
OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

*We at Grace United Methodist Church,
affirming ourselves to be a part of Christ's
Holy Church and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
do seek to honor and glorify God
through sharing our gifts, talents, and service,
thereby responding to God's command to
take His love to all people.*



You can also give one-time or recurring gifts to the church *electronically!* Scan the QR Code to the left to give via your mobile device, or you can give online at www.natchezgrace.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

YOGA: Monday & Thursday, 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

BIBLE STUDY: Sunday, 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Continuing the study of Revelation.

HANDBELLS: Wednesday, 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS GROUP: Thursday

at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Weekly Budget \$4,117.00

Weekly Income \$3368.55 85.95%



James E. Swanson, Sr.
Bishop
Lindsey Robinson District
Superintendent
Linda Fox – Pastor
Dale Young
Music Director
Darlene Gilbert
Accompanist

A United Methodist Congregation

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January 24, 2021 Third Sunday of Epiphany 10:00 a.m.
Service of Word

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Prelude	Accompanist
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Entering in the Light	Acolyte
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Life of the Congregation	Pastor
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Call to Worship

For God alone my soul waits in silence,

**for my hope is from God,
who alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Trust in God at all times, O people;

pour out your heart before God who is a refuge for us.

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**Stand Physically/Or in Spirit*

Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.

**Put no confidence in extortion,
set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

Once God has spoken,
twice have I heard this:
power belongs to God;
**and to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love,
for you repay all according to their work.**

Invocation Pastor

*Hymn of Praise *“God of Grace, and God of Glory”* See Insert

*Prayer of Confession
O God,
just as we look into a mirror to see any soiled spots on our face,
so let us look to you
in order to understand the things that we have done amiss.
We are like a reed shaken in the wind;
We are inexpressibly weak.
Leave us not to ourselves,
but dwell in our hearts and guide our thoughts and actions.
Amen.

*The Gloria Patri
***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.***

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation *“Change My Heart, O God”* See Insert

Old Testament Reading Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Virginia Salmon

Gospel Reading Mark 1:14-20 Virginia Salmon

*Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Pastor

Sermon *“Where Is Your Focus”* Pastor

*Hymn of Invitation *“Jesus Calls Us”* See Insert

*Benediction Pastor

Going Forth in the Light Acolyte

*Postlude Accompanist

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Please remain in your pew until the light is carried out.

Please discard bulletins and inserts that you do not wish to keep in the trash receptacles in the Narthex. Offering plates are on either side of the back door, please drop your offering in as you enter or exit! Thanks!

Acolyte Allie Feltus
Usher Buddy Wade

If you are visiting with us here at Grace UMC, we hope you will feel welcome, and will encounter God’s grace in this service.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“God of Grace, and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown the ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us,
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to love and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
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HYMN OF PREPARATION

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Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

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I am the clay
Mold me and make me
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HYMN OF INVITATION

“Jesus Calls Us”

Jesus calls us o’er the tumult
Of our life’s wild, restless, sea;
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
Saying, “Christian, follow Me!”

As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean
lake, turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus’ sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, “Christian, love me more.”

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these!”

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thine obedience,
Serve and love thee best of all.

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