

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?

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.

Mo Ranch 2024 - May 24-27, 2024 • **FOUR spots left!!** Come and join us for a great family getaway on the banks of the Guadalupe River for some fellowship, community, legacy and tradition • Cost is Adults: \$160; Children 18 and under: \$50 • Covers 3 nights at the guest lodge and community meals Sign up in the narthex or call the church office

The K-5 Sunday School class is having a drive to collect new athletic socks for clients at Feed My Sheep. Men's, women's and children's socks would be most appreciated. A collection basket will be located outside the door of the K-5 Sunday School classroom close to the fellowship hall. Thank you!

Theatre Night! You are invited to our next Temple Civic Theatre Night on **Fri, April 26** to see *The Grapes of Wrath* • Designated GPC seating with 25 seats available • Sign up in the narthex and pay theater directly (no money goes thru the church) • Refreshments at 6:30PM; Curtain time is 7:30PM

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.

Feed My Sheep - Help make sandwiches and pack lunches Tues, April 23 at 5:30PM in the Fellowship Hall • Serve a hot meal and sack lunches at FMS on Wed, April 24—we meet at the church at 10:30AM to take meals over. Meal service is complete by 12:30PM. • More ways to support this mission include: (1) cooking macaroni and cheese (ask Lori Lamb for details); (2) baking cookies or brownies to be served with the hot meal. Put in baggies of one serving each (1-2 cookies or 1 brownie); (3) donating wrapped, disposable cutlery from your take-out meals (4) donating individual, travel-size toiletries, including feminine products, toothpaste, soaps, shampoos, etc. • Sign up in the narthex or contact Lori Lamb at 740.403.7156 or lorilamb12@gmail.com to volunteer or for questions

Leadership at Grace...

Guest Preaching	Rev. Judith March Hardie
Director of Music	Chelsea Stern
Organist	Dr. Jonathan Gary
Pianist	Emily Gary
Projectionist/Sound Technician	Murray McCarley
Liturgist	Ed Seeger
Elder of the Day	Sarah Nickerson

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!

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 8:26-40 • Psalm 22:25-31
I John 4:7-21 • John 15:1-8

Worship for the Lord's Day

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 21, 2024 • 11 AM

We Gather in the Lord's Name

Welcome/Announcements

Welcome from Grace Presbytery Rev. Judith March Hardie
Moment for Mission *Meals on Wheels* Peg Spangler

Prelude *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need* ARR AARON DAVID MILLER

*Call to Worship

One: The doors are opened, The Good Shepherd calls to us.
**Many: We enter in to find a place of comfort and peace.
We leave behind our anxieties and our fears.**
One: In green pastures and dark valleys
God is ever present with us.
**Many: Let us enter God's presence with Joy and
Thanksgiving**
One: Come, let us worship the living God!

*Hymn #408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place* SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, it is so easy for us stray from the shelter of your grace. Before we realize it we are lost in our fears, dominated by life's shadows and preoccupied with our own selfish concerns. We long for green pastures, yet we fail to trust that you will lead us. Only you, O God, can offer us a life worth living. Help us to embrace your forgiveness so that we may be free of the shadows. Guide us into the shelter of your love, so that we may follow you faithfully; 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 Gospel Lesson John 10:11-18 PEW BIBLE P. 872
One: This is the Word of the Lord!
Many: Thanks be to God!

A Moment for Children

Linda Lowe

Choral Anthem

Glory to God! Alleluia!
FROM THE ORATORIO SAMSON BY G.F. HANDEL
Josiah Ponce and Jennie Miller, flutes

The Psalm for the Day

Psalm 23 PEW BIBLE P. 435
One: This is the Word of the Lord!
Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Goodness and Mercy
Rev. Judith March Hardie

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn #803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* RESIGNATION

*The Affirmation of Faith (from The Confession of 1967 PCUSA)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinners. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. 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 *Bourrée* GEORG HÄNDEL
Josiah Ponce, flute

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 give you thanks for your mercy and watchful care. We come with grateful hearts to return to you a portion of the love you have given us unconditionally. We praise you and rededicate our time, talents and resources to the ministry of healing to your broken and troubled world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Go Into the World to Serve

*Hymn #187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY
*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. JOHN CARTER

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...

