

Worship for the Lord's Day



GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 5, 2026 • 11 AM

We Gather in the Lord's Name

Prelude

Cathedral Fanfare

GORDON YOUNG

Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship

One: *The Lord is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.*

All: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted.

One: *I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.*

All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

One: *This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.*

All: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: *Let us praise and worship God!*

*Hymn # 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today
with Wesley Penny, trumpet

EASTER HYMN

*Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Indeed, while we were yet sinners, Christ was raised from death for us. So let us come to God gladly and without fear, to seek God's forgiveness and healing for the broken places in our lives.

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

One: *Once we were no people,*

All: But now we are God's people.

One: *Once we had not received mercy,*

All: But now we have received mercy.

One: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

*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.*



**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6

PEW BIBLE P 641

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message for Children

John Bowling

The Second Reading

John 20:1-18

PEW BIBLE P 882

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Whom Are You Looking For?"

Dr. Julie Adkins

We Respond to God's Word

Call for Offering

Freely you have received, freely give. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

Tithes & Offering

Choral Offertory

Alleluia

BY RANDALL THOMPSON

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: And also with you.

One: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: We Lift them up to the Lord.

One: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: It is right to give God Our thanks and praise.

One: *It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen. We pray now the prayer Jesus taught us to pray saying:*

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.

The Words of Institution

Sharing Bread and Wine

*This morning we celebrate the Lord's supper by passing trays.
All bread is gluten free and the cup is grape juice. All are welcome!*

Communion Hymn # 522

I Am the Bread of Life

I AM THE BREAD

*Communion Prayer

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world: The Lord has risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

Go Into the World to Serve

*Hymn # 248

Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna

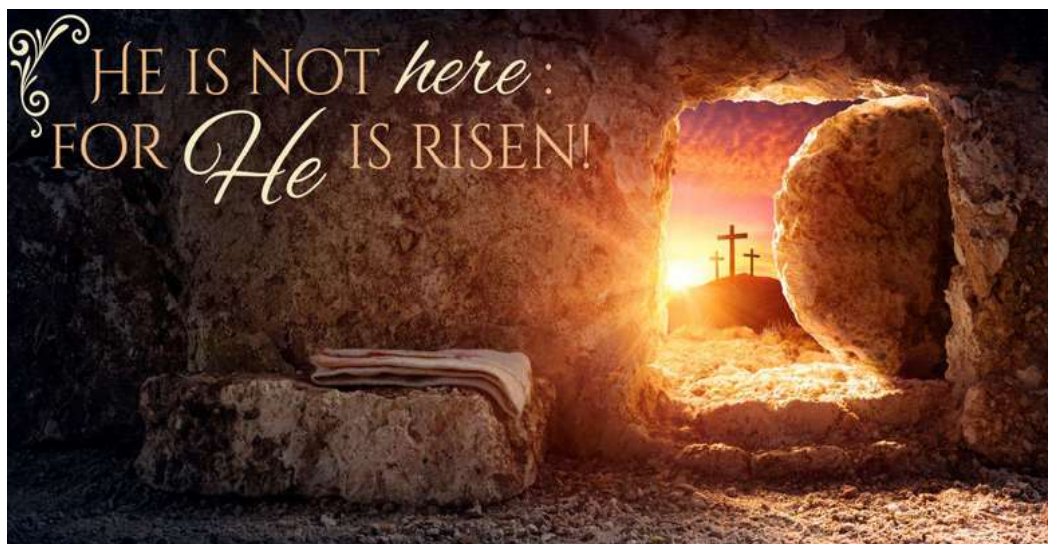
HYMN TO JOY

*Benediction

*Postlude

The Risen Christ with Christ the Lord is Risen Today

ARR. CAROL TORNQVIST



Words in bold type are to be read together.

***Indicates worshippers 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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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...



Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church

We're glad you are worshipping with us today. Please sign the friendship booklet, pass it down and back the pew - note the names and faces of those beside you. 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?

Pennies for Moms is TODAY - We invite all to participate in donating loose coins in the offering plate to donate to Hope Mommies, a faith-based organization which helps bereaved mothers. This is collected the first Sunday of each month.

Wednesday Night LOGOS meets on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:00 pm (dinner included). This program is for all children Kindergarten-12th grade. The LOGOS participants are currently preparing a **MUSICAL** called "**In the Image**" by Mark Patterson to share in worship on Sunday, May 17! In this musical, children and youth get to explore what it really means to be created in the image of God. Through humor and exploration, they realize that being created in the image of God isn't just about how you look, but about the attributes of God that show forth in your life.

First (Second) Sunday Family Fellowship Lunch • Sunday, April 12 at 12 pm • Directly following Worship • Meet at Clem Mikeska's BBQ - 1217 S 57th St, Temple • All families with children and youth are invited to fellowship with other GPC families for lunch and fun! (Dutch Treat)

Presbyterian Women: Whether or not you're already a member of one of our three Bible study circles, we hope you will attend one of our April meetings. This month's lesson is titled "Finding Our Identity in Christ" Come check us out, you'll be glad you did!

*Schedule for Circle Meetings:

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

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

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

Our "**EXTRA LOVE**" **Member of the Month** of April is **Lea Ann Bettis**. Lea Ann is currently recovering from several different and difficult surgeries. Let's shower her with cards, notes, and all kinds of well wishes to show her how much she means to all of us here at GPC. If you need a card, please feel free to take one from the sharing basket - located in the HALL behind the office and workroom. Mail to 915 "A" S. 27th Street, Temple, Texas 76504, or leave in Amy's mailbox for postage and mailing. We will be happy to help!

Parent's Night Out • Fri, April 10 from 5:30-8:30 PM • Parent's Night Out is for children of church members or frequent attendees. (Infants 6 weeks through grade 5) Childcare is provided by our GPC Nursery staff. Register for this PNO by Wednesday, April 8th via our Children's Ministry page on the GPC website.



Theater Night • Friday, April 17 at 7:30 pm • Join your GPC friends for Opening Night of **Dear Jack, Dear Louise** at Temple Civic Theatre! See the signup poster in the Narthex for more info.

VBS DIRECTOR NEEDED • July 10 - 12 • GPC is looking for someone to fill the position of VBS Director for this year! If you are interested, please contact the church office at Office@gpctemple.org more information. Help make this year's VBS one to remember!

Men's Breakfast • Join us **Saturday, April 18** at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall • The "Men of Grace" meet the 3rd Saturday of each month for breakfast and a speaker in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend! Questions? Contact Stan (stanb4simons@gmail.com) or Bob (bshull612@gmail.com) for more information.

Feed My Sheep Ministries • April 21 & 22 • GPC supports the mission by helping cook casseroles on **Tuesdays at 1:30 pm**, making sandwiches & packing cold lunches at 5:30 pm, donating cookies/brownies, or serving lunch on **Wednesdays at FMS**. Donations and volunteers are needed for this mission.

Leadership at Grace

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Pastoral Care - If you have any pastoral care needs, you can contact our church office or Elder of the week, A'Lisa Ozment at 254-760-9444 or at A.Ozment@gpctemple.org

Did you know you can give by text? Simply text the word **GRACE** to 254.400.2420 or take a pic of the QR code here and hit the link to give. *Thank you for being a cheerful giver!*



Prayer Ministry...

If you have a prayer need, please email Donna Bowling directly at dc.bowling2003@gmail.com.

Lectioary for next Sunday...

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 • Psalm 16, 111
1 Peter 1:3-9 • John 20:19-31



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