ignore your design for us as we go about our daily living. We create division between us, we act in selfish ways, and we neglect to give you praise and glory for all we enjoy. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to your care and nurturing, that we may show the world around us the beauty of your love for us all. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Lord God All-Powerful, make us strong again!

People: Smile on us and save us.

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 5:1-7

Special Music — Nick Manzo

Epistle Reading — Hebrews 11:29-12:2

New Testament Reading — Luke 12:49-56

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 *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"* Blue #298

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 *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* Blue #388

*Benediction — Rev Pat Wadsworth

*Postlude — Katharine Schendel

*Those that are able please stand