

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 28

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

Sunday, May 5

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

After Church Refreshments today are provided by Greta Halphen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

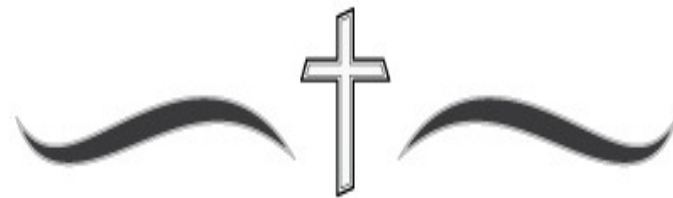
UNITED CHRISTIAN OUTREACH Next Sunday, May 5th will be our monthly collection of non-perishables & paper products. Please bring donations to worship with you or you can drop them off at the church throughout the month. Thank you for continuing to support UCO.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS – If you would like to bring flowers on Sundays for a special occasion (*birthdays, anniversaries, etc.*), we would love to celebrate your special day with you. Please let the office know which Sunday you would like so we can include it in our Sunday bulletin that week.

REFRESHMENTS – After Worship each Sunday we gather in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments & fellowship time. If you would like to bring a snack for everyone to enjoy, please let the office know or one of our “kitchen ladies” which Sunday you would like. We need more volunteers!

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
Suzy Stewart (Sandy Stewart)
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 28, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude Katharine Schendel

Silent Meditation

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Because of what you have done, Lord,
People: I will praise you in the whole community of those who worship you.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Eternal God, in your presence restore our faith, our hope, our joy. Grant to our spirits refreshment, rest, and peace. Maintain within our hearts an unruffled calm, an unbroken serenity that no storms of life shall ever be able to take from us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn "The Strife Is O'er" Blue #119

Call to Confession

Leader: People from one end of the earth to the other
People: will remember and turn to the Lord.
Leader: Let us confess our sin together to the God of all.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Father, forgive us, for we know not what we do. We pass judgment on others without considering the reasons for their words and actions. We condemn those who simply disagree with our theology or our political views. We hold against whole groups of people the behaviors of a few. We hold strong opinions on issues about which we have no firsthand knowledge. Help us to grant others the same

forgiveness you have offered us, and transform us through the renewing of our minds and hearts, according to the example Jesus lived before us. In his name we pray, amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: The people of all the nations will bow down in front of him.

People: The Lord is King.

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 8:26-40

Special Music Nick Manzo

Epistle Reading 1 John 4:7-21

New Testament Reading John 15:1-8

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 Is a Place of Quiet Rest" Red #318

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 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Blue #438

*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 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.