

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?

LOGOS Ministry - LOGOS Wednesday evening ministry returns September 18 and runs through Nov 20 (5:30-7PM). Dinner provided. Register on our website!

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 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); *Tuesday Morning Circle* meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30AM at the church (contact Pat Wurster at jwurst-er@hotmail.com); *Jennie Shull Circle* meets the third Thursday of each month at noon, at the church (contact Patti Smith at pcsmith53@sbcglobal.net) • Join us for fellowship, study, inspiration, and the joy that's always found when we are together!

Men's Breakfast! Saturday, Sept 21 • 9AM • Fellowship Hall • All men are welcome! Our mission is to discover ways to support our church better and to support each other better • Come for a good meal and fellowship every third Saturday of the month at 9AM in the Fellowship Hall • Questions? Email Stan (stanb4simons@gmail.com) or Bob (bshull612@gmail.com) for questions.

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.

Feed My Sheep - Our next meal service is Sept 24-25 • Come and help us to make sandwiches and pack sack lunches on Tues, Sept 24 at 5:30PM! Serve the hot meal and sack lunches at FMS on Wed, Sept 25 (meet at the church at 10:30AM to take meals over/serve—done by 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 • Note: FMS is **not** in need of toiletry donations at this time. Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex. Our next FMS event will be Oct 22-23.

Leadership at Grace...

Pastor	Rev. Thom Lamb
Director of Music	Chelsea Stern
Organist	Dr. Jonathan Gary
Pianist	Emily Gary
Projectionist/Sound Technician	Murray McCarley
Liturgist	Richard Tolleson
Elder of the Day	Elizabeth Seeger

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 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

Proverbs 1:20-33 • Psalm 19
James 3:1-12 • Mark 8:27-38

Worship for the Lord's Day

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 • 11 AM

We Gather in the Lord's Name

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* ARR HEATHER SORENSON

*Call to Worship
 One: We can trust in God.
Many: God is like the mountain: rock solid.
 One: God loves all the people:
Many: The poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.
 One: We depend on God.
Many: God feeds the hungry, heals the sick, and restores relationships.

*Hymn #1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAEA

*Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another well. We have often ignored those around us, tuning out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities. Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love for all who need your grace. Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need, no matter where they are that we may see them as your precious children and serve them in humility and joy. May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you; 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 146 PEW BIBLE P. 507
One: This is the Word of the Lord!
Many: Thanks be to God!

A Moment for Children

Choir Anthem *Great is Thy Faithfulness* ARR BY MOLLY LJAMES

The Gospel Lesson Mark 7:24-30 PEW BIBLE P. 819
One: This is the Word of the Lord!
Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *All Really Are Welcomed* Rev. Thom Lamb

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn #795 *Healer of Our Every Ill* HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

*The Affirmation of Faith (*adapted from the Faith Statement of GPC, 2019*)
We believe in and share the Good News of the risen Christ, who overcame death for the sake of our salvation. The empty cross in our sanctuary reminds us that our God is living among us. We are committed to meet the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of our brothers and sisters here and elsewhere. By showing God's love in our lives and sharing His love with others we hope to glorify God and make disciples of Jesus Christ. We believe that the church needs to be a safe place for all of God's children: a place where all are free to share openly without fear of retribution, where every voice is heard and respected, a place where instead of being divided by our differences, we celebrate that in our diversity we are united by the grace of Jesus Christ and bound as one in the Unity of the Holy Spirit. 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 *Blessed Assurance* ARR DOUG BRILEY
Offertory

*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

All that we do is in your holy name, O God. Even as we share the fruit of our labors, may we continue to honor your name in all that we do. Bless these gifts given freely, that we may use them to share the good news of your love. Keep us faithful so that your justice and mercy may prevail in our world: We ask these things in Jesus' name, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Go Into the World to Serve

*Hymn #806 *I'll Praise My Maker* OLD 113TH

*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 *Great is the Lord* ARR MARK HAYES

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.

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 _____

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
by scanning below...

