

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?

Candy Donations needed! Our Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be taking place on Sun, Apr 13 (Palm Sunday) at 9:30AM (during Sunday School) • We are looking for candy donations (no chocolate or peanut butter) • Please make donations through April 1 by placing them in the bin in the narthex

Easter Lilies - If you would like to donate a lily in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out a form located in each pew or the narthex • **PLEASE PRINT** on the forms as we want to spell the names correctly in the worship order on Easter Sunday • All forms are due by **Apr 6**

Mo Ranch 2025 - Save the date for May 23-26, 2025 • This camp is a great family getaway on the banks of the Guadalupe River for some fellowship, community, legacy and tradition • More details to come!

One Great Hour of Sharing • For over 50 years Presbyterians have joined in giving to this offering to share the love to those in need by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support the poor and oppressed • Give thru April 20

Holy Week

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY • MARCH 24 • 11AM

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem is tempered by our realization of just why he has returned to Jerusalem. The first half of the service we will wave palm branches, singing hosanna, in great expectation of the coming king! The second part of the service will mark the passion of Jesus, best stated in the words of the old hymn: "Ride on, Ride on in majesty, in lowly pomp, ride on to die." This service marks the beginning of our celebration of Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION • MARCH 28 • 7 PM

Maundy Thursday is the solemn celebration of Jesus final meal with his disciples. As Jesus washes the disciples feet, he is showing them the true nature of God's salvation. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE • MARCH 29 • 7PM

The passion of Jesus reaches its climax in his death on the cross. The service of Tenebrae helps us to walk through the final day with Jesus. We walk through the garden with Jesus, his arrest, appearances before Herod and Pilate and finally his crucifixion. In silence we leave to contemplate the gift of God's grace through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

EASTER SUNDAY • MARCH 31 • BRUNCH AT 9:45 AM WORSHIP AT 11AM

He is risen, He is risen indeed! These wonderful words of hope remind us that in Jesus Christ, God has triumphed over death and offers to us all new life, new hope, and the promise of eternal life!

Leadership at Grace...

Guest Preaching	Dr. William Benner
Minister of Music	Chelsea Stern
Pianist	Emily Gary
Organist	Jonathan Gary
Projectionist/Sound Technician	Murray McCarley/ Joshua Essary
Liturgist	Kevin Cushman
Elder of the Day/Week	Sarah Nickerson

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 McCloud Patti Smith Bill Stokes

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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!

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 55:1-9 • Psalm 63:1-8
I Corinthians 10:1-13 • Luke 13:1-9

Worship for the Lord's Day

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MARCH 16, 2025 • 11 AM

We Gather in the Lord's Name

Prelude *I Surrender All* ARR SORENSON

Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship

One: The banquet is set, yet many have turned away.

All: But God does not close the door. He calls the poor, the broken, the outcasts—inviting them to feast at His table.

One: We come, grateful for the grace that welcomes us, just as we are.

All: Let us feast together, for His love knows no bounds.

One: We will come and eat, for God's love has made room for us.

All: Let us worship the Lord, who invites us to His feast.

One: We will worship with gladness, for we are invited to the feast of life.

*Hymn #837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* SHOWALTER

*Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we come before You with hearts, burdened by our own shortcomings and the ways in which we have failed to live as You have called us to live. Too often we have been like the man in the parable who, when invited to Your feast, made excuses and turned away. We have allowed the cares of this world, and the demands of our own comfort to distract us from Your invitation to Your Kingdom. Father, help us to prioritize Your Kingdom above all things, to take up our cross daily, and to follow You without hesitation. Teach us to love Your invitation with the same fervor that You love us. Now hear us as make our confessions in silence...

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

One: God's love and faithfulness have been at work in you. You are healed and forgiven. Rejoice in God's love.

All: Amen.

*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 #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

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 Psalm 27:1-4 PEW BIBLE, P. 437
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

A Message for Children John Bowling

Choral Anthem

New Testament Reading Luke 14:15-24 PEW BIBLE, P. 849
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon No Excuses Dr. William Benner

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn #465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus CONVERSE

*The Affirmation of Faith (unison)

We believe in a loving God as Father, who has created us in his own image, to love Him and one another. We believe in Jesus Christ as the way, the truth and the life. We believe in God's Holy Spirit with us constantly, challenging us to do His will. We believe that our confessions are heard, and that forgiveness will be granted for those things which separate us from one another and God. We believe in ourselves as members of the Christian Church, which seeks to bind all persons together in a fellowship of love. 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

Offering Prayer (Matthew 10:8)

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

Offertory In Christ Alone with Jesus Paid It All ARR CINDY BERRY

*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

Lord, we thank you for the many gifts you have poured into our lives; for those who love us and nurture us; for those who teach us to be loving people. Bless those people and bless these gifts that we may work for you, bringing healing and hope to our fractured world. Amen.

Go Into the World to Serve

*Hymn #39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

*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 Verset BY BOELLMANN

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

Pastoral Care - If you have any pastoral care needs this week, you can contact our church office or our Elder of the Week, Sarah Nickerson, at 254.624.5610 or by email at snickersonmd@hotmail.com

*Thank you to our church member and preacher, Dr. William Benner,
for preaching the Word today.*

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Home Phone _____

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Text? (Yes/No) _____

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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
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