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 31

10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, September 1

Labor Day – Church Office Closed

Sunday, September 7

10:30 a.m. – Meet & Greet (at First Pres)
11:00 a.m. – Worship (at First Pres)
12:00 p.m. –Meal & Fellowship (at First Pres)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

In your bulletin today, you will find an insert for our worship schedule for the next 6 weeks. We will be alternating worship locations with First Presbyterian Church for 6 weeks.

- Worship at Grace Church (9/14, 9/28 & 10/12)
- Worship at First Church (9/7, 9/21 & 10/5)

UNITED CHRISTIAN OUTREACH – our monthly collection of non-perishables & paper products will be on **Sunday, September 14th**. Thank you for continuing to support UCO each month.

AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENTS – will be on **Sunday, September 14th** after worship. Everyone is invited to stay and join us for snacks & fellowship on September 14th.

CHURCH OFFICE – will be closed on **Monday, September 1st** for Labor Day.

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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Celebration of Worship

August 31, 2025

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude — Katharine Schendel

Silent Meditation

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Shout praises to the Lord!

People: He is good to us, and his love never fails.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the Word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* Blue #473

Call to Confession

Leader: Everyone the Lord has rescued from trouble should praise him,

People: everyone he has brought from the east and the west, the north and the south.

Leader: Let us confess our sin together to the Lord who rescues us.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, every one of us has turned to you for help in our times of need; yet we often forget your never-failing love and care for us. We neglect to give you thanks for the good times, and to share with others what you have done for us. Forgive us, we pray, and continue to look after our needs, for without you, we would be lost! In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Be wise! Remember this

People: and think about the kindness of the Lord.

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 — Jeremiah 2:4-13

Special Music — Nick Manzo

Epistle Reading — Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

New Testament Reading — Luke 14:1, 7-14

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 — Red #17

"We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer"

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 *"How Firm a Foundation"* Blue #361

*Benediction — Rev Pat Wadsworth

*Postlude — Katharine Schendel

*Those that are able please stand

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!