



# GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

— TEMPLE, TEXAS —



## Holy Week

*As we move toward Easter we are planning to truly celebrate Holy Week by walking with Jesus during the final week of his life, culminating with the wonderful celebration of the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. The schedule for Holy Week will be:*

### **EASTER EGG HUNT • APRIL 13 • 9:30AM** (During Sunday School at 9:30AM)

\*All Children of the church are invited to participate! Children will start in Sunday School class or in the nursery with Easter activities and then hunt eggs in the field by the pavilion. Parents, please stay with your children during the hunt. After the hunt, children are invited to participate in worship this morning by processing with palms.

### **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY • APRIL 13 • 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. Chancel Choir and LOGOS Children's Choir will sing. All the children of the church are invited to process with palm branches. All Children who want to will meet at 10:50 in the Narthex to gather palms and line up for the procession.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION • APRIL 17 • 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. Music will be led by our Praise Team as we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Childcare is provided.

### **GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE • APRIL 18 • 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. Music will be led by our Chancel Choir, interspersed with meaningful hymns and readings. In silence we leave to contemplate the gift of God's grace through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Childcare is provided.

### **EASTER SUNDAY • APRIL 20 • 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! No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

### **FLOWERING CROSS**

As a tradition, we ask all to bring fresh flowers on Easter Sunday, April 20, and place them on the cross located in the narthex.

### **ALL CHURCH EASTER BRUNCH AT • APRIL 20 • 9:30 AM**

All are invited for an Easter Brunch at 9:30AM on Easter Sunday in Fellowship Hall • This is a potluck brunch with a suggestion for what to bring: Last names beginning with A-J: Breakfast Casserole; L-Q: Fruit; R-Z: Breakfast Pastries or Baked Goods • Deacons will provide coffee, tea and juice • Come and fellowship!

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## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Make plans now to attend one or more of our MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES:

This year's study, *Why Presbyterians Are Like That*, is providing us with much to consider, learn, and discuss, and we want to invite all interested women to attend one of our three study circles for informal study, refreshments, and fellowship.

Meeting times are as follows:

Evening Circle: First Tuesday of the month, 6PM, at Julie Benner's house. Call GPC office for details

Morning Circle: Second Tuesday of the month, 9:30AM, at GPC in the Conference Room

Jennie Shull Circle: Third Thursday of the month, noon, at GPC in the Conference Room



## BACKPACK BUDDIES

Backpack Buddies, Presbyterian Women's annual fundraiser, is now under way! While the cost of each backpack is holding steady at just \$40, with an increasing need for assistance, we hope to provide 90 backpacks this year for local school children. Your donation will provide a new, high quality backpack filled with all required school supplies for a local student in need. This year, due to economic conditions, more children than ever will be in need of our help, so please give generously. \*Checks should be made out to *Grace Presbyterian Church*, with "Backpack Buddies" clearly written on the memo line. Simply drop your check in the offering plate, bring it by the church office, or mail it to our church address. Thank you for making an important investment in the future of our growing community!



## MEN OF GRACE

The "Men of Grace" meet the 3rd Saturday of each month for breakfast and a speaker. We are looking forward to our next breakfast on **April 19**, at 9AM in the Fellowship Hall. Kevin Cushman will speak, while Stan Simons will provide our breakfast! Please come and join us and be part of this growing brotherhood. Questions? Email Stan ([stanb4simons@gmail.com](mailto:stanb4simons@gmail.com)) or Bob ([bshull612@gmail.com](mailto:bshull612@gmail.com)).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Children's Sunday School** - K-5 Sunday School at 9:30AM - pickup at 10:45AM in room 204.



**Parent's Night Out** is **April 4** • 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 by April 2** on our website!

**First Sunday Family Fellowship Lunch** - Sunday, April 6 (*following worship*). All meet at *Rosa's Cafe & Tortilla Factory (1720 Scott Blvd, Temple)* • This is for all families with children and/or youth and is a 'dutch treat' expense (pay for your own).

## MUSIC MINISTRY

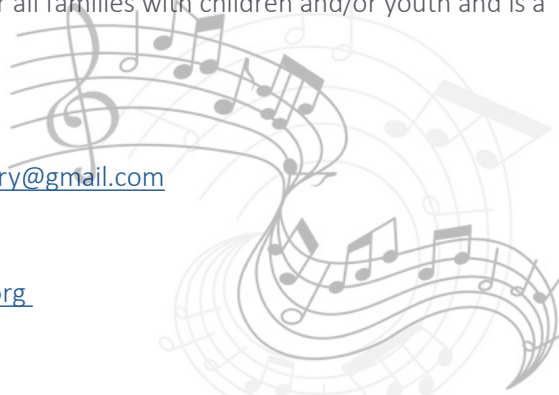
**Handbell Rehearsal** | Wednesdays from 6-7PM

Josh Essary, Director of Handbell Ensemble | [joshuaessary@gmail.com](mailto:joshuaessary@gmail.com)

**Choir Rehearsal** | Wednesdays from 7-8PM

No Choir Rehearsal on April 23 after Easter.

Chelsea Stern, Minister of Music | [chelsea@gpctemple.org](mailto:chelsea@gpctemple.org)



## FEED MY SHEEP

Our next FMS is **April 22-23!** Come and join us to make sandwiches and pack sack lunches on Tues, Apr 22 (5:30PM) - we have a great time visiting while making 200 sandwiches and putting together sack lunches • Volunteers needed to serve a hot meal and sack lunches at FMS on Wed, Apr 23 (meet at church at 10:30AM to 12:30PM) • Other ways to participate: (1) Sign-up to help cook macaroni and cheese; (2) Bake cookies or brownies to be served with the hot meal; (3) Donate wrapped, disposable cutlery from your take-out meals; (4) Donate adult-size socks; Sign-up on the sheets located in the narthex Questions? Please contact Becky Northen by phone at 254.760.8113 or email [rebecca.northen@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.northen@gmail.com)

## WATCH US ONLINE!!

Watch our worship service **LIVE** on Grace Presbyterian's Facebook page ([@gpctemple](https://www.facebook.com/gpctemple)) or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com). Need help in finding us? Contact us at 254.773.2134 or see a staff member or Elder. Share with your friends that cannot make it so that they can worship with us!

## ADMINISTRATION

Church offices will be closed Friday, April 18 and Monday, April 21, 2025. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 22. Regular office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 8AM - 4PM; Closed on Friday. Have a blessed Easter: He is Risen indeed!

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Cooks and drivers needed! Recipes and supplies provided • Requires minimal time to provide a healthy meal to someone who is unable to help themselves • Sign up for as much or as little as you can serve • Contact Peg Spangler (254.231.5205 or [pspang5665@gmail.com](mailto:pspang5665@gmail.com)) if able to help.



## MO RANCH MEMORIAL WEEKEND

All are encouraged to sign up for a great family getaway on the banks of the Guadalupe River for some great fellowship, community, legacy and tradition! It is Mo Ranch Time May 23-26, 2025 (Memorial Day weekend).

Adults: \$160 per person; 18 years and under: \$50 per person. This covers 3 nights at the guest lodge. Registration forms are located at the information station in the narthex (backside of the flyer). If you are interested in participating in a donation fundraiser for those that wish to attend, please submit your donation made out to Grace Presbyterian Church with 'MO Ranch DONATION' on your check or envelope so we are aware that it is a donation and not someone attending. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Ann Edmondson	4/1
A'Lisa Ozment	4/4
Paul Barrows	4/4
Al Jones	4/7
Suzanne McCauley	4/7
Debbie Stephens	4/9
JoAnna Langthorn	4/10
Julie Benner	4/12
Richard Schrimsher	4/15
Patti Smith	4/15
Garrett Conner	4/15
Elizabeth Seeger	4/20
Richard Tolleson	4/21
Kimberly Allen	4/21
Sally Tietje	4/22
Jan Fall	4/25
Debby Bolton	4/27
Mike Jordan	4/27
Chris Stern	4/29
Keaton Stephens	4/30



## MEMBER OF THE MONTH

April *Member of the Month* is **Nan Corwin!** Let's shower her with cards! Mail cards to: c/o Hillside Medical Lodge; 300 S Hwy 36 Bypass, Room 411; Gatesville, TX 76528. 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!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**April 5** - Youth to *Top Golf* from 12:30-3PM.

**April 26** - Youth to *Feed my Sheep Farm* from 9am-12pm.

For questions, contact Maddie Clark at 910.973.0152

We have multiple ways for you to give to Grace:

- Give online.
- Give in worship
- Drop off! Drive thru the drive up covered lane and drop it in the mailbox. No need to get out of the car!
- Give by TEXT! Simply text the word **GRACE** to 254.400.2420 and follow the prompts.
- Mail your offering! Mail to 2401 S. 57th Street, Temple, TX 76504

Thank you for being a cheerful giver!

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## weekly messenger

Every week we have the church weekly messenger with things either coming up that week or in the near future. If you are not on this list to receive it and would like to, email the church office at [office@gpctemple.org](mailto:office@gpctemple.org).

## grace prayer ministry

Did you know that we have a prayer ministry? If you would like to be added to the email prayer chain to receive updates and prayer requests, please let the church office know by emailing us. If you have a prayer request that you would like to be prayed over, please email the church office at [office@gpctemple.org](mailto:office@gpctemple.org).

## missed a service?

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IN PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP:

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30AM COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

11 AM WORSHIP

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# HE IS RISEN

## CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION

Easter Egg Hunt - April 13 at 9:30AM

Palm/Passion Sunday - April 13 at 11AM

Maundy Thursday Communion - April 17 at 7PM

Good Friday Tenebrae - April 18 at 7PM

Easter Sunday Brunch - April 20 at 9:30AM

Easter Sunday Worship - April 20 at 11AM

*Death could not hold him. Rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

SAVE THE DATE:

**HOMECOMING PICNIC**

**MAY 18, 2025**

*Details coming soon!*

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