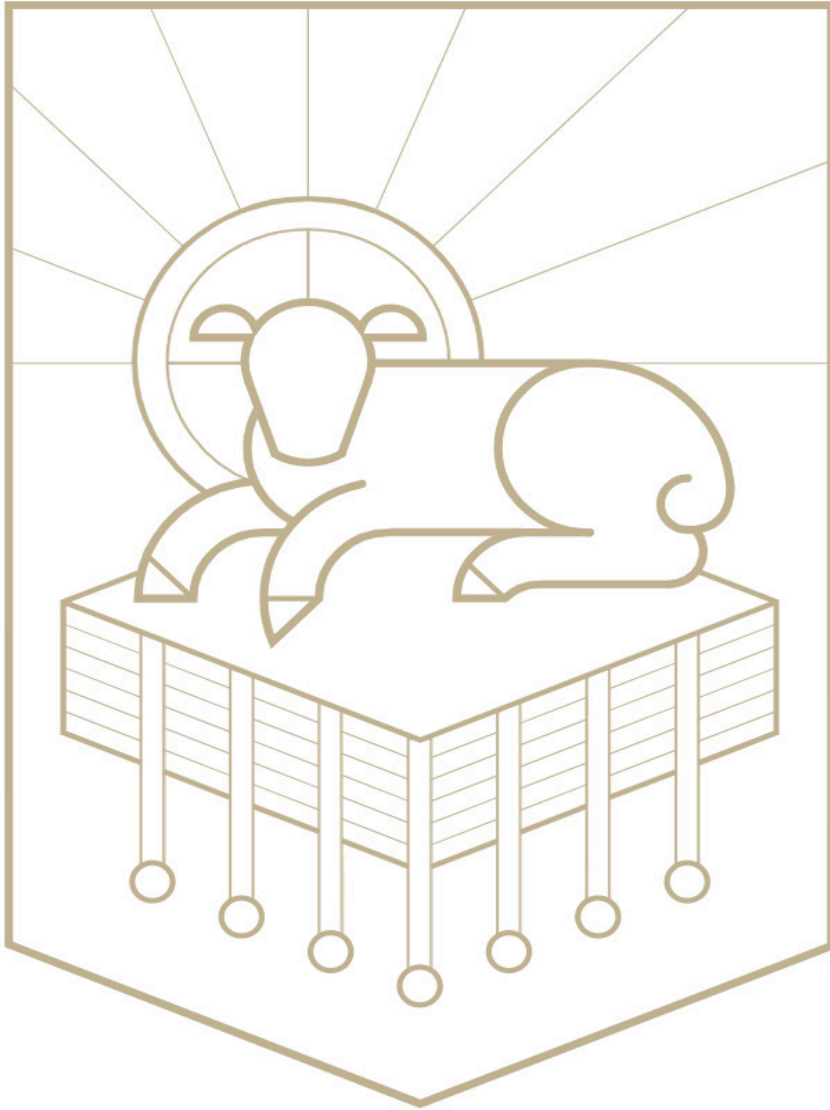




GRACE + PEACE  
A U S T I N



Third Sunday in Lent  
March 3, 2024



**Welcome** | Grace + Peace is a gospel formed family for the city. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, whether skeptical, curious, or a committed follower of Jesus Christ, there is room for you.

**Nursery** | Nursery for children ages birth through 4 years old is available during the entire worship service. Babies and toddlers are in two separate rooms. To get to the nursery, you will exit out the back of the sanctuary and go through the glass double doors on the left. From there, you will walk down the ramp and take a right when you get to the end of the sidewalk. Enter through the double glass doors where you will find our Nursery Coordinator sitting at a table ready to check in your child and show you to their rooms. Children ages 0-2 will be in Room S102 and children ages 2-4 will be in room S101. Many parents choose to pick up their child just prior to communion for the last part of the worship service. This is a great way to introduce them to worshipping corporately. You may also opt to have your child remain in nursery for the duration of the service, as childcare is provided the entire time.

**Family Room** | We have a room set up in Stedman Hall for families if you would like a more private place to comfort your babies. To get to the family room, you will exit out the back of the sanctuary and go through the glass double doors on the left. From there, you will walk down the ramp and take a right when you get to the end of the sidewalk. Enter through the double glass doors where you will find our Nursery Coordinator sitting at a table ready to direct you to the room which will also be marked with a sign. A live stream will be running so that you may continue to listen and participate in worship.

**Children's Ministry** | Children in Pre-K through 2nd grade are invited to attend our "Grapes + Peas" class. Children in Grapes + Peas participate in the first part of worship with their family, are dismissed during the sermon for a lesson, and return with their teachers to the sanctuary before communion. For first-time visitors, please escort your child with us to the classroom so we can introduce ourselves.

## Preparation for Worship

### **Prelude** | *Only a Holy God*

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendour outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God

#### *Refrain:*

*Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God*

*Words and music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, 2018.*

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

Celebrant: Let us worship God, for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

*People: Listen, listen to me, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.*

Celebrant: We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

*People: God's Word will not return empty  
but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.*

Celebrant: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

*People: Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills will sing;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands.*

### Prayer of Adoration

## Song of Worship | *Oh Worship the King*

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,  
whom angels delight to worship above!  
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,  
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

*Words and Music: Robert Grant, 1833.*

## Song of Worship | *Alpha and Omega*

You are Alpha and Omega  
We worship You our Lord  
You are worthy to be praised.

We give You all the glory  
We worship You our Lord  
You are worthy to be praised.

*Erasmus Mutanbira*

## Confession of Sin | *based on Hebrews 4:14, 16*

Celebrant: Seeing that we have a great High Priest  
who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God,  
let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence,  
that we may receive mercy for our failures  
and grace to help in the hour of need.

People: *In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.*

*[Silence for self-examination and personal confession.]*

## Assurance of Pardon | *Romans 8:15-17*

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

## Covenant Promises of Baptism | *Romans 8:14-17, ESV*

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

### Responding Profession

Having heard God’s gracious promises to us in Christ, do you desire that Paloma be baptized?

*We do.*

As members of Christ’s body, the church, do you receive the teaching of the Christian faith, which we confess in the Apostle’s Creed?

*We do.*

*All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
The holy catholic Church;  
The communion of saints;  
The forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body;  
And the life everlasting. Amen.*

Do you acknowledge Paloma's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

*We do.*

Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?

*We do.*

Do you now unreservedly dedicate Paloma to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

*We do.*

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting Robert and Charissa in the Christian nurture of Paloma?

*We do!*

### **Banner Verse** | *Romans 15:13, NIV*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Sacrament of Baptism** | *Paloma Dangela Jimenez Stowers*



## Prayer of Blessing and Thanksgiving

### Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know  
For the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to Him belong  
They are weak but He is strong  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
The Bible tells me so

### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord's Prayer

*People: 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,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

## Song of Response | *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

Let us love and sing and wonder  
Let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us  
Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He presents our souls to God

Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more  
He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood  
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

## Grapes + Peas Blessing

At this time children from Pre-K through 2nd grade may come up to the front of the sanctuary to be prayed over. After the prayer, they will meet their teachers at the door in the front right corner of the sanctuary to walk to their classroom in the Stedman Hall for a short lesson. Pre-K through Kindergarten will meet in Room S106, and 1st through 2nd grade will meet in Room S105. They will return just before communion. For first-time visitors, please escort your child with us to the classroom so we can introduce ourselves.

## Passing of the Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

## First New Testament Reading | *Revelation 4, ESV (Pew Bible page 1030)*

<sup>1</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” <sup>2</sup> At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. <sup>3</sup> And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. <sup>4</sup> Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. <sup>5</sup> From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, <sup>6</sup> and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: <sup>7</sup> the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. <sup>8</sup> And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

<sup>9</sup> And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

<sup>11</sup> “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

## Second New Testament Reading | *Revelation 5, ESV (Pew Bible page 1030)*

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, <sup>4</sup> and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup> And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

<sup>6</sup> And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, <sup>10</sup> and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup> And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Celebrant: This is the Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God!*

**Sermon Series: Revelation: Seeing and Believing**  
**Sermon: The Throne and Who's on It** | *Rev. John Sweet*  
**Sermon Notes:**

*[Please pass the blue sign-in pads on the left end of the row at this time.]*

## **Offertory** | *On the Throne*

Gather around, come around and sing  
To praise the name of the Lord our king  
Behold the Lamb, the lamb who was slain  
Before the throne, worthy of all blessing

*Refrain:*

*Heaven, earth, and sea all stop and stare  
And worship Him who eternally is there  
On the throne*

Sending his son, to save what had been lost  
A perfect man, hanging on that cross  
Listen now, hear the trumpet call  
Creatures above call Him Lord of all

*Refrain*

We cast our crowns before  
The one who we adore  
All glory to You Lord  
We sing for evermore

*Words and Music: Jared Lowe, 2021.*

## Celebration of Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us— even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whose grace we may triumph over temptation, be more fervent in prayer, and be more generous in love. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

## Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

*Arrangement: David Lutes and David Breeding.*

## Words of Institution

## Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant: Let us now proclaim the mystery of the faith:

*People: Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.*

## Prayer of Consecration



## Table Blessing

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose again for you, and feed on him by Faith, with thanksgiving.

## Table Welcome

*We welcome all baptized Christians who believe in the Gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ to participate in the Communion meal. This includes all Christians, whether members here or not. Children who have been baptized and interviewed by the elders of this church or the ruling body of another church are also welcome to the table. If you're still investigating Christianity, not sure what you believe, or simply choose not to participate in the Eucharist, you may either remain in your seat or come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.*

*Note: Grape juice is provided in the center of each tray. All bread is gluten free.*

### **Prayer of Searching for Truth:**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### **Prayer of Believing:**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

### **Prayer of Struggling Against Sin:**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen.

## Communion | *Only A Holy God*

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendour outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God

*Refrain:*

*Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a Holy God

*Refrain*

*Words and music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, 2018.*

## Communion | *The Lord is King*

The Lord is King! Lift up your voice,  
O earth, and all ye heav'ns, rejoice!  
From world to world the joy shall ring,  
"The Lord omnipotent is King!"

*Refrain:*

*Sing His praise, sing His praise  
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days  
Sing His praise, sing His praise  
All your days, all your days.*

The Lord is King! Who then shall dare  
Resist his will, distrust his care?  
Or murmur at his wise decrees,  
Or doubt his royal promises?

*Refrain*

The Lord is King! Bow down you must,  
The Judge of all the earth is just;  
Holy and true are all his ways;  
Let ev'ry creature sing his praise.

*Refrain*

*Words and Music: Nathan Partain, 2007.*

*[Please stand to sing.]*

## **Sending Song** | *Hear the Call of the Kingdom*

Hear the call of the kingdom,  
Lift your eyes to the King.  
Let His song rise within you  
As a fragrant offering  
Of how God rich in mercy  
Came in Christ to redeem  
All who trust in His unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the Kingdom  
To be children of light,  
With the mercy of heaven,  
The humility of Christ,  
Walking justly before Him,  
Loving all that is right  
That the life of Christ may shine through us.

*Refrain:*

*King of Heaven we will answer the call  
We will follow bringing hope to the world  
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim  
Salvation in Jesus' name.*

Hear the call of the Kingdom  
To reach out to the lost  
With the Father's compassion  
In the wonder of the cross  
Bringing peace and forgiveness  
And a hope yet to come  
Let the nations put their trust in Him

*Refrain*

## **Benediction** | *based on Revelation 7:12*

Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. And the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain upon you this day and forever. *Amen.*

## **Sending**

**Celebrant:** Go forth, remembering who you are and to whom you belong.

**People:** *With God's help, we will!*

## Calendar

### This Week

3/3	9:30 am	Sunday School
3/3	10:45 am	Sunday Worship Service*
3/3	3 pm	Grace Teens Student Ministry Meeting @ Gym
3/4	7 am	Men's Morning Bible Study @ Central Market
3/4	12:15 pm	Lent Prayer Meeting @ Office Library
3/4	8 pm	Contemplative Prayer Meeting
3/5	7 pm	Women's Evening Bible Study @ S105
3/6	10 am	Women's Morning Bible Study @ Stedman Hall
3/6	7:30 pm	Men's Firepit @ Williams' house
3/7	9 am	Joy Club @ G102

### March

17	12:15 pm	Congregational Meeting
21	7:30 pm	Women's Firepit @ McMahan's house
22	7 pm	Marriage Works
28		Maundy Thursday @ Parish Groups
29	6:30 pm	Good Friday Service
30	1-4 pm	Holy Saturday Stations of the Cross Exhibit @ Foyer
31	7 am	Easter Sunrise Service @ Brentwood Neighborhood Park
31	9 am	Easter Brunch @ Gym
31	10:45 am	Easter Sunday Worship Service
31	12:30 pm	Easter Egg Hunt

*\*Note: Sunday morning worship services stream live on YouTube at 10:45 am*

## Announcement Highlights

### Lent Prayer Gatherings

Lent is a time for contemplation on the life and death of Christ, for introspection, and for prayer. One of the ways we'll lean into that this season is through weekly prayer meetings. Please join us at the church on **Mondays from 12:15-12:45pm** over the lunch hour for a brief time of singing, prayer, and silence. We'll meet each Monday in Lent (2/19, 2/26, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25). A zoom link will be available, though gathering in-person is encouraged! If you have any questions reach out to Mac at [mac@graceandpeaceaustin.com](mailto:mac@graceandpeaceaustin.com).

### Vacation Bible School

Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School, happening **June 24-27 from 9am-12pm**. This is for all rising Kinder-5th graders, Youth Helpers (6th-12th grade), and Adult Volunteers! RSVP by scanning the QR code below and reach out to [laura@graceandpeaceaustin.com](mailto:laura@graceandpeaceaustin.com) with any questions. We can't wait to welcome you to a fun week of VBS this June!



## Announcements

**Congregational Meeting** | Mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 17th** for a congregational meeting following worship at which G+P members will have the privilege of voting to elect a new class of deacons and deaconesses. **Robert Douglass, Charlie Brown** and **Casey McMahan** have been nominated by the congregation, trained examined and recommended by the session (elder leaders) to be ordained as deacons, and **Susan Olasky** and **Margaret Brown** to be commissioned as deaconesses. We have their bios and call to diaconate ministry available in the foyer, and each would be glad to share more if you'd like to reach out.

**Men's Firepit Nights** | All men are invited to the Williams' home (2816 Woolridge) this **Wednesday, March 6th** for an evening around the firepit. No advance notice is needed, come as you are. There will be plenty of cigars, but BYO beverages. There is no agenda. Just the men of G+P hanging out and enjoying each other's fellowship. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Matt Williams by email [matthew.e.williams@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.e.williams@gmail.com) or text him 512-879-8071. **Time: 7:30-9:30pm.**

**Women's Firepit Nights** | Ladies, join us for a fire pit night at the McMahan's. Byob and byo-chair. Contact Mary Carlisle ([mccrehore@gmail.com](mailto:mccrehore@gmail.com)) for more information. **Future Dates: 3/21, 4/29**

**Lent & Easter Season Save-the-Dates** | We have entered our liturgical season of Lent, a period of penitential preparation for Easter. As you prepare and look forward to celebrating Christ's death and resurrection, please mark down the dates below for our church gatherings:

- **Lent Prayer Meetings** | Mondays, 12:15-12:45 PM in Office Library
- **Palm Sunday Service** | March 24, 10:45 AM
- **Maundy Thursday** | March 28, short devotional with Parish Groups
- **Good Friday Service** | March 29, 6:30 PM
- **Holy Saturday Station of the Cross Exhibit** | March 20, 1-4 PM in Foyer
- **Easter Sunrise Service** | March 31, 7 AM at Brentwood Park
- **Easter Brunch** | March 31, 9 AM in Gym
- **Easter Sunday Service** | March 31, 10:45 AM



## Announcements

**Intro to G+P Class** | We're excited to host our Spring Intro to Grace + Peace class! The class will meet on **Saturday, April 6th from 9AM - 12PM** with coffee and light breakfast treats provided. In the class we'll cover the history and ministry of Grace + Peace. This class is for you if you are interested in membership or would simply like to know more about us, whether you're new or have been worshipping with us for a while. Please RSVP using the QR code below. You can reach out to Avery Kelly with any questions or for more information.



**Women's Bible Study** | Women's Bible Study begins this week, **January 30th and 31st**, and will run through April 9th and 10th, taking a week off for Spring Break. Please join us either **Tuesday evenings at 7pm** (Contact: [marthaglowe@gmail.com](mailto:marthaglowe@gmail.com)) or **Wednesday mornings at 10am** (Contact: [lauren.buescher@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.buescher@gmail.com)) as we learn from Paul's letters to the Colossians and Philemon. Childcare is provided for the morning study only, with an rsvp to Laura Perez.

**Men's Morning Bible Study** | Guys, we'd love for you to join us **Monday mornings at 7AM** as we apply the gospel to our lives using the sermon discussion questions and pray for one another. We meet every week at Central Market (North Lamar) in the upstairs cafe area! For more info email Eric Buescher ([edbuescher@hotmail.com](mailto:edbuescher@hotmail.com)).

**Women's Prayer Group** | Hello Ladies! Please join us in praying through the Psalms, Friday mornings at 7:00 am on Zoom. We spend 30 minutes praying through the Psalms of the day and individual prayers and petitions. It is a delightful and refreshing way to start your Friday! Reach out to Jeanette Sands at [jeanette.sands@gmail.com](mailto:jeanette.sands@gmail.com) to RSVP and get the Zoom link.

## Sermon Series Scripture Readings

3/3/2024 Revelation 4-5

3/10/2024 Revelation 5

3/17/2024 Revelation 6-7

4/7/2024 Revelation 8-11

4/14/2024 Revelation 12-14

4/21/2024 Revelation 15-16

4/28/2024 Revelation 17-19

5/5/2024 Revelation 20:1-15

5/12/2024 Revelation 21

5/19/2024 Revelation 22

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### **Giving to Grace + Peace**

You can give in several ways, including online through our secure website, [graceandpeaceaustin.com/give](http://graceandpeaceaustin.com/give). If you choose to give online, paying by bank versus credit/debit is preferred to avoid fees coming out of your tithe.

### **Connect on a Deeper Level**

Our Parish Groups are a great way to get to know people in the church.

To get connected with one of these groups, reach out to

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## **Discussion Questions**

1. Throughout John's vision, his focus is constantly redirected to the One who sits on the throne—the sovereign Lord and the Lamb who was slain—which should be our constant focus, too. What kinds of things in our lives block our vision of God on the throne? Distract you from keeping your eyes on Him? Or what might be filling your vision instead of the throne?
2. Each time John's focus is brought back to the throne it is done so through worship. How can rhythms of our personal worship (both private and gathered worship) help us refocus on the throne? How might experiencing the worship of others lead us there?
3. When we do clearly see the sovereign Lord and redeeming Lamb on the throne it leads us into greater worship, praising Him for His incredible works and grace. What does it look like to bring that worship outside of church on a Sunday? How could our worship lead those we know outside of church to see God on His throne (e.g. friends from the gym, other parents from our kids' school, or the barista we always see)?



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