

Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church

We're glad you are worshipping with us today. Please sign the friendship booklet, pass it down and back the pew — note the names and faces of those beside you. 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.

Announcements...

Baby Shower for Maddie Clark - TODAY at 12PM • Fellowship Hall • All are invited! Bring sandwiches, salads or dessert to share • Baby Registry is <http://amazon.com/baby-reg/madalynn-clark-november-2025-forthood/3GJ9BB010J5CH> • Please bring gifts UNWRAPPED and labeled with your name so all can enjoy seeing gifts!

Church Heritage/Reformation - Sun, Oct 26 • 11AM • “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin, which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us” (Heb 12:1). This day is being set aside to remember, to honor and to celebrate our Christian heritage and on it we will take part in a rapid walk through 2000 years of church history, a history that is remarkable to say the least, a history during which Christ’s glorious Church has grown due to the power of the Risen Lord in her midst. We will hear from courageous men and women of our past (members of our church in costume and character), and we will enjoy special music of the represented time periods. It will be an educational and very fun time. Indeed, we are surrounded by, and we are part of the great cloud of witnesses.

October 26, following worship there will be a **called meeting** to elect officers for upcoming vacancies on the Session and Board of Deacons and to revise the church bylaws. All are invited to bring a dish to share in a potluck following the meeting in the Fellowship Hall as follows: Last names A-H: desserts; I-R: side dishes; S-Z: entrees. Please bring food to the church kitchen before church services.

Fall Festival - October 31 • 4-7PM • \$10 PP • Trunk-or-Treat, Costume Contest, Bouncy House and Dunk Tank • Join us for a fun time and to help this youth fundraiser for mission events/trip • Interested in helping with this event? Contact maddiebeadell@gmail.com

GPC Deacons help needed! Would you be willing to provide food (*sandwiches, chips, cookies/brownies, fruit/salad*) for memorial/funeral service receptions when needed? Please sign up in the narthex—sometimes these will be short notices of help needed.

Did you know you can give by text? Simply text the word **GRACE** to 254.400.2420 or take a pic of the QR code here and hit the link to give • Thank you for being a cheerful giver!



Meals on Wheels help needed! In need of two volunteers to make casseroles. Each casserole needs to provide 6OZ of protein, 1 cup of vegetables, and 1 cup of carbs. We provide you with the casserole tins. Please prayerfully consider helping. For questions or to help, contact Peg Spangler at 254.231.5205.

Leadership at Grace...

Minister of MusicChelsea Stern

OrganistDr. Jonathan Gary

PianistEmily Gary

Projectionist/Sound TechnicianMurray McCarley/Josh Essary

Elder of the DayRichard Tolleson

GPC ELDERS

CLASS of 2025	CLASS of 2026	CLASS of 2027
Margaret Buchanan Mike Milbery Josh Essary Bill Stanley	Sarah Nickerson A’Lisa Ozment Tom Stringfellow Richard Tolleson	John Burns Margie McLoud Patti Smith Bill Stokes

BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS of 2025	CLASS of 2026	CLASS of 2027
Dan Gatlin Lynn Grant Bob Ritchie Marilyn Ritchie	Andrine Kagu Kenny Lange Becky Northen Norman Northen	Lee Ann Bettis Joey Tabarlet Martha Tabarlet Debbie Trahan

*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



Watch our worship service LIVE on Grace Presbyterian's Facebook page (@gpctemple). Need help in finding us? Contact us at 254.773.2134 or see Josh Essary. Share with your friends that cannot make it so that they can worship with us!

Pastoral Care - If you have any pastoral care needs, you can contact our church office or our part-time Interim Pastor, Rev. Naomi Ingram, at 254.718.0832 or by email at ningrim@hotmail.com

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

Joel 2:23-32 • Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 • Luke 18:9-14

Worship for the Lord's Day

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 19, 2025 • 11 AM

We Gather in the Lord's Name

PreludeO Come, All Ye FaithfulARR JOHN PURIFOY

Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship
One: We come today to sing praise to you, O God
All: **We come to glorify and adore through song.**
One: Just as Jesus sang hopeful psalms amidst deep sorrow,
All: **We too can sing praise in hard times, proclaiming God’s goodness and our enduring hope.**
One: Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
All: **And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!**

*Hymn # 641When in Our Music God is GlorifiedENGLEBERG

*Call to Confession
God will not count our trespasses against us, longing instead for us to be reconciled. We come before God, then, in honesty, humility, and hope. Let us pray the prayer of confession together.

*Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, we so often choose the thorny path of dissonance rather than the smooth path of harmony. We choose to critique and criticize each other rather than see Jesus in every person. We believe OUR song matters the most and ignore your call to unity in Christ. We are prideful in our own abilities and forget that all gifts come from you. Help us to sing in harmony with all creation created in your image. Help us to praise you through a new song, in a new way, in humility and love. Amen. (*silence for personal confession*)

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of PardonSoftly and Tenderly Jesus is CallingSOFTLY AND TENDERLY
O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me.
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.
“Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, “O sinner, come home!”

*The Passing of the Peace
One: The Peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
One: Let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ.

*Gloria Patri #58I

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

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We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

One: Holy God, may the words and tunes of these beloved hymns and our song we raise today be pleasing in your sight, O Lord our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 100 (NRSV) PEW BIBLE, P. 481
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading Matthew 26:26-30 (NRSV) PEW BIBLE, P. 808
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Hymn Sing

This morning we will sing from the hymnals in the pews. All hymns have been chosen by the congregation. All are encouraged to sing!

We Respond to God's Word

*The Affirmation of Faith (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.

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.

Call to Offering

One: Freely you have received, freely give. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

All: Amen.

Offering
Offertory

Amazing Grace

ARR JACK SCHRADER

*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

In the spirit of faith, Great God, we thank you for the opportunity to give tithes and offerings, to participate in extending your grace to more and more people, and to give all glory to you. Amen.

Go Into the World to Serve

*Hymn #645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Benediction

*Benediction Sung Response REV 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 Be Thou My Vision ARR HEATHER SORENSON

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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 _____

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