

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.

What's going on at Grace?

First Sunday Family Fellowship - Sun, Feb 2 (following worship) • Clem Mikeska's Pit BBQ & Steakhouse (1217 S. 57th St, Temple) • All families with children and/or youth are invited! 'Dutch treat'

Parent's Night Out! Fri, Feb 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 on our website or scan the QR code • Deadline to register is **Wed, Feb 5.**



LOGOS Ministry - LOGOS Wednesday evening ministry for K-5th grades • Wednesdays from 5:30-7PM with dinner provided • Register [HERE](#) or on our website under the Children's Ministry tab if you would like to attend and **did NOT** attend in the spring • Previous participants are already registered from spring semester.

Meals on Wheels - Cooks and drivers needed! Recipes and supplies provided • Requires minimal time to provide a healthy meal to someone who is unable to help themselves • Sign up for as much or as little as you can serve • Contact Peg Spangler (254.231.5205 or pspang5665@gmail.com) if able to help.

Pastoral Care - If you have any pastoral care needs this week, you can contact our church office or our Elder of the Week, A'Lisa Ozment, at 254.760.9444 or by email at alisa.ozment@archplanreview.com

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

Interested in joining GPC? If you are not a member and wish to discuss joining, we would love to talk with you! • Reach out to us at 254.773.2134.

Presbyterian Women - Join a PW Bible Study Circle! Tues Evening Circle (first Tues of mo) at 6PM (Julie Benner-254.228.3252); Tues Morning Circle (2nd Tues of mo) at 9:30AM (Pat Wurster-254.771.0220); Jennie Shull Circle (3rd Thurs of mo) at 12NOON (Patti Smith-254.541.6127)

Music Ministry - Wednesday Handbell rehearsals 6-7PM; Chancel Choir rehearsals from 7-8PM • Contact Chelsea Stern at Chelsea@gpctemple.org for questions

WE ARE CALLED TO **SHARE THE LOVE**
OF JESUS CHRIST, REACHING
OUT IN LOVE AND GROWING IN **GRACE.**

Leadership at Grace...

Guest Preaching	Rev. Dr. Bill Benner
Minister of Music	Chelsea Stern
Pianist	Emily Gary
Organist	Jonathan Gary
Projectionist/Sound Technician	Murray McCarley/ Joshua Essary
Liturgist	Richard Tolleson
Elder of the Day/Week	A'Lisa Ozment

GPC ELDERS

CLASS of 2025	CLASS of 2026	CLASS of 2027
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

CLASS of 2025	CLASS of 2026	CLASS of 2027
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!

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
I Corinthians 13:1-13 • Luke 4:21-30

Worship for the Lord's Day

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JANUARY 26, 2025 • 11 AM

We Gather in the Lord's Name

Prelude *It Is Well with My Soul* ARR MARK HAYES

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Come, all who seek joy and transformation!
Many: In the story of the wedding at Cana, we are reminded of God's abundant grace. We gather to celebrate the miracles in our midst, where ordinary moments become extraordinary.

One: Jesus turned water into wine, revealing His glory and inviting us to believe.

Many: We come with open hearts, ready to witness and experience the goodness of God.

One: Let us worship together, embracing the joy and wonder of faith.

*Hymn #156 *Sing of God Made Manifest* SALZBURG

*Prayer of Confession

One: Ever ready with cleansing love, God invites our confession, offering mercy and strength so that we may start anew.

All: Lord, we need a miracle today. Like Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana, we need a miracle today. We are tired, Lord, of the hurts of this world. We are discouraged in the face of injustice, war, poverty, and indifference. Your gifts, as many as the mighty winds, cannot be counted. Lord, crown us with your love and mercy. Show us your glory, that in you we may be moved to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy. Lord, we need a miracle today. Hear this prayer, and hear us now as we offer our confessions 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

One: In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God and the Word was God. As we read and reflect on your Scriptures, O Lord, we pray that your Spirit will move among us so that we might hear your Word, your light shining in the darkness. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

The First Lesson Psalm 36:5-10 PEW BIBLE, P. 443
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

A Moment for Children John Bowling

Solo *Sonata II in Eb Major (Allegro Moderato)* J.S. BACH
Jennie Miller, flute

The Epistle Lesson John 2:1-11 PEW BIBLE, P. 863
This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *The Gusto of the Gospel* Rev. Dr. Bill Benner

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn #292 *As the Wind Song* WAIRUA TAPU

*The Affirmation of Faith (*Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA 1983*)
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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
Offertory 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 *The Beauty of Holiness* ARR. ELLEN BANKS ELWELL

*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
We give you all thanks and praise, O God, for you have nourished us with mercy and kindness. For you, O God have created all things and have called us to be your servant people. Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we offer you thanks and praise at all times; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Go Into the World to Serve

*Hymn # 542 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* GOD BE WITH YOU

*Benediction
*Benediction Response 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 Bow Down* ARR. MARK HAYES

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

*Thank you to our preacher and church member, Rev. Dr. Bill Benner,
for the message today.*

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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 _____

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...

