

**Week of  
January 6, 2025 to  
January 12, 2025**

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# GraceNotes

Ministry in the Life at  
Grace Presbyterian Church

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***Start your year off right by attending ...***

## **Our Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck Dinner**

**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Sign up to bring something delicious**

Each January we come together as a congregation to review our past year. This "meeting" is always a good opportunity to remind ourselves of God's goodness and to enjoy fellowship with one another. This year, as in the past, we will have a potluck dinner, so plan to bring your favorite dish to share!

Year-end reports will be provided before the meeting and our Session will have a short presentation to go over the reports from all ministries. This is an important meeting because we receive the budget as presented by Session. We also nominate and elect three people from the congregation to serve on the Nominating Council for the next year, as well as three people to serve on the Personnel Council.

We always enjoy our Potluck Dinner before the meeting. Beverages will be provided.

Please bring your favorite casserole, side dish, salad, or dessert to share at the table. A signup sheet is located in the Narthex on the table in front of the church office. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Becky Couch, Elder, Mission and Neighborhood Outreach Ministry.



**Please begin praying  
about how you can  
serve God and Grace  
this next year by  
joining one of  
our ministries!**



**Why are  
Brian and  
Karen Ellen  
so happy?  
See page 3!**



# Church Calendar

**Wednesday, January 8**  
**Strength & Balance**  
**Exercise Class via Zoom**  
10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

**Wednesday, January 8**  
**Come & See Worship**  
7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 12**

**Sunday School**  
9:00 a.m.

**Worship**  
10:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Karen Ellen Anderson  
Ushers: Anna Perez, Roger Perez,  
Shalyn Shourds, Terry Hendricks  
Livestream Tech: LeRoy Thompson,  
AV Tech: Sergio Perez  
Offering Counters: Brian Anderson,  
Ana Waggoner  
Guardian Angels: Docia Thompson,  
Jamie Curtis  
Teachers: Jenny Ross,  
Docia Thompson

**Monday, January 13**  
**Monday Circle Bible Study**  
**via Zoom**  
9:30 a.m.

*Gifts for the children at SafeHaven ...*

**Our generosity will help them through the cold weather!**



Our Annual Mitten Tree was a big success! This year we collected 82 gloves and mittens, 40 hats, 39 pairs of socks, 12 pair of underwear, 14 hat and glove sets and 8 slipper socks to donate to SafeHaven. These items will warm many women and children in the coming cold weather.

Well done, Grace!

*Thank you, Grace!*



Mission and Neighborhood Outreach THANKS the members of Grace Presbyterian for your generous giving to the 2024 Christmas Joy Special Offering with theme "Prepare the Way." **The total offering collection was \$535.00.**





**Advent 2024 is unhung and back in the shed. Many thanks to everyone who stayed to help take things down and box them up! Until next year ...**



**Only 327 days until Advent 2025!**



**PHOTOS by Roger and Anna Perez**



Thank you for answering God's call ...

# Elder Ordination and Installation



**Sunday, January 5, 2025** was a beautiful Sunday as we ordained and installed Jenny Ross and installed Becky Couch, John Hendricks and Elaine McCann as elders for Grace Presbyterian Church. Pastor Sherry led the congregation in prayers for each newly installed elder as other elders were invited to perform the "laying on of hands."

## CLASS of 2025



**Chip Black**  
Communications



**Jan Nash**  
Clerk of Session



**Walter Nelson**  
Building and Grounds

## CLASS of 2026



**Brian Anderson**  
Finance

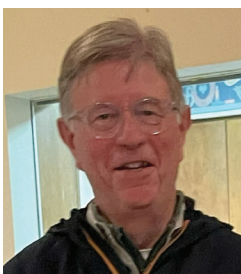


**Becky Couch**  
Mission & Neighborhood Outreach



**Larry Phipps**  
Stewardship

## CLASS of 2027



**John Hendricks**  
Pastoral Care



**Elaine McCann**  
Worship



**Jenny Ross**  
Christian Education





The "laying on of hands" is very meaningful. All elders who have previously served, as well as those who are currently serving in a Presbyterian church, join together to surround the newly ordained and installed elder. Prayers are given seeking the Holy Spirit's call on the elder's life and service to the church. As Christ's hands and feet in our community, this symbolic act binds us together as leaders and witnesses to Christ's love.

We are very thankful for Roger Perez, who always manages to capture the most meaningful moments.





# Sunday School

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We have several great Sunday School classes. Try one and get connected to our church family!

## Sunday mornings

9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

## CLASS CONTACTS

### Soul Sisters:

Karen Ellen Anderson  
wbaarltx@aol.com

### Contemporary Issues:

Chip Black  
wblack@wans.net

### Children's Church:

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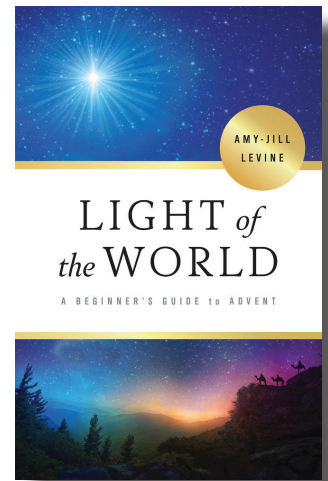
## Soul Sisters

Soul Sisters has begun another new book — *Light of the World* by Amy-Jill Levine. This book explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Class continues to meet in the Soul Sisters room. We take turns being lesson leaders.

We are more than just a class ... we are prayer partners, support each other along life's rollercoaster, and treasure our friendships and the supportive bonds that are truly special. We always have room for one more!

So, join us!

For information about this class, contact  
**Karen Ellen Anderson** at wbaarltx@aol.com



## Contemporary Issues

Join us on Sunday mornings at the church for a discussion of current events from a Biblical perspective.

For more information on this class, contact  
**Chip Black** at wblack@wans.net

## Children's Church

Children under age five meet in the nursery with two Guardian Angels each Sunday beginning before worship. Children's Church teachers will guide the older children out of worship after Time for Young Disciples.

For more information on this class, contact  
**Dixie Conine** at dixie.conine@yahoo.com

***And for something to really stretch you ...***

## Strength & Balance Exercise Class

**Meeting each Wednesday via ZOOM**

**10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**

Join us each Wednesday morning from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. via Zoom! The exercises are both sitting and standing, always the same, slow and easy, and can be modified to suit individual needs. We will be happy to send you the instructions for the movements.

For more information, contact:

**Nancy Kenney**, coordinator at kenneyhavas@gmail.com





## 2024-2025 Meetings

WOG Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of designated months. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

January 17 - 19, 2025  
Annual WOG Retreat

February 13, 2025  
Friendship Dinner

March 13, 2025  
Heirloom Show and Tell

April 10, 2025  
Packaging cookies for our shut-ins

May 8, 2025  
Games and Seed/Plant Swap

**16 women will be heading out next Friday**

## “Friend Me!”

**January 17-19, 2025**

If you are heading to the retreat, by now you should have received an email explaining the final details about food and travel. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact **Julie Bayless!**

**NOTE:** Julie is ready to give you answers to any question you might have! Contact Julie by phone: 817-688-1070,



Jamie



Anna



Dixie



Elaine



Tamara



Linda



Julie



Erinn



Elaine



Lisa



Janie



Leslie



Sandra



Sherry



Marcia



Create  
Stacia



# Women of Grace

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## OFFICERS

### Co-Moderators:

**Jamie Curtis**

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### Secretary:

Elaine McCann

### Treasurer:

Elsa Louis

### Programs:

Julie Bayless

Jamie Curtis

### Retreat:

Julie Bayless

Jamie Curtis

### Hospitality:

Erinn Bryant

### Christian Fellowship:

Karen Ellen Anderson

### Mission:

vacant

### Special Projects:

vacant

### Bible Study Circles:

#### Monday Circle:

Patti Roemmich

#### Night Circle:

Martha Kinard

### Nominating Committee:

Erinn Bryant

*All women are invited ...*

## Bible Study Circles

### Monday Circle Bible Study

Monday Circle meets the 2nd Monday of each month on Zoom beginning at 9:30 a.m. to meet/chat and 9:45 a.m. start lesson

**Meeting Dates:** 1/13/25; 2/10/25; 3/10/25; 4/14/25; 5/12/25

**Patti Roemmich**, Monday Circle Coordinator

(817) 319-4538 email: patriciaroemmich@yahoo.com

### Night Circle Bible Study

Night Circle meets the 1st Thursday of each month on Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

**Meeting Dates:** 1/9/25; 2/6/25; 3/6/25; 4/3/25; 5/1/25

**Martha Kinard**, Night Circle Coordinator

(817) 703-1365 email: martha.kinard@gmail.com



**Fill 'er up! We have lots of room!**

## **Burt's Big Box**



**Nancy and John Kenney** faithfully clean out and deliver everything from Burt's Big Box once a month. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with Grace, Nancy and John!

Don't forget how easy it is to donate to Burt's Big Box! If you have items you have no need for, we have lots of room to take those discarded items off your hands!

Burt's Big Box is located in the main hallway. General donations of clothing, shoes, and miscellaneous items are collected in the box and delivered to Mission Arlington or Arlington Charities. If you have any questions, contact:

**Nancy Kenney**, committee member,  
Mission & Neighborhood Outreach  
(559) 904-3856 or kenneyhasu@gmail.com

## **Financial Update - November**

<b>November 2024 Budget Update</b>	<b>November Actual</b>	<b>November Budget</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>13,021</b>	<b>21,626</b>	<b>265,808</b>	<b>237,882</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>19,788</b>	<b>21,811</b>	<b>243,088</b>	<b>239,924</b>
<b>Income over (under) Expenses</b>	<b>(6,767)</b>	<b>(185)</b>	<b>22,720</b>	<b>(2,041)</b>

**Need to be  
on the  
Grace WIFI?**



If you need to join the Grace Presbyterian WIFI while you are at church, scan this nifty QR code and it will let you right in!



## Contact Us

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## CHURCH STAFF:

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**Director of Music:**

Gehlin Menti

**Praise Team Music:**

Julie Bayless

**Administrative Assistant:**

Cynthia Tucker

**Financial Clerk:**

Bonnie Schuler

## Session Liaisons

### RULING ELDERS:

**NOTE: Liaison assignments may change after January 2025 Session meeting**

**Class of 2025**

Chip Black, Communications  
Jan Nash, Clerk of Session  
Walter Nelson, Building & Grounds

**Class of 2026**

Brian Anderson, Finance  
Larry Phipps, Stewardship  
Becky Couch, Mission & Neighborhood Outreach

**Class of 2027**

John Hendricks, Pastoral Care  
Elaine McCann, Worship  
Jenny Ross, Christian Education

### TRUSTEES:

Tom Sicks, 2025  
Louie Nash, 2026  
Kent Couch, 2027

## Prayer Chain

Martha Kinard is our Prayer Chain coordinator. If you would like to submit a prayer request, email Martha.

**Martha Kinard:** martha.kinard@gmail.com

## Stephen Ministry

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

**Stephen Leader:** Louie Nash

**Stephen Ministers:** Becky Couch and Dick Townsend

## Pastor Nominating Committee

**Kent Couch**

**Margaret Manning**

**Net Musfeldt**

**Roger Perez**

**Larry Phipps**