

July 25, 2021

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Midland, Texas

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PRELUDE

Prelude in F Major - Bach

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God comes with hands filled with grace;

God offers justice like a neighbor with tomatoes from the garden.

For this reason, we come to worship our God.

Jesus comes to hold up those whose legs wobble;

Jesus picks up all who stumble over their faith.

For this reason, we come to follow Jesus.

The Holy Spirit comes, as close as every breath we take;

the Spirit makes clear God's hopes for us.

For this reason, we come to learn from the Spirit.

*HYMN "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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.

Silent confession

The river of God's mercy runs deeper and wider than our sin.
God removes our sins as far as the heavens are above the earth.
Beloved in the risen Christ, we are forgiven.
Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Bob Alexander

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE 2 Samuel 11:1-15 John 6:1-21

SERMON "Love of Power / Power of Love"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(written by two fourteen year old boys in a worship workshop in Iona, Scotland)

We believe in God who made the sea and the earth, the sun and the sky,
who calls us to live responsibly.

We believe in Jesus Christ who became human, who healed the sick, who talked to children,
who made friends with sinners.

He burned brightly and offended many.

His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.

His light continues to shine in the darkness.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who inspired the scriptures, and whose breath we breathe.

We believe that God calls us to be a community, committed to one another,
offering a welcome to everyone, old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak.

We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers, workers for justice,
brothers and sisters, a light for our world. Amen.

*HYMN "Jesus Loves Me"

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OFFERING OUR GIFTS

As God provides seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so has God provided enough
for us to share as we give thanks and praise through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

(please leave your gifts in one of the offering plates by the sanctuary doors)

SPECIAL MUSIC: The Backsliders

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE: The Backsliders

**please rise in body or spirit*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Avery Scott,
celebrating her sister Kennedy's birthday on July 26.*

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The people of Grace Presbyterian Church gather to seek and to worship God, and disperse, sharing and celebrating through love and service, the grace of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to you as you worship with us today! You honor us by your presence and we give thanks for you. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to make your church home with us. For more information about uniting with this church, please contact Pastor Cheryl Homsher through the church office (684-6542) or Assisting Elder, Judy Serpas.

ST. ANDREWS MISSION FUNDS

Don't forget to **sign up to be part of a research / information-gathering team** for the 3 areas of ministry we are considering for use of the St. Andrews Funds: 1) affordable child care, etc; 2) community garden on our grounds; 3) other ways to address food insecurity. The sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex. We hope to have groups start meeting in August.

SUMMER KIDS CLUB - Daily Bread Café

All Kids Kinder-6th grade, are invited to join us from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights, for "Daily Bread Café." Afterwards all kids (and their families) are welcome to join the whole church for supper at "Burgers & Blessings" in the Fellowship Hall.

BURGERS & BLESSINGS

EVERY WEDNESDAY THRU AUGUST 11

You are invited to share your favorite side dish or dessert (not required). Grace will provide Burgers & Dogs with the fixings along with beverages.. Volunteers to work in the Kitchen or be a grill master, please contact Ralph Truszkowski (retski@suddenlink.net or 432-260-1647)

UPDATED PROTOCOLS / NEW NORMAL

Those who have not been vaccinated are encouraged to wear masks and practice social distancing.

CALENDAR

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>Adult Sunday School</u>	<u>7/25 9:30 am</u>	<u>Adult Sunday School Room/ZOOM</u>
<u>Children's Sunday School</u>	<u>7/25 10:15 am</u>	<u>Kid's Sunday School Room</u>
<u>Worship</u>	<u>7/25 11:00 am</u>	<u>Sanctuary/ZOOM/Facebook Live</u>
<u>Zoomers</u>	<u>7/26 3:00 pm</u>	<u>ZOOM</u>
<u>Celebration! Handbell Choir Rehearsal</u>	<u>7/27 7:00 pm</u>	<u>Bell Choir Room</u>
<u>Soul Sisters</u>	<u>7/28 2:00 pm</u>	<u>Koinonia Room</u>
<u>Kids Club</u>	<u>7/28 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Kids Club Room</u>
<u>Burgers and Blessings</u>	<u>7/28 6:00 pm</u>	<u>Fellowship Hall</u>
<u>Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</u>	<u>7/28 7:00 pm</u>	<u>Choir Room</u>
<u>Bulletin Information Due 7/28</u>		
<u>Adult Sunday School</u>	<u>8/1 9:30 am</u>	<u>Adult Sunday School Room/ZOOM</u>
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