

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?

First Sunday Family Fellowship Lunch - TODAY (immediately following worship) • 'Dutch Treat' • Meet at Treno's Pizzeria, Temple • All families with children are invited to join other families for lunch and fellowship

Backpack Buddies! As Presbyterian Women's only annual fund-raising campaign, the Backpack Buddies program exists for one simple purpose: providing every disadvantaged child in our local community with a new, high quality backpack fill with the proper supplies for the student's grade level. Moreover, thanks to the program's excellent leadership and some judicious shopping, the cost of each backpack is holding steady at just \$40. As before, we at GPC have pledged to provide 80 backpacks, each of which means there will be one less child feeling embarrassed, uncertain, or painfully "different" on their first day of classes. All that remains is for you to make your check out to GPC, with the following on the memo line: Backpack Buddies.

A Cinematic Piano Experience! Please join pianist Emily Gary and fellow pianist Jonathan Gary, violinist John Mark Gary, cellist Nathan Keefer, oboist Leanne Blaha, and percussionist Peter Millican for an evening of music from movies and TV. The concert is free and will feature works by film composers Hans Zimmer, John Williams, and Ennio Morricone, to name a few. A media presentation will be offered during the concert as well. The event will take place on Thursday evening, **May 23**, at 6:30PM at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Homecoming Church Picnic - Sun, May 19 (following worship) Church Pavilion • Of all the food-centric gatherings that occur in the South, church potlucks are some of the most cherished events. We'd be lying if we said there wasn't a hint of competition at every southern potluck, even the ones that follow Sunday service. What is it? Exactly what it sounds like: old church members who've moved away visit the church to share in worship and fellowship with current church members over a traditional meal. Like most southern potlucks, these dinners are filled with casseroles, "salads" that don't contain a speck of green, and overflowing dessert tables. So bring your timeless recipes to share. Dress comfortably....this is a picnic! Last names A thru H, bring a vegetable; I thru S: bring a salad; T thru Z: bring a dessert. Entertainment will be provided by *The Setting Sons*.

If you can help with **set-up** for the picnic, please meet at 10AM on **Sat, May 18** — all help is appreciated!



Leadership at Grace...

Pastor	Rev. Thom Lamb
Director of Music	Chelsea Stern
Organist	Dr. Jonathan Gary
Pianist	Emily Gary
Projectionist/Sound Technician	Murray McCarley
Liturgist	Ed Seeger
Elder of the Day	Tom Stringfellow

GPC ELDERS

<u>CLASS of 2024</u>	<u>CLASS of 2025</u>	<u>CLASS of 2026</u>
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

<u>CLASS of 2024</u>	<u>CLASS of 2025</u>	<u>CLASS of 2026</u>
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 or email us at office@gpctemple.org

Prayer Ministry...

If you have a prayer need, please email Donna Bowling directly at 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

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 • Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13 • John 17:6-19

Worship for the Lord's Day

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAY 5, 2024 • 11 AM

We Gather in the Lord's Name

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

Here at Your Table, Lord

ARR MARK HAYES

*Call to Worship

One: Sing to the Lord a new song,

Many: For our God alone is Lord of all.

One: Break into joyous songs of praise,

Many: Let all the earth celebrate and rejoice.

One: For our God comes in victory,

Many: With righteousness and justice for all.

One: Come, let us worship and give thanks to God!

*Hymn #509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, once again we stand before you in need of your mercy. Draw us into your presence so we may find our peace in you. When we are self-righteous, humble us; when we are callous and hard hearted, soften our hearts so we may be restored in your love; when our efforts are fruitless, prune us back so that we may bear the fruit of repentance. Restore us in your grace so we may share the bountiful fruits of your Spirit; 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

The Psalm for the Day

Psalm 98

PEW BIBLE P. 480

One: This is the Word of the Lord!

Many: Thanks be to God!

A Moment for Children

Rev. Thom Lamb

The Gospel Lesson

John 15:1-5

PEW BIBLE P. 878

One: This is the Word of the Lord!
Many: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The True Vine

Rev. Thom Lamb

We Respond to God's Word

Offering

Offertory

How Beautiful

ARR LLOYD LARSON

Choral Anthem

Come to the Table of the Lord

JAY ALTHOUSE

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving – 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.

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We Lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God Our thanks and Praise.

The Words of Institution

Sharing Bread and Wine *(This morning we celebrate the Lord's sup per serving with trays. Please hold the elements until all have been served, so we may partake together in Holy Communion)*

Communion Music

Hymn #507

Come to the Table of Grace

TABLE OF GRACE

Hymn #527

Eat This Bread

BERTHIER

*Communion Prayer

Loving God, as we have shared the bread and wine, let us now go forth to share the good news of your love. Open our eyes so that we can see more clearly the risen Christ among us. Challenge us, O God, to widen our circle of fellowship so that we may more fully devote our lives to you. Fill our hearts with the joy of the risen Christ, so that we may find our peace in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Go Into the World to Serve

*Hymn #542

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

GOD BE WITH YOU

*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

Recessional

ROBERT J HUGHES

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

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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...

