

# 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.

## Holy Week

### EASTER EGG HUNT • APRIL 13 • 9:30AM (during Sunday School)

All Children of the church are invited to participate! Children will start in Sunday School class or in the nursery with Easter activities and then hunt eggs in the field by the pavilion. Parents, please stay with your children during the hunt. 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. Chancel Choir and LOGOS Children's Choir will sing. All the children of the church are invited to process with palm branches. All children who want to will meet at 10:50AM in the narthex to gather palms and line up for the procession.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION APRIL 17 • 7 PM

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. Music will be led by our Praise Team as we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Childcare is provided.

### 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. Music will be led by our Chancel Choir, interspersed with meaningful hymns and readings. In silence we leave to contemplate the gift of God's grace through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Childcare is provided.

### EASTER SUNDAY • APRIL 20 • 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! No Sunday School on this Easter Sunday.

### ALL CHURCH EASTER BRUNCH • 9:30 AM

All are invited for this Easter Brunch in the Fellowship Hall • This is a potluck brunch with a suggestion for what to bring: Last names beginning with A-J: Breakfast Casserole; L-Q: Fruit; R-Z: Breakfast Pastries or Baked Goods • Deacons will provide coffee, tea, and juice • Come for fellowship!

## Leadership at Grace...

Guest Preaching	Colton Hedrick
Guest Choir Conductor	Becky Northen
Pianist	Emily Gary
Organist	Jonathan Gary
Projectionist/Sound Technician	Murray McCarley/ Joshua Essary
Liturgist	Richard Tolleson
Elder of the Day/Week	Tom Stringfellow

### 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 this week, you can contact our church office or our Elder of the Week, Tom Stringfellow, at 254.217.0221 or by email at [tstring194@gmail.com](mailto:tstring194@gmail.com)

## Prayer Ministry...

If you have a prayer need, please email Donna Bowling directly at [dc.bowling2003@gmail.com](mailto: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 43:16-21 • Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14 • John 12:1-8

# Worship for the Lord's Day

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MARCH 30, 2025 • 11 AM

## We Gather in the Lord's Name

Prelude *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ARR EMMA LOU DIEMER

Welcome/Announcements

\*Call to Worship

One: Will the people of God be called to worship?

**All: We will! Praise God!**

One: Spring is here! May our newness of life burst into many colors,

**All: Come one and all; let the world see our blossoming.**

One: May our prayers be a pleasing aroma to you, O Lord!

**All: Let us run to our God with joy and singing!**

\*Hymn #743 *O God, You Are My God* STEP BY STEP

\*Prayer of Confession

**God who runs towards us. Forgive us for overextending ourselves, and mend us with rest. Forgive us for the harsh words we think to ourselves; remind us that you would never talk to us that way. Give us eyes to see who looks back at us in the mirror as wonderfully made. Give us a holy gaze to see the banquet you have prepared for us. Keep us gazing around our lives with a strong, deathless love, a constant connection, and grace upon grace as you have for us. Hear us now as we confess in the silence ...**

\*Silent Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace — in Jesus, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

**All: 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, amen.**

## We Listen for God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit so that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 32 PEW BIBLE, P. 440

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

A Message for Children John Bowling

Choral Anthem *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* ARR HEATHER SORENSON

New Testament Lesson Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 PEW BIBLE, P. 850

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *The Prodigal Father* Colton Hedrick

## We Respond to God's Word

\*Hymn #22 *God of the Sparrow* ROEDER

\*The Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the Faith Statement of GPC, 2019)

**We believe in and share the Good News of the risen Christ, who overcame death for the sake of our salvation. The empty cross in our sanctuary reminds us that our God is living among us. We are committed to meeting the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of our brothers and sisters here and elsewhere. By showing God's love in our lives and sharing His love with others we hope to glorify God and make disciples of Jesus Christ. We believe that the church needs to be a safe place for all of God's children: a place where all are free to share openly without fear of retribution, where every voice is heard and respected, a place where instead of being divided by our differences, we celebrate that in our diversity we are united by the grace of Jesus Christ and bound as one in the Unity of the Holy Spirit. 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

Offering Prayer (Matthew 10:8)

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

Offertory *There is a Redeemer* ARR MARK HAYES

\*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

**God of feasts and warm embraces, in whose faith makes us well, see our dedicated time, talent, and resources as joining in what you are already doing in the world. Wake us up to the love you have for finding lost things, enrich our trust so that we may reach out to you, and make room here so that others may do the same. Enliven us for your world, for your steadfast love never ceases, and your mercy is new every morning. We ask these things in Jesus' name, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and unto the ages of ages. Amen.**

## Go Into the World to Serve

\*Hymn #465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* CONVERSE

\*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 *We're Marching to Zion* ARR CINDY BERRY

*Words in bold type are to be read together.  
\*Indicates worshipers are invited to rise in body and spirit*

## Announcements...

**Candy Donations needed!** Our Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be taking place on **Sun, Apr 13** (Palm Sunday) at 9:30AM (during Sunday School) We are looking for candy donations (no chocolate or peanut butter) • Please make donations through April 1 by placing them in the bin in the narthex

**Easter Lilies** - If you would like to donate a lily in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out a form located in each pew or the narthex • PLEASE **PRINT** on the forms as we want to spell the names correctly in the worship order on Easter Sunday • All forms are due by **Sun, Apr 6**

**One Great Hour of Sharing** • For over 50 years Presbyterians have joined in giving to this offering to share the love to those in need by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support the poor and oppressed Give thru April 20

*Thank you to our guest preacher, Colton Hedrick, and substitute choir conductor, Becky Northen.*

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Text? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Text? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Children/Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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