

# Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church

We're glad you came to worship with us today. Please fill out the visitor card located in this bulletin and place in the offering plate. The nursery is available for children: infants (6 weeks) through Kindergarten. A private baby feeding nook is available to parents in the infant nursery. All children are welcome in worship.

## What's going on at Grace?

**Hanging of the Green** - if you are interested in helping decorate the church for Christmas season, we will meet at the church after the morning worship service **TODAY!**

**The Mission Study Committee** invites all GPC members to participate in a round table discussion as we work to understand our church's priorities for the future. Join us on Dec 8 or Dec 15 in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School or immediately following the service at 12:15PM. Your input is valuable to us, and the more voices we hear, the stronger our vision will be. Let's come together to shape our church's path forward! Please contact Joshua Essary if you have any questions.

**PCHAS Angel Tree** – Please return gifts, unwrapped by December 8

**Handel's Christmas Messiah—A Cantata for Worship** will be performed by our choir on Sunday, December 8 in our 11AM Worship. Our choir will also be joined by professional soloists from the community and an instrumental ensemble. Bring your family and friends!

**Presbyterian Women** - All women of the Church and their guests are invited to the *Presbyterian Women's Annual Christmas Celebration* on Sunday, Dec 8 at 3PM in the Fellowship Hall • Light refreshments, holiday fellowship, and a very special program entitled *Moments of Gratitude* by Rev. Thom Lamb

**Temple Civic Theatre Night!** Join us for the Premier Performance of "Hometown Holidays" • Thurs, Dec 12 • 6:30PM Appetizers and beverages/ 7:30PM Curtain time • Sign up in the narthex (*one line per person*), then make your reservations by phone or online directly to TCT • Tickets \$25 for adults; special rates for children/students and seniors

**Administration** - This year Personnel will be doing things a little differently. The congregation is not being solicited for the *Staff Appreciation/Christmas Bonus*, but instead that money will come from the "over and above" fund. We do though want to give Thom a monetary farewell gift. If you wish to contribute please write "Thom Farewell" on the memo line of your check. Deadline for contributions is **December 8**. Our GPC Personnel Committee thanks you for being so generous.

**Meals on Wheels - Cooks and drivers needed!** Recipes and supplies provided • Requires minimal time to provide a healthy meal to someone who is unable to help themselves • Sign up for as much or as little as you can serve • Contact Peg Spangler (254.231.5205 or [pspang5665@gmail.com](mailto:pspang5665@gmail.com)) if able to help

**Pledge Cards** - Please prayerfully consider your ability to financially support GPC as we 'Move Forward in Love' • Please turn in your pledge cards **as soon as possible** for budgeting purposes • Extra pledge cards are available in the narthex • Pre-paid pledges for 2025 will need to be noted specifically for 2025 clarification • Thank you for being a cheerful giver!

# Leadership at Grace...

Pastor	Rev. Thom Lamb
Minister of Music	Chelsea Stern
Organist	Dr. Jonathan Gary
Pianist	Emily Gary
Projectionist/Sound Technician	Murray McCarley
Liturgist	Donna Bowling
Elder of the Day	Kevin Cushman

## GPC ELDERS

CLASS of 2024	CLASS of 2025	CLASS of 2026
John Bowling Kevin Cushman Robby Ozment Elizabeth Seeger Marianne Stringfellow	Margaret Buchanan Mike Milbery Josh Essary Bill Stanley	Sarah Nickerson A'Lisa Ozment Tom Stringfellow Richard Tolleson

## BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS of 2024	CLASS of 2025	CLASS of 2026
Al Lowe Linda Lowe Bob Shull Sara Shull	Dan Gatlin Lynn Grant Bob Ritchie Marilyn Ritchie	Andrine Kagu Kenny Lange Becky Northen Norman Northen

\*One year term

**Visiting?** We want to hear from you! Please fill out a visitor card and place in the offering plate OR scan the QR Code and fill out the form online • Thank you for visiting GPC Temple!

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## Interested in Joining Grace?

Sign up on our website and we will contact you when our next class is at [www.gpctemple.org](http://www.gpctemple.org) or email us at [office@gpctemple.org](mailto:office@gpctemple.org)

## Prayer Ministry...

If you have a prayer need, please email Donna Bowling directly at [dc.bowling2003@gmail.com](mailto:dc.bowling2003@gmail.com). Please do **NOT** reply to the emails from the Prayer Tree—those are thru Constant Contact software system and no responses will be forwarded.



*Lectionary for next Sunday*  
Jeremiah 33:14-16 • Psalm 25:1-10  
I Thessalonians 3:9-13 • Luke 21:25-36

# Worship for the Lord's Day

THE REIGN OF CHRIST  
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
NOVEMBER 24, 2024 • 11 AM

## We Gather in the Lord's Name

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude *We Gather Together* ARR JOHN CARTER

\*Call to Worship  
 One: To you, O God, we lift up our eyes,  
 For you are sovereign over all creation.  
**Many: As the eyes of a servant looks to their master,  
 So our eyes look to the Lord our God.**  
 One: The reign of the Lord is good,  
 God's unending love endures forever.  
**Many: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty,  
 Who was, who is and who is to Come!**  
 One: Come, let us worship the Lord!

\*Hymn #265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET

\*Prayer of Confession  
**Merciful God, you have crowned Jesus Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and that we are slow to acknowledge his rule in our lives. We give our allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to give our hearts to your loving rule. In your mercy, draw us back into your presence. Raise us once again so we can declare to the world that Jesus Christ is Lord of all. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, and hear us now as we offer our confession in the silence...**

\*Silent Confession and Assurance of Pardon  
\*The Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri #581

**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.**

## We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm for the Day                      Psalm 93                      PEW BIBLE P. 478  
One: This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Many: Thanks be to God!**

A Moment for Children                      Rev. Thom Lamb

Anthem                      *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*                      ARR CARL MUELLER

The Gospel Lesson                      John 18:33-37                      PEW BIBLE P. 881  
One: This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Many: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon                      *So, You are a King?*                      Rev. Thom Lamb

## We Respond to God's Word

\*Hymn #406                      *We are Standing on Holy Ground*                      HOLY GROUND

\*The Affirmation of Faith (From The Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA, 1983)  
**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.**

Prayers of the People—The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering                      Offertory                      *10,000 Reasons*                      ARR HEATHER SORENSON

\*The Doxology #606  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, we offer our praise and thanksgiving for the loving reign of Jesus Christ. We celebrate your grace in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. As Christ rules in our hearts, take these gifts and multiply them so we may be a blessing to all in need, thus being a living sign of your kingdom in this world. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Go Into the World to Serve

\*Hymn #643                      *Now Thank We All Our God*                      NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response                      THOMAS ALLEN

*By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, The Spirit is upon us,  
To magnify the name of the Lord, to make him disciples,  
To meet the needs of the least of these,  
So go in peace, go in joy, go in the Spirit of the Lord.*

\*Postlude                      *Now Thank We All Our God*                      GEORG FRIEDRICH KAUFMANN

*Words in bold type are to be read together.  
\*Indicates worshipers are invited to rise in body and spirit*

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## Visitor Card

We are glad you are here! Please fill this out and place in the offering plate.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Text? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Text? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Children/Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Service I attended

11 AM

Age Range

Student (grade \_\_\_\_)

Adult

I would like more information about

Becoming a Christian

Joining this Church

Serving

Comments/Prayer request \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out this same form online  
by scanning below...

