

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...

Dedication of Pledges - Today, we dedicate our pledges. Thank you so very much for your response in turning in your pledges for 2025. If you have not yet had a chance to do so, please be prayerful about how you respond to God's presence and blessing and return them as you are able. We are grateful stewards of the Kingdom.

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

PCHAS Christmas Kids – Christmas Kids (formerly “Angel Tree”) provides gifts for the families in the care of Presbyterian Childrens Homes and including participants in the mentoring program. Please go to the tree in the narthex, sign your name and phone number on the sheet next to the corresponding number on the tag, and get to shopping! Please return your gift in a gift bag (no tissue paper) with the tag attached. Gifts are **due by Sun, Dec 7**. For questions contact Sarah Nickerson (254)624-5610.

Thanksgiving Friends as Family! Let your GPC friends be your family this Thanksgiving! Join us for a potluck meal on Thanksgiving Day, **Nov 27**, at 11:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the narthex to bring your choice of salads, sides, or desserts.

Light of Hope, Light of Peace: Celtic Carols for Christmas' will be performed by our choir on **Sun, Dec 7**, in our morning worship. Our choir will be joined by Emily Gary, piano, flute, drums and violin for this wonderful Lessons and Carols of Celtic Christmas music. Join us as we sing in our anticipation of the birth of our Savior through music of our heritage. Mark your calendars!



Presbyterian Women - All women of the Church and their guests are invited to attend an Annual Holiday Gathering on **Sun, Dec 7**, from 3:00-4:30PM in our Fellowship Hall. We will kick off the afternoon with greetings and light refreshments, followed by a seasonal program by Rev. Linda Norris, with music by Jennie Miller. No membership in Bible Study Circles required; this is our gift to all women of faith. Bring a friend to this holiday gathering!

Children and Youth Christmas Pageant - Sun, Dec 21 (11AM worship) • The children and youth in our LOGOS program will share the Christmas story in costume and song during worship! We hope you will invite friends and family to join us for a very special (and fun!) time of worship as we draw nearer to the manger.

Administration - Church offices will be closed Wednesday, **November 26 - 27**, 2025 in observance of Thanksgiving. Offices will resume regular office hours Monday, December 1.

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!



Leadership at Grace...

Preaching
Minister of Music
Organist
Pianist
Projectionist/Sound Technician
Elder of the Day

Rev. Naomi Ingram
Chelsea Stern
Dr. Jonathan Gary
Emily Gary
Murray McCarley
Bill Stanley

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

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 Elder of the week, Bill Stanley, at 254.780. 6249 or by email at docwstanley@gmail.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...

Isaiah 2:1-5 • Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14 • Matthew 24:36-44

Worship for the Lord's Day

THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
REIGN OF CHRIST/THANKSGIVING
NOVEMBER 23, 2025 • 11 AM

We Gather in the Lord's Name

Prelude Give Thanks ARR ELLEN BANKS ELWELL

Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship (from Revelation 1:4b-8)
One: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come,
All: And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
All: The whole earth is full of God's glory. Praise be to God. Amen.

*Hymn #260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus HYFRYDOL

*Call to Confession
Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

*Prayer of Confession (unison)
Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives. Amen.
(silence for personal confessions)

*Assurance of Pardon
Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting- it cannot be contained but must be poured out. Believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven. Live as a people set free. **Alleluia. Amen.**

*The Passing of the Peace
One: Having received Christ's forgiveness, let us with love share that peace with one another. 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 #581
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.

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination
One: Spirit of truth, move now in ancient words and cluttered hearts that we might hear your voice and live, for we long to be servants of your hidden holy reign. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
All: Amen.

First Reading Psalm 100 (responsive)

- Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
2 **Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**
3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his **we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.
5 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever **and his faithfulness to all generations.**

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Message for Children Rev. Naomi Ingram

Choral Anthem

Second Reading Luke 17:11-19 (NRSV) PEW BIBLE, P. 852
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Living Gratefully Rev. Naomi Ingram

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn #37 Let All Things Now Living ASH GROVE

*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. **Amen.**

Offering
(please place your pledges in the plate if you've not done so already; 2025 pledges will be brought forward during the dedication of the offering and pledges)

Offertory Holy, Holy, Holy ARR. KENON RENFROM

*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.**

*Litany for the Dedication of Offering and Pledges

One (Tom Stringfellow): Thanking God for the blessings we have through this community, we now give of ourselves and our substance to uphold the life of this congregation and assist its growth in mission and ministry. Precious Savior, accept these pledges as tokens of our life, labor and love, offered to the glory of God and for the work of your church in the world.
All: For such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

One: Lord Jesus, we know that whoever does the will of God is your brother and sister. Help us now to dedicate our whole lives to your glory and service even as you gave yourself completely to fulfill God's gracious will.
All: Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours; use us then as you will, and let it be always to your glory and the welfare of your people.

One: Let the offering we make here on earth be accepted in heaven and sealed in our sharing this day. Amen.

Go Into the World to Serve

*Hymn #269 Lead On, O King Eternal LANCASHIRE

*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 Now Thank We All Our God ARR. RONALD A NELSON

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 _____

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