

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?

Backpack Buddies! As Presbyterian Women's only annual fund-raising campaign, the Backpack Buddies program exists for one simple purpose: providing every disadvantaged child in our local community with a new, high quality backpack fill with the proper supplies for the student's grade level. Moreover, thanks to the program's excellent leadership and some judicious shopping, the cost of each backpack is holding steady at just \$40. As before, we at GPC have pledged to provide 80 backpacks, each of which means there will be one less child feeling embarrassed, uncertain, or painfully "different" on their first day of classes. All that remains is for you to make your check out to GPC, with the following on the memo line: Backpack Buddies.

A Cinematic Piano Experience! Please join pianist Emily Gary and fellow pianist Jonathan Gary, violinist John Mark Gary, cellist Nathan Keefer, oboist Leanne Blaha, and percussionist Peter Millican for an evening of music from movies and TV. The concert is free and will feature works by film composers Hans Zimmer, John Williams, and Ennio Morricone, to name a few. A media presentation will be offered during the concert as well. The event will take place on Thursday evening, **May 23**, at 6:30PM at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Homecoming Church Picnic - Sun, May 19 (following worship) Church Pavilion • Of all the food-centric gatherings that occur in the South, church potlucks are some of the most cherished events. We'd be lying if we said there wasn't a hint of competition at every southern potluck, even the ones that follow Sunday service. What is it? Exactly what it sounds like: old church members who've moved away visit the church to share in worship and fellowship with current church members over a traditional meal. Like most southern potlucks, these dinners are filled with casseroles, "salads" that don't contain a speck of green, and overflowing dessert tables. So bring your timeless recipes to share. Dress comfortably...this is a picnic! Last names A thru H, bring a vegetable; I thru S: bring a salad; T thru Z: bring a dessert. Entertainment will be provided by *The Setting Sons*. If you can help with **set-up** for the picnic, please meet at 10AM on **Sat, May 18** — all help is appreciated!

Missed a service? 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 Stan Simons or Thom Lamb. Share with your friends that cannot make it so that they can worship with us!

Did you know you can give by text? Simply text the word GRACE to 254.400.2420 • Thank you for being a cheerful giver!

Interested in joining GPC? If you are not a member and wish to discuss joining, we would love to talk with you! • Reach out to us at 254.773.2134.

Leadership at Grace...

Pastor	Rev. Thom Lamb
Guest Choir Conductor	Rebecca Northen
Organist	Dr. Jonathan Gary
Pianist	Emily Gary
Projectionist/Sound Technician	Murray McCarley
Liturgist	Richard Tolleson
Elder of the Day	A'Lisa Ozment

GPC ELDERS

<u>CLASS of 2024</u>	<u>CLASS of 2025</u>	<u>CLASS of 2026</u>
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

<u>CLASS of 2024</u>	<u>CLASS of 2025</u>	<u>CLASS of 2026</u>
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 or email us at office@gpctemple.org

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
Acts 10:44-48 • Psalm 98
I John 5:1-6 • John 15:9-17

Worship for the Lord's Day

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 28, 2024 • 11 AM

We Gather in the Lord's Name

Welcome/Announcements
Meet Your Church Leaders *Backpack Buddies* Cindy Bankston

Prelude *10,000 Reasons* ARR MARK HAYES

*Call to Worship

One: We worship the God of love who inhabits our world and who lives in us.

Many: We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.

One: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,

Many: We need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

One: Let us worship the God of love who inhabits our world and who lives in us.

*Hymn #627 *I Love You, Lord* I LOVE YOU, LORD

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you know when we are afraid to love. Remind us again that your perfect love casts out such fears. Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections. Fill us with a love so strong, so that we may grow toward you. Give us the courage to cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love; 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 118:19-25 PEW BIBLE P. 492
One: This is the Word of the Lord!
Many: Thanks be to God!

A Moment for Children Rev. Thom Lamb

Choral Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth* JOHN RUTTER

The Epistle Lesson I John 4:7-12 PEW BIBLE P. 991
One: This is the Word of the Lord!
Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Great Big Love* Rev. Thom Lamb

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn #697 *Take My Life* HENDON

*The Affirmation of Faith (*1 Corinthians 13:4-13*)

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The 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 *The Longer I Serve Him* GLORIA GAITHER

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

Loving God, in the risen Christ you show us your hands so we may reach out to mend the broken; you show us your feet, so we may walk with those the world passes by; you show us your face, so we may know what our sisters and brothers look like. You open our eyes, so we may see God's love; you open our minds, so we may welcome God's Word; you open our lips, so we may be God's witnesses. We offer our hearts, O Risen Christ, touch us with your peace. Amen.

Go Into the World to Serve

*Hymn #833 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* ST. MARGARET

*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 *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice* MICHAEL BURKHARDT

*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.

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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
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