

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 for K-5th grade with begin again on Wed, January 15 • 5:30-7PM with dinner provided • Register [HERE](#) or on our website under the Children's Ministry tab if you would like to attend and did not attend in the spring-previous participants are already registered from spring semester.

Annual Meeting - Jan 26 • 10AM • The annual meeting of the congregation and corporation of Grace Presbyterian Church will be held in the Sanctuary • At the meeting you will hear reports from the Session, Board of Deacons, and a financial overview of the budget for 2025 • All responsible parties need to have reports turned in **no later than Sunday, Jan 12**

Pastoral Care - If you have any pastoral care needs this week, you can contact our church office or our Elder of the Week, Bill Stanley, at 254.780.6249 or by email at docwstanley@gmail.com

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) if able to help.

Parent's Night Out! Fri, Feb 7 • 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, Feb 5**.



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.

Interested in being an Usher in Worship? This is a once a month commitment that requires simple tasks like greeting people, distributing orders of worship, and collecting the offering • Contact Margaret Buchanan (254.760.3017 or email emptybel3@gmail.com) OR Richard Tolleson (254.541.1783 or email richardtollerson@gmail.com) for more information.

Leadership at Grace...

Guest Preaching	Jeff Stegall, Director of Feed My Sheep
Minister of Music	Chelsea Stern
Pianist	Emily Gary
Organist	Jonathan Gary
Projectionist/Sound Technician	Murray McCarley/ Joshua Essary
Liturgist	Donna Bowling
Elder of the Day/Week	Bill Stanley

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



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 Josh Essary. Share with your friends that cannot make it so that they can worship with us!

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

Isaiah 62:1-5 • Psalm 36:5-10
I Corinthians 12:1-11 • John 2:1-11

WE ARE CALLED TO **SHARE THE LOVE**
OF JESUS CHRIST, REACHING
OUT IN LOVE AND GROWING IN **GRACE.**

Worship for the Lord's Day

BAPTISM OF THE LORD
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JANUARY 12, 2025 • 11 AM

We Gather in the Lord's Name

Prelude *Open Our Eyes/ Be Thou My Vision* ARR HAYES

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship FROM CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy Triune God, author of community,
come baptize us.
Remind us what it means
to belong to one another.
God who tears the heavens, come baptize us.
Reveal to us your power
that ushers in new realms.
God who calls us beloved, come baptize us.
Declare to us your great delight
and hold us in your pleasure.
God of vulnerability, come baptize us.
Welcome us into the paradox
of strength that comes from weakness.
Together, let us remember this day.
In the Creator's love we are held,
into Christ's body we are baptized,
and by the Spirit's power, we are claimed.
All glory to God. Amen.

*Hymn #475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

*Prayer of Confession

One: Ever ready with cleansing love, God invites our confession, offering mercy and strength so that we may start anew.

All: In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us. Forgive us for refusing your grace and rejecting your name. We have followed our own paths, and they have led us far from you. Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you, for you have marked us as your own, loving us without limit. Wash us with your love again, that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

One: The love of God flows ceaselessly. The mercy of God never ends. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*The Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ.

*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

Creator Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth, who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism, who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost: Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word of life and be renewed by your power, for you live and reign with God and Christ now and forevermore. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Psalm 29 PEW BIBLE, P. 438
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

A Moment for Children

Choral Anthem *Borning Cry* ARR. LARSON
The Second Lesson Isaiah 43:1-10 PEW BIBLE, P. 585
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon Jeff Stegall

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn #626 *As The Deer* AS THE DEER

*The Affirmation of Faith (From the Book of Common Worship)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

Offertory Prayer

One: O Lord, we give you thanks with all we are for all you have done for us. Take all we are, Lord, and use it for your purpose. Bless the gifts we give this day that the church might stand as shining witnesses to your glory, planted by your living water to bring healing to all peoples. Use us as you will to the praise of Christ Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

Offertory *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ARR. HELVEY

*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

We praise and thank you, Lord God, for the majesty of your work, the wisdom of your word, and the generosity of your grace. Let the gifts of our lives bear witness to your goodness and mercy, your faithfulness and justice, and your steadfast love for all. Amen .

Go Into the World to Serve

*Hymn # 482 *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN

*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 *As The Deer* ARR. ELWELL

Words in bold type are to be read together.

*Indicates worshipers are invited to rise in body and spirit

Thank you to Jeff Stegall, Director of Feed My Sheep for providing our message this morning.

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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...

