

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.

Announcements...

This is Mission Month! All are invited during the Sunday School hour in August to participate in mission service activities! Meet in the fellowship hall from 9:30-10:30AM each Sunday thru Aug 24 to participate in mission month activities. Next Sun, Aug 24 all are encouraged to wear their 'grubby clothes' as there will be designated projects for all to help with around the building (cleaning toys, windows or chalkboards, etc).

Rally Day is Sept 7 at 9:30AM, is a *Rally Day* celebration starting in the fellowship hall and ending in each Sunday school room. There will be fruit and coffee provided, please bring your favorite pastry to share. We will also offer faith at home resources for your family to use throughout the year. This will be the official start to Sunday School for the fall!

LOGOS will begin **Wed, Sept 10** (thru Nov 19—excluding Oct 8) LOGOS meets on Wednesdays from 5:30-7PM (dinner included) • This Fall we will learn about the Fruits of the Spirit • Registration is open on our website!

LOGOS Training - We are in need of volunteers to help this fall/spring with our LOGOS program on Wednesday evenings • This is a once a week commitment on Wednesday evening from 5:30-7PM • Nursery care is available • Email Maddie Clark at maddiebeadell@gmail.com • Plan to attend the LOGOS volunteer training on **Sept 3**, from 5:30-6:30PM in room 205

Music Ministry - Fall choir and handbell rehearsals begin **Wed, Sept 3** All are welcome! Handbell rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6-7PM (contact Josh Essary at joshuaessary@gmail.com) • Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7-8PM (contact Chelsea Stern in the church office or at chelsea@gpctemple.org). Music Ministry Kick-off Fall party/potluck is **Wed, Aug 27** from 5:30-7:30pm at the home of Chris & Chelsea Stern. Please bring a dish, side or dessert to share! Paper goods/drink provided—dress comfortable. Children welcome or childcare at church provided for babies-5th grade.

Parent's Night Out - Fri, Sept 5 • 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, Aug 27**

August Member of the Month is Kirk Kirkley! Mail cards to: c/o Creekside Terrace, 1555 Powell Ave, #519, 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!

Presbyterian Women Study Guides: Guides that have been pre-ordered will be available for pickup later this month at the \$12 rate. Pay at time of pickup; cash or check made out to *Grace Presbyterian Church (GPC)* with *PW Study Guide* on the memo line. *If paying with cash—exact amounts is requested. New Members welcome! Call or text Julie Benner (254-228-3252), Patti Smith (254-541-6127), or Pat Wurster (254-760-7732).

Leadership at Grace...

Interim Pastor
Minister of Music
Organist/pianist
Projectionist/Sound Technician
Elder of the Day
Liturgist

Rev. Naomi Ingram
Chelsea Stern
Jonathan Gary
Murray McCarley
Joshua Essary
Tom Pechal

GPC ELDERS

<u>CLASS of 2025</u>	<u>CLASS of 2026</u>	<u>CLASS of 2027</u>
Margaret Buchanan Mike Milbery Josh Essary Bill Stanley	Sarah Nickerson A'Lisa Ozment Tom Stringfellow Richard Tolleson	John Burns Margie McLoud Patti Smith Bill Stokes

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<u>CLASS of 2025</u>	<u>CLASS of 2026</u>	<u>CLASS of 2027</u>
Dan Gatlin Lynn Grant Bob Ritchie Marilyn Ritchie	Andrine Kagu Kenny Lange Becky Northen Norman Northen	Lee Ann Bettis Joey Tabarlet Martha Tabarlet Debbie Trahan

*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!

Pastoral Care - If you have any pastoral care needs, you can contact our church office or our part-time Interim Pastor, Rev. Naomi Ingram, at 254.718.0832 or by email at ningrim@hotmail.com

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

Jeremiah 1:4-10 • Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29 • Luke 13:10-17

Worship for the Lord's Day

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 17, 2025 • 11 AM

We Gather in the Lord's Name

Prelude

Come, Thou Almighty King

ARR MICHAEL BURKHARDT

Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship (Ephesians 1:5, 11-12)

One: Friends, if God is for us, who can be against us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

All: Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. We are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

One: It is good then to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to God Most High; to declare God's steadfast love in the morning and God's faithfulness at nighttime.

All: The steadfast love of the Lord never Ceases; God's mercies are everlasting. Great is God's faithfulness.

One: Let us worship the Lord, our God!

*Hymn #2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

*Call to Confession

Let us confess to our God, for the Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

*Prayer of Confession

God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore, we confess our sins—both things we have done and things we have left undone—in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love. Amen. (silence for personal confession)

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

One: Dearly beloved, through the power of the Spirit that is at work within you, know that God forgives our sins and strengthens our inner beings.

All: 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.

*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.**
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We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination
One: Holy God, may this your Word give us the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the length and width, the height and depth of the love of Christ and fullness of life in you.
All: Amen.

Psalm of the Day Psalm 139:7-12 (NRSV) PEW BIBLE, P. 503
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 30:19-20a (NRSV) PEW BIBLE, P. 163
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Moment with Children Rev. Naomi Ingram

Epistle Reading Romans 8:22-28 (NRSV) PEW BIBLE, P. 919

Gospel Reading Luke 13:1-5 (NRSV) PEW BIBLE, P. 848
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Naomi Ingram
*Phrases You THOUGHT Were Biblical Pt. 2:
Everything Happens for a Reason*

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn # 29 O God, You Search Me (Psalm 139) O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

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.

Call to Offering:
One: Freely you have received, freely give. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.
All: Amen.

Offertory How Great Thou Art
Dan Gatlin, sololist

*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
Generous God, receive these gifts as investments in your kingdom of love, justice and peace. Use this money and use our lives to bring about the world as you intend it. With gratitude we pray, amen.

Go Into the World to Serve

*Hymn #720 Jesus Calls Us GALILEE

*Benediction

*Benediction Sung Response REV 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 Fugue J K F FISCHER

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.

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Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

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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
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