

# 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?

**Parent's Night Out!** Fri, Sept 6 • 5:30-8:30PM • For families who are members or regular attenders of the church and for their children (infants 6 weeks through 5th grade) • Childcare is provided by our GPC nursery staff • Register on our website or scan the QR code • Deadline to register is Wed, **Sept 4**



**Fall Ministries Resume:** Handbell (6-7PM) and Chancel choir (7-8PM) rehearsals resume Wed, Sept 4 • Children's Sunday School for K-5th grade resumes Sept 8 from 10-10:50AM • LOGOS returns Sept 18—Nov 20 (5:30-7PM)

**Rummage Sale - September 7 from 8AM-2PM** • GPC Fellowship Hall Purging time! We accept clothing, furniture, household items, tools, kitchen wares, small appliances, toys, games, puzzles, books CD's, DVD's, small electronics, sporting goods, jewelry, collectibles, etc • Drop off's accepted Tues, Sept 3 through Thurs, Sept 5 ONLY (no earlier)! We cannot accept large appliances, exercise equipment, computers, paint, hazardous chemicals, mattresses, swimsuits or under garments, personal care items or medications • All proceeds support Living Waters for the World—for more info check out: <https://www.livingwatersfortheworld.org>

**Attention Women!** You are invited to the 2024-2025 Horizons Bible Study that kicks off Sept 16 • Julie Benner, *Secretary-Treasurer*, will accept your \$12 by check or cash for a study guide (make out to *Grace Presbyterian - note PW study guide in the memo*) • If you have previously ordered a study guide, you may pick up your copy TODAY through Sept 15 in the narthex • Wanting to become a Circle Member? Circle groups meet as follows: *Tuesday Evening Circle*, please note change of meeting location: First Tuesday of each month at 6PM at Julie Benner's home (contact [bjbenner@att.net](mailto:bjbenner@att.net)); *Tuesday Morning Circle* meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30AM at the church (contact Pat Wurster at [jwurster@hot.rr.com](mailto:jwurster@hot.rr.com)); *Jennie Shull Circle* meets the third Thursday of each month at noon, at the church (contact Patti Smith at [pcsmith53@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pcsmith53@sbcglobal.net)) • Join us for fellowship, study, inspiration, and the joy that's always found when we are together!

**Blood Drive!** Sun, Sept 22, we will hold a blood donation drive in our Fellowship Hall • Goal of 20 donated units • Ed Seeger continues to serve GPC as our Drive Coordinator on behalf of Carter BloodCare. Carter currently provides blood to over 200 medical facilities in 50+ counties in North, Central and East Texas. Ed will be contacting as many of our Grace Church members as possible in person to consider donating. In addition to being in good health, donors must be 16 years of age or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and feel well the day of their donation. Future notices will further explain some of the eligibility exemption factors, among them certain medications, personal medical conditions or recent travel to malarial areas of the world. Please give Ed, GPC and Carter BloodCare your most thoughtful consideration during this blood donation drive.

# Leadership at Grace...

Guest Preaching Dr. Bill Benner  
Director of Music Chelsea Stern  
Organist Dr. Jonathan Gary  
Pianist Emily Gary  
Projectionist/Sound Technician Murray McCarley  
Liturgist Kevin Cushman  
Elder of the Day Robby Ozment

## GPC ELDERS

CLASS of 2024	CLASS of 2025	CLASS of 2026
John Bowling Kevin Cushman Robby Ozment Elizabeth Seeger Marianne Stringfellow	Margaret Buchanan Mike Milbery Josh Essary Bill Stanley	Sarah Nickerson A'Lisa Ozment Tom Stringfellow Richard Tolleson

## BOARD OF DEACONS

CLASS of 2024	CLASS of 2025	CLASS of 2026
Al Lowe Linda Lowe Bob Shull Sara Shull	Dan Gatlin Lynn Grant Bob Ritchie Marilyn Ritchie	Andrine Kagu Kenny Lange Becky Northen Norman Northen

\*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



## Interested in Joining Grace?

Sign up on our website and we will contact you when our next class is at [www.gpctemple.org](http://www.gpctemple.org) or email us at [office@gpctemple.org](mailto:office@gpctemple.org)

## 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

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 • Psalm 125  
James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17 • Mark 7:24-37

# Worship for the Lord's Day

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 • 11 AM

## We Gather in the Lord's Name

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* ARR HEATHER SORENSON

\*Call to Worship

One: Brothers and sisters, let us come before God with hearts ready to listen and spirits eager to receive His Word.

**Many: Lord, we open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to understand Your truth.**

One: As we approach Your presence today, we ask that You shape us into doers of the Word, not hearers only, deceiving ourselves.

**Many: We seek Your wisdom, Lord, that we may see ourselves clearly and walk in the ways that honor You.**

One: Let us not forget what we have heard, but let us be transformed by it, living out our faith with perseverance and humility.

\*Hymn #509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* HOLY MANNA

\*Prayer of Confession

**When the busyness of our lives erodes the intentions of our hearts: When our personal agendas take precedence over reaching out to others: When we keep putting off being more active "doers of the word": When we resist change, knowing that our acting and thinking are limited by our prejudice and ignorance: When we only half-listen to those who cry out to be fully heard: Merciful God, forgive us; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, 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

Psalm for the Day                      Psalm 15                      PEW BIBLE P. 430  
One: This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Many: Thanks be to God!**

A Moment for Children                      John Bowling

The Epistle Lesson                      James 1:19-25                      PEW BIBLE P. 980  
One: This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Many: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon                      *Hearing and Doing*                      Dr. Bill Benner

## We Respond to God's Word

Offering  
Offertory                      *Allegretto*                      BENJAMIN GODARD  
*Jennie Miller, flute*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
The Invitation to the Table  
The Communion Prayer – The Lord's Prayer  
The Words of Institution  
Sharing Bread and Wine (*This morning we celebrate the Lord's supper by intinction. You are invited to come forward, to receive the bread and dip it in the cup giving thanks to God. If you would like to be served in your seat, simply raise your hand and a server will come to you.*)

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.**

Communion Hymns  
# 507                      *Come of the Table of Grace*                      TABLE OF GRACE  
# 527                      *Eat This Bread*                      BERTHIER

\*Communion Prayer (unison)  
**Loving and Gracious God you have nourished our souls with the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. As we go from this place, give us courage to step out in faith, to go where you send us without hesitation or fear, trusting that the presence of your Spirit and the grace of Jesus Christ will go with us. For by faith we know that you and you alone provide us with everything that we need; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Go Into the World to Serve

\*Hymn #542                      *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*                      GOD BE WITH YOU

\*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                      ARR DINO KARTSONAKIS  
*Bless the Lord O My Soul with It Is Well with My Soul*

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

## Staff at Grace

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Friday—closed



## 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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