

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?

Men's Breakfast - All men are invited to attend Saturday, May 18 at 9AM • For those that are able, we will help with set up for the *Homecoming Picnic* following our breakfast • If you have questions, contact Stan Simons (stanb4simons@gmail.com) or Bob Shull (bshull612@gmail.com)

Backpack Buddies! The Backpack Buddies program exists for one simple purpose: providing every disadvantaged child in our community with a new backpack filled with supplies for that student's grade level. The cost of each backpack is just \$40 each. As before, Grace Presbyterian pledged to provide 80 backpacks. If you would like to help students, make your check out to GPC, with the following on the memo line: Backpack Buddies. Thank you to all that have already donated!

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!

May Card Shower! Let's shower Ruby McConnell with cards! • Cards can be mailed to her: Ruby McConnell, 3302 Azalea Drive, Temple, TX 76502. **Don't have a card? We have one for you in the narthex! Fill it out and drop it in the office and we will mail it for you!**

Did you know you can give by text? Simply text the word GRACE to 254.400.2420 • Thank you for being a cheerful giver!

Leadership at Grace...

Pastor	Rev. Thom Lamb
Director of Music	Chelsea Stern
Handbell Director	Josh Essary
Organist	Dr. Jonathan Gary
Pianist	Emily Gary
Projectionist/Sound Technician	Murray McCarley
Liturgist	Richard Tolleson
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!

Wifi password is guestgpc



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 2:1-21 • Psalm 104:24-34, 35h
Romans 8:22-27 • John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Worship for the Lord's Day

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAY 12, 2024 • 11 AM

We Gather in the Lord's Name

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude *Fantasy on All Creatures of Our God and King* ARR SANDRA EITHUN
GPC Handbell Ensemble

*Call to Worship

One: The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring!
Many: Come, Let's sing praise to God together, for our God is sovereign over all the earth!
One: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy!
Many: For our God is exalted on high, Sovereign over all and Lord of our lives.
One: Let us worship the living God!

*Hymn (inserted) *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* DIADEM
Choir - vs. 1-3 / Congregation joins on vs. 4

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that too often we have our eyes set in the clouds instead of on the needs of those around us. We desire heavenly treasure but we keep believing that worldly means will help us attain it. Forgive us for our short sightedness. Draw us away from the temptations to seek worldly power and measures of success, and call us to the down-to-earth message of Your love. Give us the strength to care for the needs of those around us. Help us to break down the walls that divide us so that we may truly be one, as You and Christ are one; Hear this prayer 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 47 PEW BIBLE P. 450
One: This is the Word of the Lord!
Many: Thanks be to God!

A Moment for Children Linda Lowe

The Acts of the Apostles Acts 1:1-11 PEW BIBLE P. 884
One: This is the Word of the Lord!
Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Rev. Thom Lamb

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn #378 We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom MERLE'S TUNE

*The Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles 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.

The 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 Blessed Be Your Name ARR MARK HAYES

*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.**

Go Into the World to Serve

*Hymn #269 Lead On, O King Eternal! LANCASHIRE

*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 How Majestic is Your Name ARR MARK HAYES

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

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

Words by EDWARD PERRONET (1726 - 1792) and JOHN RIPPON (1751 - 1836)
Tune: DIADEM by JAMES ELLOR (1819 -1899)
Arranged by HAL HOPSON (ASCAP)

(Choir sings stanzas 1-3)
CONGREGATION - stanza 4.

O that with yon - der sa - cred
throng we at His feet may fall, we at His
feet may fall.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing
song and crown
Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, and
crown Him Lord of all.

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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...

