

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

March 1, 2026
Second Sunday in Lent

**Those who are able, please stand.
Please silence cell phones.
Please sign the blue friendship pad at the end of the pew.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Chiming Of The Hour (Prepare your hearts for worship)

Welcome

One: "The Lord be with you."
All: "And also with you."

*Call to Worship (Psalm 121)

One: From where will our help come?

All: **Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

One: Who is our keeper?

All: **The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.**

One: How long will God protect us?

All: **God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

*Hymn 483 "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"
LIEBSTER JESU

Prayer of Confession (John 3)

All: **Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith.**

(silent confession)

One: Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 121	p. 539
First Testament: Genesis 12:1-4	p. 9
Gospel: John 3:1-17	p. 88

Sermon Rev. J. David Jordan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Discipleship

Offertory

*Doxology Hymn #606

Prayer of Dedication (Romans 5)

All: **Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude— for your call on our lives, your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (To be sung together)

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.

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

**"The Body of Christ given for you."
"The Blood of Christ shed for you."**

*Hymn 292 "As the Wind Song"
WAIRUA TAPU

SENT FORTH TO SERVE

Announcements

*Charge and Blessing

*Chorus

"Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love. There is only one God, there is only one King, and there is only one body; that is why we sing. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love."

Please greet each other as you leave with these words:
"Grace to you."

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sundays

9:30 a.m. Bible Study - Max Lucado's *Life Lessons from Romans*.

Tuesdays

10:00 a.m. Ladies of Grace Bible Study - Max Lucado's *How Happiness Happens*.
The book we will be studying for Lent is *The Last Week* by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan.

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Flowers and Refreshments 2026

If you would like to bring flowers and/or refreshments this year, please see the bulletin board to sign up. Thank you!

Liturgist: Nathan Steritz

Ushers: Jerry and Susan Atkins, Barbara Quintrell

Communion Servers: Marsha Loftin, Mary Ann Sheehy, and Grace Walden

Refreshments: Richard Smith

Flowers: Roberta Coleman

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Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church!
Grace is a church for the community, and all of God's people are welcome here.

In Our Prayers: John and Susan Adams (Marsha Loftin), Anna (Kristi Deutz), Susan Atkins, Frank Ball, Ruth Ann Ball, the Barnes Family - Carey and his son Baron (Mary Ann Sheehy), Helen UHarotai Bartal (Kellie Dixon), Kenneth Behrens (Karen Permenter), Bill and Sandy (Dan Scott), Gretchen Blackwell, Teresa Bright, Carmen, Cathy (Kristi Deutz), Lisa Conn, Trey Courtney, Patricia Crain (Ruth Ann Ball), Darren (Chris Yarbrough), Karen Davenport, Joan and Randy Davis, Mary Delasota (Bob Thornton), Jared Dixon, Jared Mike Eason (Joey), Bettie Fore, Marvin Fuller (Kelly), Jim Hambright, Patrick Hawkins family (Shirley), Dustin Heard's family, Clara, Hogan (Shirley), Margaret Hunt (Jim Hambright), Robert Hunt (Jim Hambright), Irena (Gretchen Blackwell), Robert Ivy, Jenna (Reece Neidlinger), John Joh, Cindy Johnson (Amanda Herrit), Doug Jones (Margie O'Byrne), Joyce (Dan Scott), Julia (Kristi Deutz), Justin (Carmen), Cliff Kelley (Andy), Sharra Kelley, Cynthia Kodua, Shelby Lee, Linda (Jaycey), Martha's Family (Dan Scott), Marty (Sherry), Reed Maurer, Ron McElliott (Jessica Johns), Anna McQuilken (Kristi Deutz), Jane Miller, John Murray (Betty Banks), Eric Nelson (Katie), Mrs. Nichols (Lynette), Mike Norton, Margie O'Byrne, Joan Palazzolo, Kay Parrish, Betty Powell, Mandy Power, Brenda Reagans (Kristie), Roman Ryan (Marsha), Sally (Kelly), Chris Seese, Kathy Silvio (Marsha Loftin), Nancy Smiley (Ruth Ann Ball), Mel Smith (Margie), Jacob Stone (Nancy McCue), Susan (Ruth Ann Ball), Brad and Colleen Taylor, Thomas (Kelly), Viviana Torres, the family of John Trammel (Emma Teems), Trudy (Sandy), Virginia (Kelly), Carol Watkins, Bill and Sherry Weeks, Crystal Weiler (Chris Seese), Lynn Wessinger (Hampton Bishop), Sandra White, Wilma & her husband (Sandy), Desi Witten (Richard)

Assisted Living: Sandy Grimes

Sympathy: The family of Gov. Jim Hunt, the family of John Scoggins, the family of David Sheehy

Elders : Andy Clemons, Betty Powell, Shirley Schmelzinger, Gene Seese, Lynette Steritz, and Bob Thornton

Clerk of Session: Dan Schmelzinger

Deacons: Jerry Atkins, Jane Miller, Barbara Quintrell, Christine Seese, Richard Smith, and Priscilla Taylor

Nominating Committee: Bonnie Fry, Christy Jordan, Kristie Myers, Betty, Powell, Barbara Quintrell, Mary Ann Sheehy, and Nathan Steritz



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