



GRACE

*We are called by the Holy Spirit into a loving
relationship with Jesus Christ,
glorifying God,
growing in faith,
serving others, and
sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.*

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Order of Worship

Grace Presbyterian Church

February 28, 2016

3rd Sunday in Lent

Preparing for Worship

Holy and loving God,
as we worship you today,
we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us,
to help us become more holy and more loving.
In a world that does not understand repentance,
we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline
that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. **Amen.**

Gathering Around the Word

Chiming of the Bells

A call to pause in quiet reflection as we gather for worship.

Lighting the Trinity Candle

As we enter worship we signify the presence of God and remind ourselves that we are the worshipers and God is at the center of our celebration.

Prelude

Scriabin

Choral Introit

Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Friendship Pads

Please sign the friendship pad and pass it along your row. As you pass it back to its starting point, note the names of those near you and greet one another during the passing of the peace or after the service. You are invited to use a prayer request card (in the red registration folder) to share your joys and concerns.

Announcements of Church Life (see screen)



*Call to Worship



(The congregation voice in **printed in bold.**)

Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace;
approach our God, who is full of mercy.

**We will praise God with all our heart
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn

“Let Us with a Gladsome Mind”

No. 31 ☩

Seeking God’s Grace

Call to Confession

Seeking Together God’s Forgiveness

Hymn of Lament

“Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart”

No. 427 ☩

Words of Assurance and Forgiveness

*Response of Praise

“Glory Be to the Father”

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Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

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world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Hearing the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Moment for Discipleship

Pastor Craig Sanders

(All are invited to join the pastor and children at the front of the sanctuary for a short object lesson about the Christian faith.)

Scripture Readings

First Reading

Psalm 63:1-8
Pew Bible, Page 498, OT

God’s Word is a lamp to our feet,
and a light to our path.

Thanks be to God

Ah, turn me not away, receive me though unworthy.
 Hear Thou my cry, hear Thou my cry, Behold, Lord, my distress!
 Answer me from Thy throne, Haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid!
 Thy pity show in my deep anguish.
 Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, Though righteous Thine anger, O Lord!
 Shield me in danger, O regard me! On Thee, O Lord, will I call!
 O divine Redeemer! I pray thee grant me pardon,
 And remember not my sins! Forgive me!
 Night gathers round my soul, Fearful, I cry to Thee,
 Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me!
 Hear my cry, Save me, Lord in Thy mercy; Come and save me, O Lord!
 Save in the day of retribution, From death shield Thou me, O my God!
 O divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Savior!

***Second Reading**

Luke 13:1-9
 Pew Bible, Page 71, NT

God's Word is a lamp to our feet,
 and a light to our path.

Thanks be to God

Sermon**"On Repentance"**

Rev. Craig Sanders

Responding to the Word of God

***Affirmation of Faith**

**Through Christ's death
 our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him,
 so that the evil desires of the flesh
 may no longer rule us,
 but that instead we may dedicate ourselves
 as an offering of gratitude to him.** —*Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 43*

Hymn of Response*"Just as I Am, without One Plea"**

No. 442

Offering of Ourselves Back to God

Call to Self-Offering**The Offering**

Offertory

Prokofiev

*Response of Thanksgiving

No. 607 ✧

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Elder Tom Denny

(If you would like to have your prayer concern mentioned please find the prayer clipboard on the table in the Narthex and write your request in the appropriate section on the form.)

The Lord’s Prayer

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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 today our daily bread. 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.

Sending into the World

*Hymn of Commitment

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

No. 649 ✧

*Blessing and Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Sharing God’s Peace

✧

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you!

(Please greet those around you and welcome new visitors.)

Postlude

Haydn

Copies of Pastor Sanders' sermons are available each week through the Pastoral Care Ministry. If you know of a home-bound person, college student, or just a friend or neighbors who might be interested, please contact John Matson at 817-465-0014.

Joys and Concerns During Worship: There is a clipboard on the table in the narthex for prayer request. Please feel free to write your request on the clipboard before worship and it will be mentioned during the “Prayers of the People”.

Welcome to Grace

Welcome to life together in Jesus Christ! We extend an invitation to membership in Grace Presbyterian Church to all who feel called to grow in faith and discipleship with this warm fellowship of Christians. Come join our family of faith!

Child care is provided from infant to age 5 in the Nursery, Room 101.

The Guardian Angel for service today is *Jenny Ross*.

The Ushers for service today are *John Sutton, Tom Denny, Juliette Westphal* and *Ron Westphal*.

The Audio/Visual Technician for today is *Dave Kinkel*.

Offering Counters for this week are *Sam McAllister* and *Elsa Louis*.

The Landscape Maintenance Crew for this week is *John Hendricks, Tom Sicks* and *Sam McAllister*.

3rd Sunday in Lent, Lectionary Scripture Readings, February 28:

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Follow Grace Presbyterian on the web! Our website is: <http://gpcarlington.org/> and our Facebook page is: www.facebook.com/GracePresbyterianArlington

Need to get the word out about your ministry, or special event at Grace? You can use the Grace Communications Form (at: <http://gpcarlington.org/main/index.php/about-grace-third/communications-form>), send a request via email to the Administration Ministry at commform@gpcarlington.org, or contact the Administrations Ministry Session liaisons Jim Johnson at: administration@gpcarlington.org.

If you would like to contact Pastor Sanders his church office e-mail is pastor@gpcarlington.org. Please feel free to contact him in the office during office hours at 817-468-0868. Craig's cell phone number is 936-727-0098.



If you are struggling with something in your life and would like someone to talk to and pray with you, consider having a Stephen Minister. Contact Louie Nash, 817-999-8962 or louie.nash@sidehike.net

Reminder----Hearing assistance devices are available to those who need them. They are located on the table outside the office.

Prayers of Grace for the week of February 28, 2016
“This is the boldness we have in Christ, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.”

1 John 5:14

This prayer page is a compilation of prayer requests including last Sunday, those submitted during the week (in italics), and ongoing prayer requests from previous weeks. (Some requests may be missing because they came in after the bulletin deadline.) ***Please remember these needs in your prayers this week.***

IN THANKSGIVING:

Birthdays this week:

Marcia Walker 2/28; Sarah Whinery 3/1; Daniel Howland and Bill O’Mary 3/2; Scott Loftin and Kody Kindt 3/3; James McAllister and Claire Whinery 3/4; and Tim McGaha 3/5

FOR HEALING AND COMFORT:

Prayers for Don Cushing, Dave Walker’s neighbor/childhood friend who died on Monday.

Joan and Jim Smith’s son-in-law, Tim, recovering from shingles and surgery.

Mary Wood, (Linda Kindt’s mother) going through medical treatment.

Marcia Walker’s recovery from surgery.

April and Mitch Lechelt as his Parkinson’s progresses.

Betty Sicks’ recovery from knee replacement surgery.

Warren Brown, recovering from a stroke.

Strength for all the caregivers for these people.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

Ryan Coop US Navy (California)

Michael Fisher (San Antonio, TX)

Sailor William Kapp (Persian Gulf)

Capt. Neil Kennedy (Middle East)

WO1 Brent King (Fort Hood, TX)

PFC Benjamin Martinez (Pensacola, FL)

E5. James McAllister (Kings Bay, GA)

CW3 Andy Musfeldt (Corpus Christi NAS-Truax)

LCDR Brian Musfeldt (Guam)

2nd Lt. David Saporito (Pensacola, FL)

PFC Jonathon Scarborough (Okinawa)

Drea Staser (Eielson, AK)

For our first-responders: Linda Kindt and Cole Brock

Related To

Grandson of Larry Coop

Related to Gehlin & Becky Menti

Nephew of Ruth Gornet-Irwin

Son of Bruce & Sherry Capehart

Related to Gehlin & Becky Menti

Nephew of Anna and Roger Perez

Son of Sam & Barb McAllister

Nephew of Net, Ron & Susan Musfeldt

Son of Ron & Susan Musfeldt

Cousin of Brian Anderson Family

Grandson of Dick and Joan Townsend

Niece of Gehlin and Becky Menti

FOR OUR CHURCH AND ITS MINISTRY: Session, for direction and leadership; Ministry teams for diligence and compassion.

FOR MINISTRIES: The New Beginnings Ministries: New Day, Story Time, Senior Events, Memory Café, Meals on Wheels, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts and Charlotte Anderson mentoring program.



Prayer concerns will be removed after two weeks in the bulletin unless the prayer concern is updated. Those in hospice care will remain under prayer concerns.

To have the **prayer chain activated**, submit your prayer to prayerrequest@gpcarlinton.org or use the prayer chain link online at www.gpcarlinton.org. The requests are directly linked to our prayer chain team leader Barb McAllister.

LIFE AT GRACE.

“TheTangible Kingdom” Book Study every Sunday night at 7 p.m. in room 103. Please join us and bring the book, “The Tangible Kingdom: Creating Incarnational Community”. We are going to study this book to address the need for our church to create a culture of disciple-making and evangelism. This is an important priority for us and I hope you will join us in creating this culture.

The World Community for Christian Meditation. Join the new group at Grace: Christian Meditation. This is meditation practiced in the Christian tradition. Its roots go back to the beginnings of the Church, the Gospel teachings of Jesus and the advice of early Christian monks. Meditation does not replace other forms of prayer. It revives their meaning.

We will meet Sundays from 3:00 to 4:15 in room 103. More information about this enriching spiritual experience and the World Community for Christian Meditation is available in the narthex. A sign-up sheet is there as well. If you have questions, feel free to contact Greg Southworth, meditation leader, at greg27241@yahoo.com.

You’re invited...Kayley Nell Walker will be “special guest” singer with Andy Meadows and his 9-pc band at (Modern Day Crooner) concert. She will open the show at 8:30 p.m. with 30 minutes of music featuring original song, “Paul Newman”. The Concert is Saturday, March 12, Stage Coach Ballroom, 2516 E. Belknap, Fort Worth, TX 76111. Ticket info: www.andymeadows.net/shows (Also, swing dance contest with \$100 Cash Prize)!!!



STORY TIME NEEDS YOU!! If you enjoy working with children, Story Time may be for you! We are in need of more people to read and to assist on Story Time days. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00-5:00 at Rush Creek Apartments, just east of the South Cooper and Sublett intersection. You can sign up for just one day each month, or once each week. Our schedule is flexible: we all have appointments, travels, illness, and emergencies that happen from time to time, and we step in for each other when things come up. But our numbers are few and we are in need of more on our team. We need **YOU!** Come join our happy, dedicated group. See Dixie Conine, Net Musfeldt, or Susan Musfeldt for more information.

Monday Circle Bible Study, Women of Grace (WOG), will meet on **Monday, March 7th**, at 9:15 a.m., Room 109. The Bible Study for 2016 is entitled "*Come to the Waters.*" The lesson leader is Elsa Louis, the devotional leader is Betty Sicks, and the hostess is Elaine McCann. The heart share is books for Story Time. For questions, please contact Anna Perez, Monday Circle Coordinator.

Alert Seniors! A Matter of Balance class, a free AWARD WINNING program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels, will begin February 24 through March 18, Wednesday and Friday mornings, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Come have fun with us and improve your overall health through increased activity. Sign up today by calling Cynthia at 817-468-0868 or see Elsa Louis in church Sunday.

“Come and See” is a new gathering for worship, fellowship, outreach and service. We will meet each week on **Wednesday nights** in the Sanctuary. We will begin at **7pm** and will be done with the formal meeting by no later than **8:30 PM**. For those who want hang out longer, last one out turns off the lights.

Once in a while we will have **a meal together** and those evenings we will begin at 6:30 p.m. and they will be **“intergenerational.”** (That means we will plan on having children with us the whole time, i.e., No childcare!)

Once in a while we will **do something in the community** that we hope will serve to build the Kingdom of God “on earth, as it is in heaven.”

Please come and be a part of this new community we are building to reach the community with the love of God through lifting up Christ and loving our neighbors.

Keep checking back for more information about this new gathering, and don't forget to invite others to **come and see**.

If you have any questions, you may talk with Kate Juengerman, Kent Couch or Pastor Craig.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 20, 10:30 a.m. **One great hour of sharing and offering**

Maundy Thursday, March 24, 7:00 p.m. **Communion**

Good Friday, March 25, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27

Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m.?

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.

Easter Service/Lord's Supper, 10:30 a.m.

YOUTH CONNECTION

Under 30 Sunday School (anyone under 30 is welcome!):
“Maxed Out! How Old Testament Personalities Handled Stress”
9:00 a.m. on Sundays in Room 104

Sunday School at Grace 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Nursery (available during worship service)	Room 101
Children (pre-k through 6).....	Room 110
Youth (Grades 7 through College)	Room 104
Christianity 101: Spiritual Formation and Discipleship (Adults).....	Room 103
Contemporary Issues (Adults)	Room 108
Soul Sisters (Women's Study).....	Room 109
The Present Word (Adults).....	Room 107

Financial Report

	Jan 2016	YTD
Budgeted income	18,577	18,577
Budgeted Expenses	18,698	18,698
Actual Income	22,760	22,760
Actual Expenses	17,668	17,668
Income over (under) Expenses	5,092	5,092

Devotional Booklets

Several copies of the current devotional booklet, “Our Daily Bread,” are still available in the basket on the table outside the sanctuary doors. Please pick up your copy for March-April-May.

This Week at Grace Presbyterian Church

Sunday February 28	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00-4:00 p.m. 3:00-4:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service Girl Scout Troop 3538, Room 108 Christian Meditation Class, Room 103 Tangible Kingdom Book Study, Room 103
Monday February 29	6:00-8:00 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m. 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 3532, Room 110 Venture Crew 421, Assembly Room Boy Scout Troop 421, Sanctuary
Tuesday March 01	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry, Room 107
Wednesday March 02	10:00 a.m. 9:30-11:30 a.m. 6:30-7:30 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m. 7:30-9:00 p.m.	Bulletin Deadline A Matter of Balance Class, Room 108 Library Ministry, Room 105 "Come and See" Gathering, Sanctuary Adult Choir-Assembly Room
Thursday March 03	10:00-12:00 p.m.	Spirituality Class, Room 109
Friday March 04	9:30-11:30 a.m.	A Matter of Balance Class, Room 108
Saturday March 05	9:00-5:00 p.m.	Presbytery Meeting, Austin College, Sherman
Sunday March 06	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00-4:00 p.m. 2:00-4:00 p.m. 2:00-4:00 p.m. 2:00-4:00 p.m. 3:00-4:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service-Celebration of the Lord's Supper Girl Scout Troop 3503, Room 107 Girl Scout Troop 3506, Room 109 Girl Scout Troop 3535, Room 110 Girl Scout Troop 3538 Ambassadors, Room 108 Christian Meditation Class, Room 103 Tangible Kingdom Book Study, Room 103
Daily Monday-Fri	9:30 a.m.	Meals on Wheels-Room 110

Office Hours this Week

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Leading In Worship

Wed/Sunday
Craig Sanders
Pastor

Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Julie Bayless
Praise Team Volunteer Leader

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Gehlin Menti
Director of Music

Liturgist
Susan Musfeldt

Grace Presbyterian Church Session

Moderator: Rev. Craig Sanders

Class of 2016
Chip Black, *Clerk*
Jim Juengerman, *Stewardship*
Virginia Kendrick, *Pastoral Care*

Class of 2017
Kent Couch, *Worship*
Vacant, *Finance & Admin*
Elsa Louis, *Mission, Neighborhood
Outreach*

Class of 2018
Ron Musfeldt, *Education*
Tom Sicks, *Building & Grounds*
Elaine McCann, *Communications*

Grace Presbyterian Church Staff

<i>Pastor:</i>	Rev. Craig Sanders
<i>Director of Music:</i>	Gehlin Menti
<i>Office Administrator:</i>	Cynthia Tucker
<i>Financial Clerk:</i>	Bonnie Schuler

Grace Presbyterian Church Trustees

Louie Nash, 2016; Christopher Coffman, 2017, Bill O'Mary, 2018

Grace Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

<i>Stephen Leader:</i>	<i>Stephen Ministers:</i>	
Louie Nash	Becky Couch	John Sutton
	Charles Kennedy	Dick Townsend
	Faye Sanders	Janie Whinery