

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?

Thanksgiving Potluck: Sunday, November 19, immediately following church service: Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side, salad, or dessert, along with a big appetite, and join us in Fellowship Hall for this all-church celebration!

Mizpah Ministry International - We will be helping this ministry build houses, water tanks, chicken coops, supplying groceries, and helping with student tuition. If you would like to help in this ministry as Andrine Kagu (254.421.4345 or andrinekk01@gmail.com) will be going to help the end of this month... please pick up a flyer in the narthex or contact her for more information. Thank you to all that donated and continue to donate.

Theater Night - Thurs, Dec 7 (*Temple Civic Theater*) • Join the GPC crowd at 6:30PM for pre-performance appetizers courtesy of *Dead Fish Grill*; beverages provided by GPC Membership Team • Curtain time is 7:30PM, and this year's selection, *A Christmas Carol*, is a rousing adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic tale of a miserable miser whose life is turned upside down when three ghostly visitors come calling on a cold and dark Christmas Eve! We currently have 25 seats held in reserve for our group; more seats can be made available as needed • Please Note: in order to sit in our GPC reserved section, locate the signup sheet under the narthex bulletin board, and write or print your name clearly in the spaces provided (one name per line). Write "ST" after your name if you are a season ticket holder. For those who still need to purchase a ticket, the price is now \$25pp, and the best way to purchase tickets is by calling the theater box office between 9:30AM - 2:30PM, Tuesday - Thursday. **For discounted pricing, ask about Season Ticket Packages. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Caroling Party - Sunday, December 10, at 3:30PM (*GPC Fellowship Hall*) • Hosted by Presbyterian Women, all women are invited for a short devotion, sharing of personal memories and traditions, homemade desserts, and caroling together! Invite a friend and mark your calendar!

LOGOS (*Wednesday Night Children/Youth Ministry Gathering*) This program is for children and youth currently in Kindergarten – 12th grade • Wednesday evenings thru December 6 from 5:30-7:00PM (*Dinner included*) • Register [HERE](#) or go to the children's page on our website • Children can be dropped off and then picked up at the end of the program • *What happens at LOGOS?* Children's Choir • Bible Learning • Dinner – Fellowship Time Crafts and Games

Get Connected - Check us out on social media: [Facebook@gpctemple](https://www.facebook.com/gpctemple) and Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/gpctemple/>

Leadership at Grace...

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| Pastor | Rev. Thom Lamb |
| Director of Music | Chelsea Stern |
| Organist | Jonathan Gary |
| Pianist | Emily Gary |
| Projectionist/Sound Technician | Jimmy Morgette |
| Liturgist | Ed Seeger |
| Elder of the Day | Kevin Cushman |

GPC ELDERS

| <u>CLASS of 2023</u> | <u>CLASS of 2024</u> | <u>CLASS of 2025</u> |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Josh Essary Carla Stanley | John Bowling Kevin Cushman Robby Ozment Elizabeth Seeger Marianne Stringfellow | Margaret Buchanan Miike Milbery |

BOARD OF DEACONS

| <u>CLASS of 2023</u> | <u>CLASS of 2024</u> | <u>CLASS of 2025</u> |
|--|--|--|
| Jo Elwood John Elwood David Salzman Jan Salzman | Al Lowe Linda Lowe Bob Shull Sara Shull | Bob Ritchie Marilyn Ritchie Millie Henn* Lynn Grant |

*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!

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Prayer Ministry...

Prayers for Sue Singleton, Sandy Mason's friend (diagnosed with lung cancer). 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

NOVEMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Dixie Loy

Let's shower some love to her! Cards can be mailed to her: Dixie Loy, 4312 S 31st St, Apt 22, 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!**



Lectioary for next Sunday
Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123
I Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

Worship for the Lord's Day

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NOVEMBER 12, 2023 • 11 AM

We Gather in the Lord's Name

Welcome/Announcements

Moment for Stewardship *WE ARE... Good Stewards* Bill Stokes

Prelude *I Must Tell Jesus* ARR JOEL RANEY

*Call to Worship

One: Great and Glorious God, we gather to worship you.
We lift our eyes to you, in reverent awe before your majesty.

Many: Great is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised!

One: Generous and Merciful God, we come to worship you.
We lift our eyes to you, giving thanks for your compassion.

Many: Gracious is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised!

One: Welcoming and Empowering God, we worship you.
We lift our eyes to you, and we celebrate your faithfulness.

All: Holy is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised! We lift our eyes, seeking to worship and praise our God. Amen.

*Hymn #692 *Spirit, Open My Heart* WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

*Prayer of Confession (unison)
Holy and Merciful God, We long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace. To serve each other in love and humility. To serve your world with wisdom and energy. Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love. Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail. But your abundant grace is strong and eternal. By your grace we know that forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ; 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 123 pew Bible p. 498
The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

A Moment for Children Rev. Thom Lamb

Choral Anthem *Keep Your Lamps* ARR VICTOR JOHNSON
African American Spiritual

The Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:14-20 pew Bible p. 806
The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon Rev. Thom Lamb

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn #716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

*The Affirmation of Faith (*The Mission Statement written/adopted by Session 2019*)

We are Grace Presbyterian Church, called by our baptism to minister in the name of Jesus Christ; To provide for meaningful worship that reflects the love of God and the genuine character of our faith in Jesus Christ; To be an open and inclusive community of faith, welcoming all regardless of race, orientation or economic status; To provide for the nurture of all God's people of every age. To be God's heart, hands and voice as we engage as servants of Jesus Christ by reaching out to the community beyond our walls to meet human need. To discern God's vision as we grow in faith together as the Body of Christ. 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

Offering Offertory *Bind Us Together* 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.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Faithful God, we bring these gifts before you to celebrate how you have established with us, a new and everlasting covenant through the death and rising of your Son. Help us to live into this covenant so that in joy, we may shine the light of your peace and grace. May the gifts we bring and the lives we lead be a continual thank offering to you. Fill us with a spirit of joy so that we may express our faith in service to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Go Into the World to Serve

*Hymn #526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* LINSTAD

*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 *Classical Postlude* ROBERT J HUGHES

*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...

