



GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TEMPLE, TEXAS



ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

2401 S 57TH STREET
TEMPLE, TX 76504
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MARCH 2025

Ash Wednesday Celebration

March 5 - We will celebrate the beginning of the season of Lent with a Soup Supper at 6PM and Communion with the imposition of ashes as 7PM. (Soup and bread will be provided by the Chancel Choir and Membership Committee) • All are welcome to join us as we kick off this season of penitence and introspection as we begin the 40-day journey toward Easter.



Holy Week...

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 an Easter story and activity and then hunt eggs in the field by the pavilion. Parents are encouraged to participate with us! 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, sing hosanna, in great expectation of the coming king! The second part of the service will mark the passion of Jesus, best stated in the words of the old hymn: "Ride on, Ride on in majesty, in lowly pomp, ride on to die." This service marks the beginning of our celebration of Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION • APRIL 17 • 7PM

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. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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. We walk through the garden with Jesus, his arrest, appearances before Herod and Pilate and finally his crucifixion. In silence we leave to contemplate the gift of God's grace through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY • APRIL 20 • BRUNCH AT 9:30AM • 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!

The Deacons will be sponsoring our Easter Brunch from 9:30-10:45AM. Deacons will be providing drinks (*coffee, fruit juice, water and tea*) and will set up and clean up. We ask the congregation to provide food for this potluck. Last names beginning with A through H: please bring breakfast pastries; last names beginning with I through P: please bring fruit; last names beginning with Q through Z: please bring breakfast casseroles.

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women are welcome to get involved in a Circle group: Evening Circle: First Tuesday of the month, 6PM, at Julie Benner's house; Morning Circle: Second Tuesday of the month, 9:30AM, at GPC; Jennie Shull Circle: Third Thursday of the month, noon, at GPC. Come for a visit or as a member to enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and a Bible-based lesson, formatted for lively and meaningful discussion. Call or email the church office for additional information.

MEN OF GRACE

All men are encouraged to attend a men's breakfast, if you can. Mark your calendar to join us for our next get-together on Saturday, March 15, at 9AM. If you have any joys or concerns, let us know and we will add them to our prayer list. Please come and join us and be part of this growing brotherhood. We meet the 3rd Saturday of each month for breakfast and a speaker. Questions? Email Stan (stanb4simons@gmail.com) or Bob (bshull612@gmail.com).

FELLOWSHIP

GPC Theatre Night - Thursday, Mar 13 • Opening night of *Ain't Misbehavin'* • 6:30PM—Appetizers, wine/seltzers • 7:30PM curtain time • A musical revue featuring the life and times of Fats Waller, jazz singer and pianist extraordinaire, whose performances in the 1920's "Supper Clubs" ushered in an era of fresh, exciting songs, rhythms, and dances. Sign up in the narthex and make reservations/pay by contacting TCT directly or online. Be sure to ask for special pricing for children, students and seniors.

MO RANCH

Save the date: May 23-26, 2025 • This family camp is a great family getaway on the banks of the Guadalupe River for some fellowship, community, legacy and tradition. More details to come!

Mo Ranch Women's Conference 2025 is June 6-8 • All women interested in attending this three-day retreat in the beautiful Texas Hill Country are encouraged to go to <https://www.moranch.org> for more information and registration details.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

March *Member of the Month* is **Rena Taylor**! It's time to shower her with cards! Mail cards to: 4 Aft Lane, Belton, TX 76513. 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!

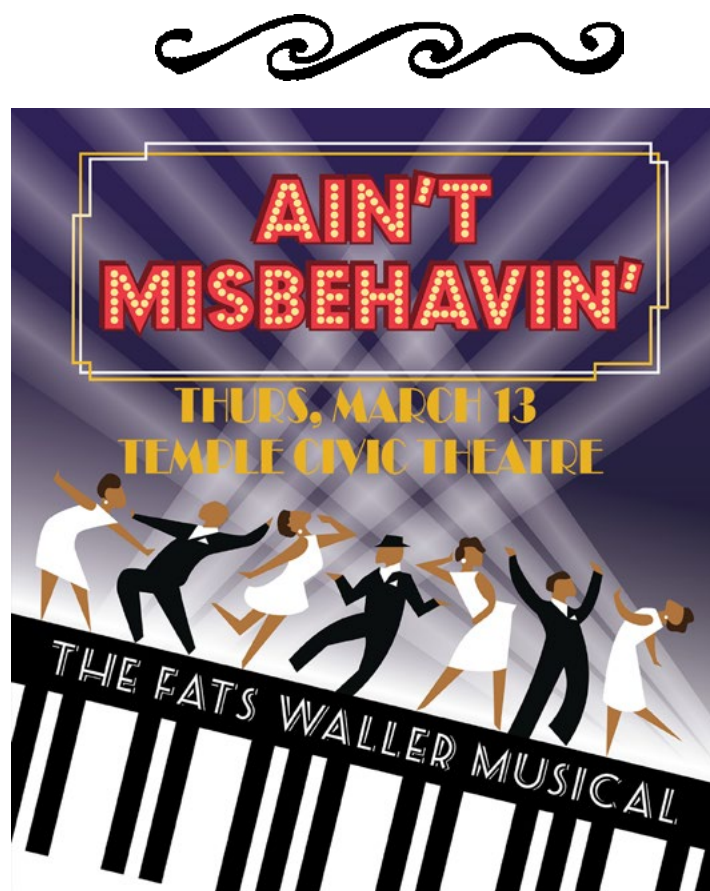
WATCH US ONLINE!!

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!

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!



6:30PM - Appetizers & Beverages
7:30PM - Curtain time
Tickets: Adults \$25pp
Special rates for children/students and seniors

Sign up in the narthex then contact TCT by phone or online to make reservations



MUSIC MINISTRY

Handbell rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6-7PM and is directed by Josh Essary - joshuaessary@gmail.com

Chancel Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7-8PM and is directed by Chelsea Stern, Minister of Music chelsea@gpctemple.org

For more information about Grace Music Ministry visit our webpage at <https://www.gpctemple.org/>



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 - Fri, March 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 by Wednesday, March 5** on our website!

First Sunday Family Fellowship Lunch - Sunday, March 2 (*following worship*). All meet at *McAlister's Deli*, Temple. This is for all families with children and/or youth and is a 'dutch treat' expense (pay for your own).

LOGOS Schedule and Menu

3/5 - no meeting - Ash Wednesday

3/12 - No meeting - TISD Spring Break

3/19 - Macaroni and cheese with ham and green beans

3/26 - Chicken nuggets, goldfish, and applesauce



Children's Easter Egg Hunt (and Candy Donations) - Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday) • 9:30AM (during Sunday School hour) • We are looking for candy donations to help stuff the eggs for this event. If this is something you feel led to donate to, we would greatly appreciate it! We ask that all please ensure all candy is in the original bag and that no chocolate or peanut butter are in the candy you bring. We will take donations starting March 1 until April 1. The donations can be placed in the church office or in bins located in the narthex.

YOUTH SCHEDULE

Mar 1 - (Sat) Feed My Sheep mission opportunity at Elizabeth Farms • 9AM-12PM

Mar 2 - Sunday Youth Meeting • 9:30-11AM

Mar 9 - Sunday Youth Meeting • 9:30-11AM

Mar 16 - Sunday Youth Meeting • 9:30-11AM

Mar 23 - Sunday Youth Meeting • 9:30-11AM

Mar 30 - Sunday Youth Meeting • 9:30-11AM



SAFETY TRAINING

We are hosting a ministry safe training and updated background checks for all adults interested in/or currently working with youth and children of the church. This training is required training for volunteers with our young people. It is open to any member of the church who has been a member for at least 6 months or will be by the time they engage in volunteer activities. The dates for the training are March 12 and March 16. With only one of the two dates being required to attend, not both. An email has been sent to current and past volunteers, but if you did not receive the email or are considering volunteering in the next year, please contact Maddie Clark at maddiebeadell@gmail.com for more information.

FEED MY SHEEP

This year's FMS dates where Grace Presbyterian will provide meals to FMS clients are:

- April 22 (sandwiches) / April 23 (hot meal)
- June 24 (sandwiches) / June 25 (hot meal)
- August 12 (sandwiches) / August 13 (hot meal)
- September 23 (sandwiches) / September 24 (hot meal)
- October 21 (sandwiches) / October 22 (hot meal)



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Clarence Mason	3/1
Mike Milbery	3/1
Kevin Cushman	3/3
Sandi Lenehan	3/3
Bob Ritchie	3/3
Jan Salzman	3/5
Linda Chupik	3/8
Kirsten Collins	3/9
June Cushman	3/9
Stan Simons	3/9
Al Lowe	3/11
Dave Tullis	3/14
Leslie Gosney	3/20
Bob Shull	3/20
Denise Arnoudse	3/24
John Bowling	3/25
Pearl Kotrla	3/25
Aaron Edmondson	3/26
Greg Miller	3/29



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IN PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP:

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30AM COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

11 AM WORSHIP

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE



Watch our services on YouTube, Facebook or our website.

Click the links above or visit us:

Facebook: @gpctemple • Online: www.gpctemple.org

PLACE LABEL HERE

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.

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.

missed a service?

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