

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...

Homecoming Church Picnic - TODAY May 18 (following worship) Church Pavilion • Join us as we share a traditional meal together and fellowship! Entertainment will be by *The Setting Sons* band.

You may have noticed our **new playground equipment** in the children's area. We are a bit over budget on this project and would like to offset that with donations as much as possible. If you would be interested in making a donation towards the playground equipment, please note that on your donation. Our goal is \$4000. Questions may go to Bill Stanley.

VBS Weekend is June 20-22! Times are: Fri, Jun 20 - 6-8:30PM; Sat, Jun 21 - 9AM—12PM; Sun, Jun 22 - during Sunday School and church Register at <https://vbspro.events/p/f7bf5c> • For children that are 4 yrs (at time of VBS) - 5TH grade • **Calling all VBS volunteers! We need volunteers for this!** We will have childcare for volunteers' children who are too young to participate • We will also have two VBS training days held on Wed, Jun 4 and Jun 18 from 5:30-6:30PM • Bring your own dinner if you would like! Childcare available for trainings! Questions? Contact Maddie Clark at maddiebeadell@gmail.com • Sign up to volunteer at the VBS link above

First Sunday Family Fellowship is June 1! We will be meeting at Mod Pizza in Temple (following morning worship service) • For all families with children/youth • 'Dutch' treat

June Summer Choir! The choir will sing on the first three (3) Sundays in June! We will meet each Sunday at 10am before worship to learn a song to sing in worship that morning. This is a great time for anyone to come sing with the choir for a short commitment! All are welcome! The choir will be on a break in July and August and resume after Labor Day in the Fall.



May Members of the Month is Wayne and Kay Finch! Physical ailments have made it difficult for them to attend in person, but are here in spirit! Let's shower them with cards! Mail cards to: c/o Hillside Medical Lodge, 5109 Covington Lane, Temple, TX 76502. **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!**

Church offices will be closed Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tues, May 27, at 8AM.

Did you know you can give by text? Simply text the word **GRACE** to 254.400.2420 • Thank you for being a cheerful giver!

Leadership at Grace...

Interim Pastor	Rev. Naomi Ingram
Minister of Music	Chelsea Stern
Pianist	Emily Gary
Organist	Jonathan Gary
Projectionist/Sound Technician	Murray McCarley/Joshua Essary
Liturgist	Kevin Cushman
Elder of the Day	Mike Milbery

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

BOARD OF DEACONS

<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

Acts 16:9-15 • Psalm 67 • Psalm 109:21-31
Revelation 21:10,22—22:5 • John 14:23-29

Worship for the Lord's Day

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAY 18, 2025 • 11 AM

We Gather in the Lord's Name

Prelude *Shout to the Lord*
Text: arr Ellen Elwell (2002); Darlene Zschech/Hillson Publishing; CCLi 1324215

Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship
One: Alleluia! Christ is alive;
All: Let all the people praise Him.
One: Let all creation sing with joy.
All: Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Hymn #35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*
arr Lobe Den Herren (1863); (public domain); CCLi 1324215

*Prayer of the Day (Please join with me in the Prayer of the Day)
Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called the people of your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Call to Confession
Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor...

*Prayer of Confession
God of mercy, you command us to love one another across all differences and open us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.
(silence for personal prayers of confession)

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon
One: God's promises are trustworthy and true. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Alleluia, amen.
All: Amen.
One: The peace of Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: Having been forgiven, let us share our peace with one another.

*The Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri #58
*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.*

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination
One: O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading Revelation 21:1-6 PEW BIBLE, P. 1007
This is the word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God

A Message for Children

Choral Anthem *Ain't that Good News* ARR BY MOSES HOGAN
Arr by Moses Hogan (1999); (ed: John Purifoy); CCLi 1324215

Second Scripture Reading Acts 11:1-18 PEW BIBLE, P. 895
This is the word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *The Underground Fence* Rev. Naomi Ingram

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn #693 *Though I May Speak* GIFT OF LOVE
Text: Hal H. Hopson, © 1972 Hope Publishing Company; CCLi 1324215

*The Affirmation of Faith
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Offertory *When Love Is Found*
arr. Robert Adams (2007); Augsburg Fortress; CCLi 1324215

*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.**

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.

Go Into the World to Serve

*Hymn #839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!* ASSURANCE
Fanny Jane Crosby, 1873; Korean trans.; CCLi 1324215

*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 *Moderato con moto*
César Franck (1985); W.W. Norton & Company, Inc; CCLi 1324215

*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
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