THE GRACEVINE

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Together Again

John 14:1-3 (CEV)

[1] Jesus said to his disciples, "Don't be worried! Have faith in God and have faith in me. [2] There are many rooms in my Father's house. I wouldn't tell you this, unless it was true. I am going there to prepare a place for each of you. [3] After I have done this, I will come back and take you with me. Then we will be together.

Yesterday I was reading online about how Quakers do weddings. I'm interested in that because some of my ancestors were Quakers. Anyway, one feature of most Quaker weddings is that when the ceremony is complete, all the guests sign the wedding certificate, giving the newly married couple a permanent record of who all were with them on their wedding day. In the course of an interview on the subject, one of the Quakers mentioned that this was particularly significant, because that exact group of people would probably never be together again.

It reminded me of one Christmas season, when my maternal grandparents hosted **all** of their children, "children-in-law," and grandchildren at their home for a day of food, fun, and fellowship. Near the end of the day, my Dad observed to my grandpa that it was a very rare occasion, and it was hard to say when it would ever happen again. My grandpa appreciated Dad's comment and readily agreed. My Dad recalled that conversation about a month later, when we gathered for Grandpa's funeral. Within a month of Christmas, he had been killed in an auto accident!

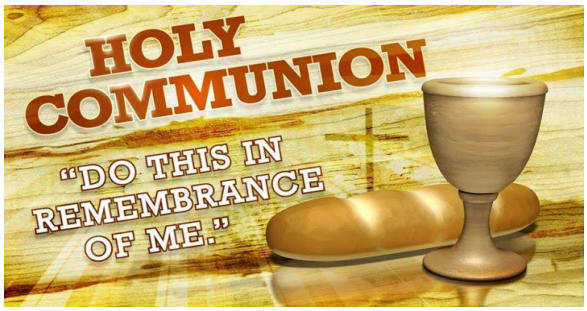
In the reading above, from the last evening Jesus spent with the disciples, he describes what is about to happen. This was obviously a stressful time for them, and he sought to comfort them with the promises that 1) he was going to prepare a place for each of them in his Father's house; 2) he would come back and take them with him; and 3) they would then be together.

For most of us who grieve, one of the most heartwarming thoughts we can have is that someday we will be together again with the people whom we love and have lost. For those of us who believe in God and also believe in Jesus, this is indeed one of the most precious promises we can hear! Jesus' death and resurrection are the assurance—the "proof," if you will—that God can and will make that promise come true!

-- Rev Pat Wadsworth

Sunday Worship Schedule
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Refreshments

Church Office Hours
M-Thur. 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Pastor's Office Hours
M-Thur. 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



COMMUNION - will be celebrated during on the 1st Sunday of June during our **10:30 a.m.** worship service on **Sunday, June 7th.** As usual, we invite those who watch our worship service online to gather your communion elements ahead of time so you will be able to take communion with us.

SESSION:
Class of 2026: Mary Conner & Sandy Stewart
Class of 2027: Margaret Boone, Tim Conner & Paul Guillot
Class of 2028: Terry Wolford
Clerk of Session: Sandy Stewart

DEACONS:
Class of 2026- Carolyn Armstrong, Linda Griffis & Mary Nolan

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:
Margaret Boone (2026)
David Jones (2027)
Tim Conner (2028)

The Presbyterian Women encourage the congregation to support United Christian **Outreach** by bringing non-perishable food items and paper products to worship each month. **Our next collection will be on Sunday, June 7th.** You can also make a monetary donation to UCO. Thank you for continuing to support this mission of Grace Presbyterian Church each month.

Committee Meetings

SESSION MEETING – will be meeting on **Tuesday, June 16th** at **6:00 p.m.** Please let Sandy Stewart know if you cannot attend this meeting.

JOINT SESSION MEETING – will be meeting on **Sunday, June 14th** at **2:00 p.m.** at First Presbyterian Church.

MDO BOARD – will be meeting on **Thursday, July 16th** at **2:15 p.m.** Please let Tim Conner know if you cannot attend this meeting.

Our Daily Bread Ministries™

Copies of Our Daily Bread are available on the table outside the Sanctuary.
You can also get the daily devotionals online. Below are several ways….
*Sign up at **go.odb.org/devotional** to have your devotional delivered to your email.
*Visit the website at **odb.org**
*Visit Our Daily Bread on Facebook at **facebook.com/ourdailybread**

We will have Refreshments at Grace Presbyterian Church After Worship on Sunday, June 7th. Once a month we invite everyone to join us for refreshments after worship in our Fellowship Hall. **If you would like to provide a snack for everyone to enjoy, please let the church office know. We need more volunteers!**

11 Glenda Hunter
13 Margaret Boone
14 Lynette Kennedy
19 Mary Conner
27 Pat Wadsworth

There are many people that we do not currently have on our church birthday list, and we would love to add you on so that we can celebrate your special day with you!
Please email your birthday to Sarah in the church office at: gracpreb@lusfiber.net.

Every few months we like to review our Church Prayer List. If you are currently on the prayer list or have someone you have placed on our prayer list, please let us know in the church office if anyone needs to be removed or added. Any time you would like to add someone to the prayer list, you can either call Sarah in the office at (337) 984-6400 or email the office at gracpreb@lusfiber.net.

Grace Presbyterian Church would like to thank everyone who continues to tithe. Your tithe makes if possible for us to continue our work of serving God at Grace Presbyterian Church.

If you would like to mail in your donation, our church address is 518 Roselawn Blvd., Lafayette, LA 70503 or you can wait to make your donation the next time you are at Grace Church.

We earnestly appreciate your support.

God Bless You!

"Most" Sundays our 10:30 a.m. Worship Service is available to watch online. We normally try to post a notice on our Facebook page "gracelafayette" if we will not be streaming our service that week. If you are homebound, sick or just out of town, you can still worship with us on **Sunday Mornings at 10:30 a.m.**

You can view our Worship Service online even if you do not have to have a Facebook account. If you have an account, after you sign in, just type gracelafayette in the search blank to find us. However, if you do not have a Facebook account, you can go directly to the link below:

https://www.facebook.com/people/gracelafayette/100064638463876/

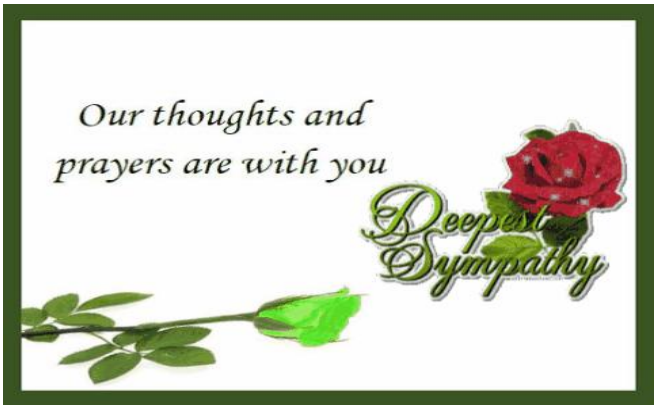
If anyone would like to bring flowers to place in the front of the sanctuary on Sunday Mornings, please let Sarah in the Church Office or Margaret Boone know which Sunday you would like. Sarah can be reached at 337-984-6400 or Margaret Boone can be reached at 337-981-2475.

We would like to celebrate your special day with you!

As part of the ongoing construction at L.J. Alleman Middle School, construction crews will be performing utility infrastructure construction within the roadway on Roselawn Blvd. The southeast bound travel lane at the end of Roselawn is scheduled for **Monday, June 8th though Tuesday, June 16th.** Detour routes will be provided and local access maintained. Detour routes will consist of Reed Drive, Woodvale Avenue and West Bayou Parkway.
Grace Presbyterian Church will be available for normal use, however you may need to alter the path you use to get to our church.

Notice from the Presbytery of South Louisiana & Grace Presbyterian Church. We want to make people aware that scammers are sending emails while impersonating church personnel. Many of these emails are specifically asking for a digital version of our church directory, some are asking to change their direct deposit information, and many of these scam emails are asking for gift cards, etc. Please do NOT respond to or act on any such emails. We will never ask you for personal, financial, or sensitive information via email. A good way to verify that an email is legitimate, is to look at the email address that the email is coming from. Any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.

Funeral Services were held at First Presbyterian Church in Crowley, LA on **May 25th** for **Mary Freeland**. Mary passed away peacefully on May 21st at the age of 84, surrounded by her family & loved ones. Mary is the wife of Tom Freeland who attends Grace Church frequently. Rev. Pat Wadsworth officiated the service, with assistance from Rev. Rachelle Brown. Grace Presbyterian Church extends sincere sympathy and prayers to Tom & Family during this difficult time.



Memorial Services will be held at a later date for Rev. Jim McLain who passed away on May 2nd following a long illness. He was 78 years old. Jim is the husband of Jean McLain and has been a part of our Grace Presbyterian Church congregation for many years. Rev. Jim served as Pastor of several Presbyterian Churches from 1975 to 2017 and retired at the age of 70.
Please keep Jean & Family in your prayers during this difficult time.

GRACE Mother's Day Out

MDO REGISTRATION & OPENINGS - we are currently taking registrations for our upcoming Fall 2026-2027 Semester. Spots are filling up fast, so if you know of anyone interested, please have them e-mail mdoatgrace@gmail.com or call (337) 984-6400 for more information.

MDO TEA - was held on **Thursday, May 7th** at Grace. Each child's mother got to enjoy breakfast with their child, while receiving crafts that their child made for Mother's Day! The children also sang a few songs for everyone to enjoy.

MDO PRE-K GRADUATION - was held at Grace on **Wednesday, May 27th**. The Pre-K class sang songs for their families and had cake & punch after the ceremony. This year we had 10 graduates.

We officially have NEW Co-General Presbyters for the Presbytery of South Louisiana:

Dear Friends,

It is a deep honor to serve alongside you as your Co-General Presbyters — and yes, we've already discovered that even getting the title right takes a bit of grace! Whether you call us Co-General Presbyters, General Co-Presbyters, or Joint General Presbyters, what matters most is this: we are here, together, for you.
Words do matter — and so do shared commitments. The shared vision and commitments of the Presbytery of South Louisiana will shape everything we do together. As a body, we are called to the work of Forming Faith, to embrace our identity as Church as Steward, and to live boldly into our witness as *Church in the World*. These commitments emerged from the faithful, creative work of our PSL team as they helped us reimagine what ministry in this presbytery can look like. We are grateful for that work and excited to build upon it.
As we step into this new model of shared ministry, we know that no congregation and no pastor walks alone. Smaller churches need practical support — elder and deacon training, confirmation resources, and creative ways to use place and campus as tools for ministry. Pastors need encouragement and the assurance that someone is in their corner. Congregations navigating vacancies and calls need steady, experienced guidance. New Worshipping Communities and Campus Ministries need both spiritual accompaniment and tangible financial support. The writer of Ecclesiastes said it well:

> *"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help."* — Ecclesiastes 4:9–10

That is a word for all of us — including the two of us. We need each other, and we need you.

We want to be transparent about how we will work together. We are two people filling one shared role, and good communication is essential to doing that well. We have committed to keeping each other informed — when you share something with one of us, our goal is to communicate that to the other within 48 hours. To help support that shared communication, we encourage you, whenever possible, to include both of us in emails and correspondence related to presbytery matters. We recognize there may be times when a conversation is meant for just one of us, and we will navigate those moments with care and discretion. What we can promise you is this: we are committed to being present, responsive, and trustworthy partners in this shared work.

Please don't hesitate to reach out. We would love to hear from you.

In faith and partnership,

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Jeff Sims jeff@pbysouthla.org 225-275-1242 ext. 111

9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship 11:30 am - Refreshments	Chorale Acadienne 7pm	9am-2pm MDO	9am-2pm MDO 7:00pm - AA	9am-2pm MDO 6:30pm – Al-anon		
SUNDAY	**MONDAY**	**TUESDAY**	**WEDNESDAY**	**THURSDAY**	**FRIDAY**	**SATURDAY**
	1	**2** *MDO Summer Session Begins*	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**
7 *Communion* *Worship 10:30 a.m.* *Refreshments 11:30 a.m.* *UCO Collection*	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**
14 *Worship 10:30 a.m.* *Joint Session Meeting 2pm @ FPC*	**15**	**16** *Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.*	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**
21 *Worship 10:30 a.m.* 	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**
28 *Worship 10:30 a.m.*	**29**	**30**				

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