

# 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.

## What's going on at Grace?

**Annual Reports & Congregational Meeting** - There will be a Congregational Annual Meeting that will take place on Sun, Jan 25 following the morning worship service.

**Office Hours** - The church offices will be closed Mon, Jan 19, 2026, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Office hours will resume on Tue, Jan 20, 2026 at 8AM.

**First Sunday Family Fellowship** - Sun, Feb 1 • 12PM (following worship) • We will meet at Mod Pizza (2102 S 3rd St #160, Temple) • All families with children and youth are invited to fellowship with other GPC families for lunch and fun! (Dutch treat)

**Theatre Night** - Fri, Feb. 6 • Join your GPC friends for appetizers, beverages, and great entertainment at Temple Civic Theatre's premier of *Fences*, August Wilson's powerful exploration of fatherhood, identity and legacy, all seen through the eyes of the Maxon family in the 1950's, as they grapple with the crippling effects of inter-generational conflicts. To join us, enter your name and phone number on the list beneath the poster on the narthex bulletin board, then go online or call Temple Civic Theatre to purchase tickets. Curtain time is 7:30PM, and Season Ticketholders are invited to appetizers and beverages beginning at 6:30PM that evening.

**LOGOS** Children/Youth Ministry will start back up on Wed, Feb 4, and run through May 13 (excluding Feb 18, March 18 and April 1). LOGOS is a Wednesday evening program from 5:30-7PM

**Youth Projects!** *Feed My Sheep* youth project is Sat, Feb 7 from 9AM-12PM Also, a 'Thrifting' for *Feed My Sheep* tiny home on Sat, Feb 14, from 9AM-12PM. For questions, contact Maddie Clark at [maddiebeadell@gmail.com](mailto:maddiebeadell@gmail.com).

**January Member of the Month is Colleen Barnes!** A long time GPC Member, she now must spend most of her days at home, so let's shower her with cards, notes, and phone messages to let her know she's in our thoughts and prayers. Send greetings to Colleen at: 210 East Killen Lane, Temple, 76501, or call 254-295-0309.

**Can you Serve?** Meals on Wheels is in need of cooks to help cook once a month on a Tuesday morning and for regular or substitute drivers. Please prayerfully consider helping in this awesome ministry that serves so many that need a meal. If interested, contact Peg Spangler at 254.231.5205.

**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	Dr. William Benner
Minister of Music	Chelsea Stern
Organist	Dr. Jonathan Gary
Pianist	Emily Gary
Projectionist/Sound Technician	Murray McCarley
Liturgist	Tom Pechal
Elder of the Day/Week	Tom Stringfellow

## GPC ELDERS

CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027	CLASS OF 2028
Sarah Nickerson A'Lisa Ozment Tom Stringfellow Richard Tolleson	John Burns Margie McLoud Patti Smith David Salzman	Becky Brown Millie Henn Bob Shull Katie Shull

## BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027	CLASS OF 2028
Andrine Kagu Kenny Lange Becky Northen Norman Northen	Lea Ann Bettis Joey Tabarlet Martha Tabarlet Debbie Trahan	John Elwood Jo Elwood Dan Gatlin Lara Miller

**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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**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, Tom Stringfellow at 254.217.0221 or at [tstring194@gmail.com](mailto:tstring194@gmail.com)

# Prayer Ministry...

If you have a prayer need, please email Donna Bowling directly at [dc.bowling2003@gmail.com](mailto: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.



# Lectioary for next Sunday...

Isaiah 9:1-4 • Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
I Corinthians 1:10-18 • Matthew 4:12-23

# Worship for the Lord's Day

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
JANUARY 18, 2026 • 11 AM

## We Gather in the Lord's Name

Prelude *Trio* JOSEF RHEINBERGER

Welcome/Announcements

\*Call to Worship  
One: Jesus asked them, "What are you looking for?"  
And they replied, "Teacher, where are you staying?"  
**All: We are looking for truth, for meaning, for life. We long to dwell where Christ abides.**  
One: Jesus said, "Come and see." They came and they stayed with Him.  
**All: We come to see. We come to be changed.**

\*Hymn #319 *Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing* SMITH

\*Call to Confession  
In Jesus Christ, God seeks to smooth those places made rough by sin. With humility and hope, let us make our confession.

\*Prayer of Confession  
**Lord Jesus, I have been slow to turn my eyes toward You, hesitating to leave behind what is familiar. I have clung to my own ways, seeking comfort in my own understanding instead of walking in the path You set before me. Forgive me for the times I have ignored Your gentle call, for the moments I have been content to stand at a distance instead of drawing near to where You dwell. Today, I choose to turn my gaze toward You, to walk in Your steps, and to remain where You are. Now hear us as we confess in silence...**

\*Silent Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon  
One: Hear the good news: How much does God love us? Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us, not to condemn us, but to save us. Not by our speaking or doing, but by God's good and precious grace are we saved. Thanks be to God! Amen.  
**All: Amen.**

\*The Passing of the Peace  
One: Having been forgiven let us share our 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  
Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading	Psalms 40:1-8	PEW BIBLE P 446
Message for Children	Beth Gerdes	
Choral Anthem	Come to the Water	ARR ANNA LAURA PAGE
New Testament Reading	John 1:35-42	PEW BIBLE P 862
Sermon	Come and See	Dr. William Benner

We Respond to God's Word

\*Hymn #518 Your Only Son LAMB OF GOD

\*The Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the Confession of 1967)  
**The new life we share in Christ takes shape in a community where we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we have done and who we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. New life in Christ does not release us from conflict with unbelief, pride, and fear. We still struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. On good days and bad days we strive to bear witness to life in Christ, confident that this new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others. 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: With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

Offering  
Offertory Thy Word ARR MARK HAYES

\*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  
**Thank you, God, for the opportunity to invest in the healing ministry of the church. As we reach out to offer hope of wholeness to our fragmented world, we find new meaning for our lives. We are grateful for your faithfulness even when we do not respond. We rejoice that your love is constant through our long nights of weeping and days of suffering Even in these moments, we celebrate the joy of living. Amen.**

Go Into the World to Serve

\*Hymn #547 Go, My Children, with My Blessing AR HYD Y NOS

\*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 How Majestic Is Your Name ARR MARK HAYES

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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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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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\_\_\_\_\_

Fill out this same form online by scanning below...



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