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 21 10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary 11:30 a.m. – After Church Refreshments Sunday, April 28 10:30 a.m. – Worship in Sanctuary 11:30 a.m. – After Church Refreshments

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

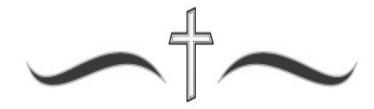
<u>**GRACEVINE NEWSLETTER INFO**</u> – If you have anything for the May Newsletter, please get it to Sarah in the Church Office by **Wednesday, April 24**<sup>th</sup>.

**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!

The Fourth Sunday of the Easter season every year features the 23rd Psalm prominently, and is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Thomas Merton (a prominent Catholic brother) prayed, "You have a wild and crazy sheep in love with thorns and brambles...You have found me. All I have to do is stay.

#### 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)



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# Grace Presbyterian Church of Lafayette

Unashamed in Jesus' Name, we will

Gather,

Grow,

and

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## **Celebration of Worship**

April 21, 2024 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

## Gather - Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

**Katharine Schendel** 

Blue #170

Silent Meditation

Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 23 (please read from the scripture insert in unison)

#### **Opening Prayer (in unison)**

Loving God, we are the sheep of your hand, the people of your pasture. You know us; we are yours. You call us; we listen for your voice. Protect us from false leaders and hired hands, who would seek to snatch us from safety. Keep us in the security of your fold, and unite us with your people in all the earth. By your Spirit, make us one flock, one people; through the one who laid down his life for us, Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd. Amen.

#### \*Hymn

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

#### Call to Confession

Leader: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,

#### People: so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

Leader: Let us confess our sin together to the god of righteousness.

#### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Shepherd of our souls, we give you thanks for the care with which you know each of us intimately, and watch out for the dangers in our path. Forgive us, we pray, for

all the times we ignore, or even defy your gentle leading. Pull us back from danger, continue to show us the right ways, and lead us into the ways of peace and life for evermore; in the name of Jesus our Savior, amen.	he r and Alm and cath forg
Silent Prayers of Personal Confession	life
<ul> <li>Declaration of Forgiveness         Leader: The same God who so faithfully provides for our needs,     </li> <li>People: also forgives us our sins through Christ our Lord.         Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven!         All: Thanks be to God!     </li> </ul>	*Hymn <b>Give Th</b> Pastoral Pr
*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.	The Lord's Offering *Doxology
*Passing of the Peace	*Prayer of

## Grow - Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination		<u> </u>
Old Testament Reading	Acts 4:5-12	*Closin
Special Music	Katharine Schendel	*Bened
Epistle Reading	1 John 3:16-24	*Postlu
New Testament Reading	John 10:11-18	
Message	Rev. Pat Wadsworth	*Those

\*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 Co

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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.

rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, d sitteth on the right hand of God the Father mighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick d the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy tholic church; the communion of saints; the rgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the e everlasting. Amen.

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!" Red #338

## 'hanks to God

rayer

's Prayer ("debts and debtors")

of Dedication

## In God's Name

າg Song

Blue #171

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

diction

Rev. Pat Wadsworth

Katharine Schendel

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