

**Week of
March 31, 2025 to
April 6, 2025**

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IMPORTANT NOTE:
Pastor Alissa has a new
email address:
alissa@gpcarlington.org

GraceNotes

Ministry in the Life of
Grace Presbyterian Church



In preparation for Easter ...

Join us for a week of special services and Holy Week activities

The most special week of the church year will be even more special if you attend each Holy Week service. Experience the journey to the cross by reading the Lenten devotionals and worshipping with your church family. Here are the activities we have planned:

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday Service

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday

(see details on page 4)

Easter Brunch: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt: 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

(NOTE: Adult Sunday School classes will not meet on Easter so everyone can enjoy the Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt!)

Church Calendar

Wednesday, April 2
Strength & Balance
Exercise Class via Zoom
10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, April 2
Come & See Worship
Communion
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 3
Night Circle Bible Study
via Zoom (see page x)
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 6
5th Sunday in Lent
Communion

Sunday School
9:00 a.m.

Worship
10:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Jenny Ross
Communion Servers: Elaine McCann,
Anna Perez, Roger Perez
Ushers: Twylia Dillman, Mike Dillman,
Linda Black, Chip Black
Livestream Tech: LeRoy Thompson,
AV Tech: Chip Black
Offering Counters: Brian Anderson,
Terry Hendricks
Guardian Angels:
Kent Couch, Becky Couch
Teachers: Jan Nash,
Docia Thompson

Join us for an evening of giving to our shut-ins!

Thinking of others with homemade cookies and notes

Thursday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Our monthly WOG meeting in April will be a time to stop and think of those in our congregation who are unable to join us in worship each week. We will be preparing some “love” for our shut-ins by bringing a dozen homemade cookies that we will creatively package. We have the best custom card maker in our midst, so we will also spend time writing personal notes on Elaine McCann’s beautiful cards. Please bring one dozen of your favorite homemade cookies. If you are not a baker or do not have time to make cookies, come to help us package and write notes!

Devotional: Leslie Kilton Door Prize: Nancy Kenney



Look at these healthy people! Chuck and Dixie Conine, Sandra Cooper, Elaine McCann, Becky Couch and Dianne Priest (former Grace secretary) are just some of the folks who have joined Arlington’s newest recreation center, ACTIV. They had their first “workout” on Monday, March 31. Don’t they look fit and happy? If you would like to join this fun group, talk to any of these people and see what classes they are taking. The center has classes for every type of exercise and social activity anyone might want. We will post more photos of some of the fun people are having as we figure out what works for each of us. Send us your photos and let us know what you have tried.

Check it out:

<https://www.arlingtontx.gov/Parks-Places/Facilities/Recreation-Centers/ACTIV-Center>

Lenten Calendar

Sunday, April 6
5th Sunday in Lent

Sunday, April 13
Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 17
Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 18
Good Friday Service
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 20
Easter Sunday
Easter Brunch
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Worship
10:30 a.m.

(NOTE: Adult Sunday School classes will not meet on Easter so everyone can enjoy the Brunch and Egg Hunt!)

Welcoming Pastor Alissa with birthday cards and song!

It was a joy to welcome our new pastor, **Rev. Alissa Conner** on Sunday, March 30, 2025! She introduced us to her husband, Jay, and son, Wyatt, and we had a beautiful worship service. To add to the excitement of welcoming Pastor Alissa, we found out that Monday, March 31 is her birthday! Being the fun congregation we are, it was important for us to recognize her special day. We showered her with birthday cards and sang Happy Birthday to her at the end of worship.



Pastor Alissa was well prepared for the Time for Young Disciples! She tied her talk with the kids to her sermon about the prodigal son and the celebration he received from his father when he came home. Pastor Alissa came prepared with “props” and the kids enjoyed wearing festive party hats!



A beautiful way to honor or remember ...

It's time to purchase Easter Lilies

Orders must be made by Palm Sunday, April 13

\$10.50 per plant

Lilies for Easter Sunday may be given in honor of someone or as a memorial. The plants this year will be \$10.50 each and will have a purple foil pot cover. The deadline for ordering is Palm Sunday, April 13.

Please fill out the form that you can find in the Narthex or in the bulletins on Sundays. Make your checks payable to Grace Presbyterian Church and note on your check that it is for "Easter Lily." Place the form and check in the offering plate or leave it in the church office.

NO Adult Sunday School ...

Join us for an Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Easter morning will be glorious this year because we will be enjoying each other's fellowship during our potluck Easter Brunch!

The brunch will be held on Sunday, April 20, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. There will be **NO Adult Sunday School** so that everyone may enjoy the food and fellowship! Please bring your favorite brunch food item to share. **Please NOTE: We are asking that you do not make anything that has any kind of nuts in it.**

Coffee, orange juice, and paper goods will be provided. There is a signup sheet located on the table in the Narthex.

Please plan to join us and bring something yummy to share!

Sign up if you are bringing children ...

Let the fun begin: Easter Egg Hunt

The fun begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. and will end at 10:00 a.m. to give us time to get to worship.

Easter morning we will also be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children aged 10 and under. We will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. on the lawn of the church past the Prayer Garden. In order to have plenty of eggs and treats for all the kids, we would appreciate it if you could **sign up in the Narthex** if you plan to have children with you who want to join the festivities!

**To everything
there is a season,
and a time for
every purpose
under heaven.**

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Every year the plants get more beautiful!

Our Spring Plant Sale is only three weeks away!

Plant Sale: Saturday, April 26

9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Pre-orders: begin Sunday, April 6

As we turn the calendar to April, it is time to plant your spring flowers. We will be having our annual **Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 to 1:30**. You should have received your letter about the sale and order forms in your mailbox. The extra form is for you to give to a friend or a neighbor that likes to plant flowers, puts out flower bowls, or has hanging baskets. We will have flowers for sun and shade!

Our pre-orders start this **Sunday, April 6** and run through Sunday, April 13. You can give your order form to any member of the Prayer Garden Task Force or put it in the office in the Prayer Garden Box.

If you don't want to pre-order, come the day of the sale and buy flowers for your garden.

Thanks in advance for supporting our Prayer Garden!

The Prayer Garden Task Force

Linda Black, Elsa Louis, John Hendricks, Louie Nash,
Anna and Roger Perez, and Tom Sicks

Have you ever tried Dianthus!

Get them at our sale!

***These are beautiful plants perfect for a sunny location
with well-drained soil. They will grow 10 to 12 inches tall.
and will bloom all spring and summer.***



**It's a great habit
and we thank
you very much!**

**A good neighbor
is a priceless
treasure.**

Everyone is doing such a great job ...

Thanks for wearing your nametag!

In another couple of weeks, wearing your nametag will be like putting on your socks in the morning! Thank you everyone for being so diligent about wearing your nametags! Pastor Alissa and her husband, Jay, will get to know each of us much faster this way. Grab them on your way to Sunday School and try to remember to return them before you leave each Sunday. We have had several visitors recently and studies show they are much more likely to feel welcome and return if they can place a name with a face. **Be your friendly selves!** **Check out the nametag board and if you need a new nametag, let the office or Becky Couch know!**

Did you get a bite of the latest treat?

Thank you to our neighbors!

Our Muslim neighbors from the mosque across the street gifted us last Sunday with a huge box of special treats. Their services marking the end of Ramadan filled our parking lot until about 9:00 a.m. and because we offered that kindness, they repaid us with a new and different pastry. They certainly know the way to our hearts! We are blessed to have such good neighbors who don't take advantage of our facility.

Crucial Conversations at Westminster Presbyterian

March 13 through April 10

For the second year, Westminster Presbyterian Church is presenting Crucial Conversations. This Lenten series offers speakers and conversation on a variety of challenging issues. The WPC youth will serve dinner at 6:30 p.m., and speakers will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Check out the schedule: wpcarlinton.org

Financial Update - February

February 2025 Budget Update	February Actual	February Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	21,039	22,951	45,666	45,902
Expenses	19,465	23,768	38,765	47,535
Income over (under) Expenses	1,574	(817)	6,901	(1,633)

Another great way to get your exercise without leaving home!

NEW DAY gets a boost from the ladies!

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

Thank you!

Karen Ellen's Friends Helping NEW DAY



352 Bags Packed at Grace PC Site



NEW DAY ... providing weekend food bags to AISD students who face food insufficiency

3876 FOOD BAGS DELIVERED IN February

Web: newdayarlington.org Facebook: [newdayarlington](https://www.facebook.com/newdayarlington)

**It's a great time
to clean out
your closets!**

**Tell your friends
they can join us
online!**

Fill 'er up! We have lots of room!

Burt's Big Box

Perhaps you have already started your yearly "purge" around the house. If not, it won't be long before you will want to get rid of all sorts of things and we have the perfect place for you to bring your goodies!



Burt's Big Box is located in the main hallway of the church. General donations of clothing, shoes, and miscellaneous items are collected in the box and delivered to Mission Arlington or Arlington Charities.

We have a special request:
If you have more than just a bag or two, please give Nancy Kenney a call or an email and she will

be glad to make arrangements to meet you at church so you can pass your items directly to her car rather than haul them into the church. This will save everyone a lot of time and wasted energy!

Nancy Kenney (559) 904-3856 or kenneyhavas@gmail.com

Cannot leave home? Watch us online!

We are divorcing ourselves from FaceBook. The livestream process has been changed. Several things still need to be worked out, but the new procedure to join worship is easy.

You will need to follow the instructions below to join our livestream worship. All of your comments will be welcome via email reply. NOTE: You may not receive a response until after worship. Please help us to make this what it needs to be.

Procedure:

Our Sunday morning worship service will continue to be livestreamed. However there have been some changes. To reach the livestream, go to the GPC website:

<https://gpcarlington.org>

Scroll down near the bottom of the home page. There you will find a link to watch the live stream and another link for the Worship Video Library. You are encouraged to comment in the Chat Box (right side of the screen). Use "Guest" for name.

Thanks - LeRoy Thompson



2024-2025 Meetings

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

April 10, 2025

Packaging cookies
for our shut-ins

Devotional: Leslie Kilton
Door Prize: Nancy Kenney

May 8, 2025

Games and Seed/Plant Swap
Devotional: Karen Ellen Anderson
Door Prize: Becky Couch

August 2, 2025

Mini-Retreat at the church

Summer will be here before we know it!

Women of Grace: Mini-Retreat

**Saturday, August 2
from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Every summer for many years, the Women of Grace have had the urge to get together for a day of relaxing and catching up with each other. This year we will have what we have come to call our “**mini-retreat**” on Saturday, August 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at church. More information will come as it gets closer to the date, but for now please save the date!

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: 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: 4/3/25; 5/1/25

Martha Kinard, Night Circle Coordinator
(817) 703-1365 email: martha.kinard@gmail.com

Women of Grace

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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

Let's keep this treasured activity going ...

New options for being a Secret Pal



Ladies, let's keep the Secret Pal going! Thanks to many of you who have provided some input. We now have something for everyone and need your participation to keep it going.

This year there will be **three Secret Pal Tracks** to choose from and it is a one-year commitment that runs through the February Friendship Dinner.

Track 1: Traditional Secret Pal

Designed to remember your secret pal about once a month with a note or a small gift. Small gifts are customarily given for birthdays and seasonal holidays.

Track 2: Blended Secret Pal

Designed to include cards/notes and four perishable and/or nominal gift cards.

Track 3: Encouragement Secret Pal

Designed to include encouragement notes and prayer cards each month. (Limited to notes/cards only.)

You can find Secret Pal forms on the WOG table and complete and **return to the WOG Table by April 1st.**

Contact Karen Ellen Anderson at 817-846-8230 if you have any questions.

Thank You for participating in a treasured activity.

Sunday School

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

Sunday mornings

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

CLASS CONTACTS

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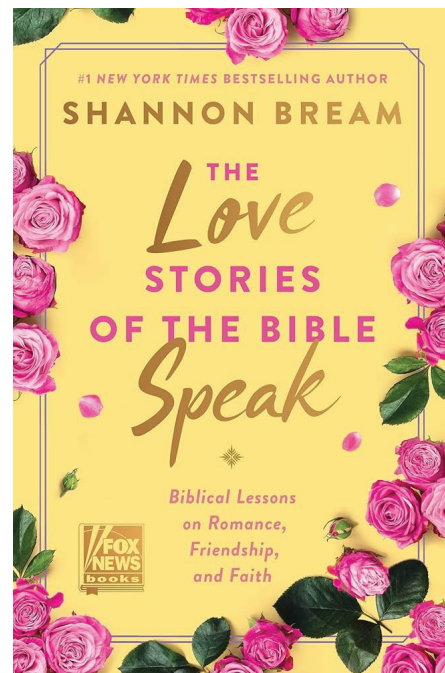
Soul Sisters

Soul Sisters starts something fun just in time for Valentine's! We have studied books by Shannon Bream before and enjoyed them very much! 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
Jenny Ross at jross011@att.net

Ruling Elders - Session Liaisons

**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

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Tom Sicks
Class of 2025



Louie Nash
Class of 2026



Kent Couch
Class of 2027

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After Pastor Alissa has been here for a week or two, she will be able to determine her in-office schedule.

Director of Music:

Gehlin Menti

Praise Team Music:

Julie Bayless

Administrative

Assistant:

Cynthia Tucker

Financial Clerk:

Bonnie Schuler

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

Stephen Leader: Louie Nash

Stephen Ministers: Becky Couch and Dick Townsend

Pastor Nominating Committee

Kent Couch

Margaret Manning

Net Musfeldt

Roger Perez

Larry Phipps