

grace notes

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • MARCH 2026



Greetings!

Hopefully, you are having a wonderful and meaningful Lenten season. Before our next Grace Notes publication, we will be entering Lent's final week, what is called Holy Week (March 29 – April 4). Observing this week fully is a marvelous opportunity for us to grow spiritually by sharing Jesus' walk to the cross. In fact, it's been said that "when a man knows the end is near only the important surfaces." **So, if we would truly know the heart of Jesus, we must consider his final days as well.**

Observing carefully the days of Holy Week also provides us the opportunity to worship and fellowship together through services and activities on Palm Sunday (Mar 29, 11:00am), Easter Egg Hunt (Mar 29, 9:30am); Maundy Thursday service (Apr 2; 7:00pm), Good Friday service (Apr 3; 7:00pm) and of course on Easter Sunday (Apr 5) for an all church brunch (9:30am) and worship service (11:00am). Please remember to take some personal time on Friday, from 12pm – 3pm, for your own meditation, wherever you are.

Palm / Passion Sunday (Mar 29): *On this day we remember our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The crowd put down their cloaks and palm leaves, and they praised him, Jesus, the long awaited "Son of David", singing "Hosanna in the highest". (Mt 21:1-11, Mk 11:1- 11, Lk 19:29-44, Jn 12:12-19). On this day we also shift to the reality of Jesus' passion, a passion to give his very life for our salvation.*

Monday (Mar 30): *Jesus drove the money changers out of the Temple because they were making it a "den of thieves" instead of a house of prayer (Mt 21:12-17).*

Tuesday (Mar 31): *Jesus spent the day teaching in parables (of the virgins, the talents, the sheep and goats, and others) (Mt 21:28 – 25:46).*

Wednesday (Apr 1): *Judas agreed on this day to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. Also, a woman anointed Jesus expensive perfume, symbolic of his burial (Matt 26:6-13).*

Thursday (Apr 2): *This day is known as "Maundy Thursday" because on this night Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment to love one another (Maundy means commandment). He washed his disciples' feet, showing them what it means to be a servant, and he celebrated the Passover meal in an upper room (i.e. "Last Supper") during which he symbolically became our Passover Lamb. He asked them to do this again, remembering him until he returns (Mt 26:17-75, John 13); Late on Thursday evening, Jesus was arrested and tried before the Sanhedrin and Pilate.*

Friday (Apr 3): *On this day Jesus was crucified at 9am on a Roman cross outside of Jerusalem. He said seven last words and died by 3pm in the afternoon. Because it was the Sabbath he was laid in a tomb without preparation (Mt 27-28, Mk 15-16, Lk 23-24, Jn 19-21).*

Saturday (Apr 4): *It is thought that during the time between his death and Sunday am, Jesus descended into Hell (Eph 4:8). Death put to death while soldiers were guarding his tomb (Mt 27:62-66).*

Easter Sunday (Apr 5): *Early in the morning, the women arrived to prepare the body of Christ and ...they found the tomb empty. This day we celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death. He is risen! He is risen indeed.*

Come friends, let's grow by going on a sacred walk with Christ, and let's worship and fellowship together during Holy Week at GPC!

Rev. Naomi Ingram

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Ronald McDonald House Tour

Sun, March 1st: 12 PM
(directly after worship)
before First Family Fellowship lunch

We will meet at Ronald McDonald House located at 2415 S 47th St, Temple, TX 76504

All families with children and youth are invited to join and bring their donation.

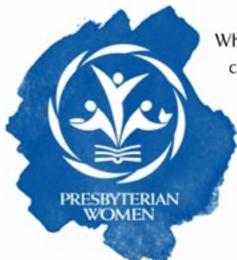
Please RSVP to Cathi in person or via text at (281) 389-2127



Friday, March 6th from 5:30-8:30 pm

Parent's Night Out occurs on the first Friday night of each month and is for families who are members of the church or frequent attendees and for their children (Infants 6 weeks through grade 5). Childcare is provided by our GPC Nursery staff. Register for PNO by the Wednesday of the week of PNO via our Children's Ministry page on the GPC website.

*Children need to be fed before dropping them off. If you need to feed them dinner at church please use the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



Whether or not you're already a member of one of our three Bible study circles, we hope you will attend one or more of our March meetings. This month's lesson, titled

"Finding Our Joy in Christ: I Will Say It Again. Rejoice."

takes us on an odyssey through times and places where joy seems hard to come by, yet it exists and even flourishes, thanks in large part to the saving messages that we receive when we contact God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, sometimes in Christian unity, prayer, and worship, and at other, random times, when joy springs up unexpectedly, even in strange and dangerous circumstances.

Schedule for Circle Meetings:

Evening Circle meets first Tuesday of the month, 6:00 pm, at Julie Benner's house, contact Julie at bjbenneratt.net

Morning Circle meets second Tuesday of the month, 9:30 am in the GPC Conference Room, contact Pat Wurster at jwurster@hot.r.com

Jennie Shull Circle meets third Thursday of the month, 12:00 noon in the GPC Conference Room, contact Patti Smith at psmith53@sbcglobal.net

Come check us out, you'll be glad you did!



Join us for
Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29

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. Chancel Choir will sing.

All children of the church are invited to process with palm branches.

March Birthdays

1 Clarence Mason, 1 Michael Milbery,
3 Kevin Cushman, 3 Sandi Lenehan,
3 Bob Ritchie, 5 Jan Salzman,
8 Linda Chupik, 9 Kirsten Collins,
9 June Cushman, 9 Stan Simons,
11 Al Lowe, 20 Leslie Gosney,
20 Bob Shull, 24 Denise Arnoude,
25 John Bowling, 25 Pearl Kotrla,
26 Aaron Edmondson, 29 Greg Miller



Family Fun & Fellowship Lunch

Sun, March 1st: 12 PM
(following the Ronald McDonald House Tour)

We will meet at McAllister's Deli located at 2416 SW H K Dodgen Loop, Temple, TX 76504

All families with children and youth are invited to fellowship with other GPC families for lunch and fun! Dutch Treat.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 @ 9 AM

THE "MEN OF GRACE" MEET THE 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR BREAKFAST AND A SPEAKER IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. BRING A FRIEND!

QUESTIONS?

Email Stan (stanb4simons@gmail.com)
Bob (bshull612@gmail.com)

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt

March 29th

Sunday school at 9:30 am in Sunday School Rooms (Easter Crafts)
Egg Hunt at 10 am at the Pavilion
Then join us for donuts after!

All children of the church are invited to hunt and Youth are encouraged to help hide the eggs

for questions contact: maddiebeadell@gmail.com



Wednesday Night LOGOS



WEDNESDAYS FROM 5:30-7:00 PM
WITH DINNER INCLUDED.
THIS SPRING WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT
CHRISTIAN SYMBOLISM.

JOIN US ON 3/4, 3/11 & 3/25

*NOTE: WE HAVE A YOUTH OFFERING
FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS DURING LOGOS TOO!*

YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON & DESSERT AUCTION!

When: March 22nd After Church
Where: Fellowship Hall
All church members are invited to join!



SUPPORT OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP!

Half of the dessert auction proceeds will go to support Mo-Ranch!

A St. Patrick's CELEBRATION!

Join Your GPC Friends for a St. Patrick's Day Dinner!

Friday, March 13 5:30 PM

O'Brien's Irish Pub

Downtown Temple

See the sign-up poster in the Narthex for more info...



Meet Your Elder

Sunday, March 8th
(Beginning of Worship)

Becky Brown

YOUTH SUNDAY

March 8th during worship
All church members are invited to join us for a worship guided and directed by the youth of our congregation!

for questions
contact: maddiebeadell@gmail.com

PENNIES FOR MOMS

First Sunday of Each Month (MARCH 1)

Please place coins in the offering plate to donate to

Hope Mommies
a faith-based organization which helps bereaved mothers.




Mo Ranch 2026 is coming up Memorial Day Weekend (May 22-25)

Come and join us for a great family getaway on the banks of the Guadalupe River for FELLOWSHIP, COMMUNITY, LEGACY, & TRADITION!
Grab an informational flyer and sign up sheet in the Narthex.



Feed My Sheep Farm Youth Workdays

March 7th @ 9AM
March 28th @ 9AM

*Children under youth age are more than welcome to join, however, their parents must stay the entire time for each event.

Life is a CABARET!

...until it's not!

Join Your GPC Friends for
OPENING NIGHT OF
CABARET!

at Temple Civic Theatre

Thursday, March 19
7:30 PM Curtain

See the sign-up poster in the Narthex for more info...



WILL YOU HELP?

MOW help is needed!

In need of two volunteers to make casseroles. Each casserole needs to provide 6oz of protein, 1 cup of vegetables, and 1 cup of carbs. We provide you with the casserole tins and reimbursement for food expenses. We are also in need of substitute drivers. Please prayerfully consider helping. For questions or to help, contact Peg Spangler at 254-231-5205



"Extra Love" Members for March are

Tom & Judy Enloe

4114 Wren Road
Temple TX 76502

Let's shower them with cards and greetings to let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers.



Handbell Ensemble

Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 6-7 pm

For information or questions, contact:
Josh Essary, Director of Handbell Ensemble
joshuacessary@gmail.com




Chancel Choir

Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 7-8 pm

For information or questions, contact:
Chelsea Stern, Minister of Music: chelsea@gpctemple.org



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IN PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP:

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30AM COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

11 AM WORSHIP

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE



Watch our services on YouTube, Facebook or our website.

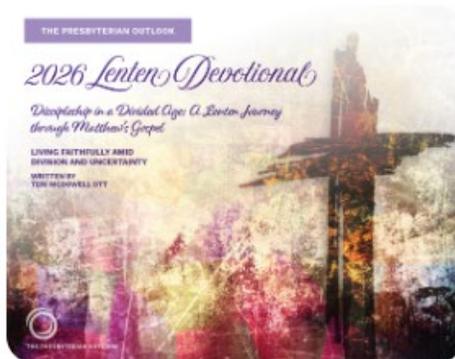
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Lenten Devotionals

Lent devotionals are available
in the Narthex.
Be sure to pick one up!



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Mon- Thursdays
8AM- 4PM



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Simply text the word GRACE to 254.400.2420
or click on the QR code

Thank you for being a cheerful giver!



One Great Hour of Sharing

February 18 - April 5, 2026

