

Week of
March 2, 2026 to
March 8, 2026

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GraceNotes

Ministry in the Life of
Grace Presbyterian Church



Sunday, March 8 Daylight Saving Time begins	Friday, April 3 Good Friday ~ 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering begins	Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday Easter Brunch ~ 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday Worship ~ 10:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt ~ 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, April 1 No Come & See service	Worship ~ 10:30 a.m. Communion
Thursday, April 2 Maundy Thursday ~ 7:00 p.m. Communion	

A Lenten study for everyone

**Wednesday evenings - March 4, 11, 18, 25
6:00 p.m.***

The Christian Education Ministry is offering us a thoughtful Lenten study this year. Each class stands alone so come to as many as you can. **This study is open to everyone in the church.** Using the book *Entering the Passion of Jesus* as a guide, Jenny Ross will lead us in a thought-provoking walk through the Passion week, and she will provide us with everything we need. Join us each Wednesday in March (4, 11, 18*, 25). Note that all the classes will begin at 6:00 p.m. except March 18, when it will start at 5:30 p.m. in order to be finished in time for Taco Salad Supper. Classes will be about 45 minutes long.

Church Calendar

Wednesday, March 4
Strength & Balance
Exercise Class via Zoom
10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, March 4
Come & See Worship
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 5
Night Circle Bible Study
7:00 p.m. via Zoom
(see page 8 for details)

Sunday, March 8
Daylight Saving Time begins
move your clocks forward
one hour!

Sunday, March 8
Worship
3rd Sunday in Lent

Sunday School
9:00 a.m.

Worship
10:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Christopher Coffman
Ushers: Chip Black, Linda Black,
Mike Dillman, Twylia Dillman
Livestream Tech: LeRoy Thompson
AV Tech: John Hendricks
Offering Counters: Chris Coffman,
Terry Hendricks
Guardian Angels: Jamie Curtis,
Docia Thompson
Teachers: Dixie Conine, Syd Askew

EASTER BRUNCH



NO Sunday School for Adults or Children...

Sunday, April 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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

The brunch will be held on Sunday, April 5, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. There will be **NO Sunday School** for Adults or Children 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.

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

Sunday, April 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The fun begins promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Easter morning would not be complete without our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children aged 12 and under. We will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m.

on the lawn of the church (or inside if it is raining). 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! All the eggs and prizes will be provided, just bring your kids



and grandkids and their Easter baskets!

An opportunity for all of us to help PCHAS!

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) has a Foster Care Village Program located in Itasca, Texas. This village is a place where foster children find healing, support and a chance to build a brighter future.

Our Mission & Neighborhood Outreach Ministry will be working with PCHAS throughout this year to offer Grace Presbyterian ways we can help support their efforts through our donations of time and talents.



Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

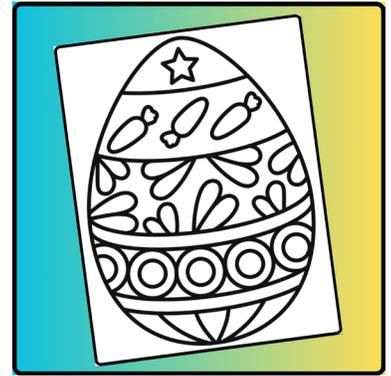
A project everyone can help with ...

First we collect the "stuff" to fill the Easter Eggs ...

The Women of Grace would appreciate the congregation's help to make our donation to the Presbyterian Children's Home and Services successful!

Beginning this week, you will find a display with all the information about exactly what we need for donations to our Easter Egg project. **Look for the gigantic**

"egg" poster in the Narthex, and sign up to donate the items that have been requested. It is important that we have all donations to the church in time for the Women of Grace meeting on Thursday, March 12 for the Egg Stuffing Party!



... then we gather and enjoy an Easter Egg Stuffing Party Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.

We are good at this kind of fun! The Women of Grace will be having an "egg stuffing party" at their regular monthly meeting in March. With the help of the congregation, we should have plenty of "stuff" for filling the Easter Eggs we will donate to PCHAS. This will be an easy project which will allow for LOTS of laughter and conversation. **Plan to join us, and bring a friend!**

EASTER LILY ORDERS

Lilies for Easter Sunday may be given in honor of someone or as a memorial to a loved one.

We are taking orders through Sunday, March 22. This year the plants are \$11.50 each and include a purple pot sleeve.

Forms are on the table in the Narthex.





Letting our creative juices flow ... **Our Lenten Art Project**

We can do this! It has been fun to see how this art project progresses and it will be beautiful when it is displayed on Easter morning. Everyone is figuring out the best way to “quill” the paper pieces and they are filling the letters that spell out “GRACE.” Use the reflection time during worship on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings to test your quilling skills!



Roger Perez and John Hendricks were seen checking their calendars and collaborating on a new project. A lot of work gets done at Grace when these guys bump into each other in the hallway.

Presbytery meetings are like a day-long Session meeting, but when we get to visit with long-time friends it makes the day a lot more fun.



Appreciation for our generous and creative donation

Dear Women of Grace,

Thank you so much to all of the women of the church for the incredible STEM baskets you created and donated for the children at our Itasca campus. Your thoughtfulness, creativity, and care truly meant so much to our kids and families.



I wanted to share a photo with you of some of the children enjoying one of the activities alongside their foster parents. It was such a special moment to see families learning, laughing, and spending meaningful time together because of your generosity.

Please extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved. Your kindness and commitment to caring for children at PCHAS are a true blessing. We are so grateful for your partnership and look forward to continuing to work together in the months ahead.

Thank you again for loving and supporting our children so well.

Warmly,
Laura Fleming
Director of Development



Presbyterian Children's
Homes and ServicesSM

Hope Outshines Hardship

A luncheon event benefiting the children and families of PCHAS



There is a sign-up sheet for the luncheon on the WOG Table in the hallway. So far we have five ladies who have committed to attend. Men are welcome to join us at this event too!

PCHAS Spring Luncheon Fundraiser

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Ridglea Country Club**

We have a wonderful opportunity to make a difference for the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services by "hosting" a table of 10 people on May 6. There is no cost for us to host

a table, but anyone attending will be given the opportunity to make a donation.

This luncheon is a major fundraiser for PCHAS. The president of PCHAS will provide an update on the organization and several clients will share their stories. At the close of the luncheon, each guest will be given an opportunity to make a donation. Donations can be made at the luncheon or at a later date.



MARCH 24 to MARCH 27

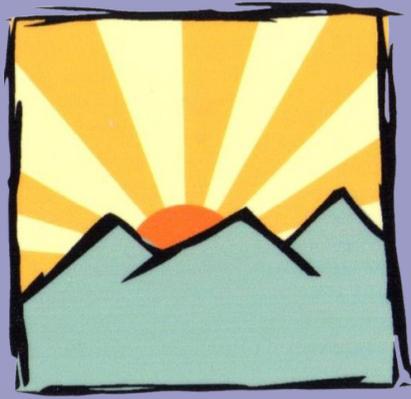
TUESDAY, 3/24, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.-----FFAPL MEMBER PREVIEW SALE*
 WEDNESDAY, 3/25, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.-----OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
 THURSDAY, 3/26, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.-----OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
 FRIDAY, 3/27, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.-----HALF PRICE DAY FOR ALL
 FRIDAY, 3/27, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.-----TEACHER & NON-PROFIT SALE
 \$5 SUGGESTED DONATION, ALL YOU CAN CARRY, ID REQUIRED

*MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE ON SITE

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Supporting NEW DAY is easy ... and it is so important!

The Mission & Neighborhood Outreach Ministry at Grace had a special focus on the needs of NEW DAY last year. We want to remind everyone that NEW DAY needs the help of our congregation twelve months of the year. Let's see if we can finish out this school year with full bags. We can continue to help fill their needs with our gifts of money at any time during the year.

You should **write your checks directly to NEW DAY** and either drop the check in the offering plate during worship or mail to:

DONATE ONLINE to NEW DAY:
www.newdayarlington.org/donate.html

NEW DAY • P.O. Box 17122 • Arlington 76003
If you have any questions, please contact:
Docia Thompson dociakt@gmail.com

NEW DAY approved food shopping list



**No products should contain NUTS
or be manufactured where NUTS
are processed.**

Please select from these items:

Vienna Sausage

Ramen Noodles

Cheez-its

Applesauce or other fruit cup

Nutrigrain Bar

(only that brand and style
since others have nuts)

Chef Boyardee Ravioli or Spaghetti

Cereal (cup or pouch)

*Place purchased food in the
NEW DAY box in the hallway.*

Women of Grace Officers for 2025-2026

WOG General Meetings

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

All women of the church are invited
and encouraged to bring their friends!

Moderator:

Jamie Curtis
email: jamie.curtis1@att.net

Secretary:

Cynthia Tucker

Treasurer:

Elsa Louis

Programs:

Julie Bayless

Retreat:

Julie Bayless

Hospitality:

Erinn Bryant

Christian Fellowship:

Karen Ellen Anderson

Mission: vacant

Nursery: vacant

Special Projects: vacant

Bible Study Circles:

Monday Circle:

Syd Askew

Night Circle:

Martha Kinard

Nominating Committee:

Moderator and
Circle Leaders



2025 - 2026 WOG Meetings

Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.

We will gather to stuff Easter Eggs for
our gift to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services!
This will be an easy job which will allow
for LOTS of laughter and conversation.
Please join us and bring a friend!

April 9, 2026

Cookies for At-Home Members, Session and Staff
Heirloom Show-and-Tell

May 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Seed & Plant Swap

Bible Study Circles

Monday Circle Bible Study

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

Next Meeting: Monday, March 9, 2026

Monday Circle Coordinator: Syd Askew
(817) 366-6493 email: syd.askew@gmail.com

Night Circle Bible Study

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 2026

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

Exercise with us each Wednesday and stay in your pajamas!

Join these folks for some FUN stretching!

Strength & Balance Exercise Class

**Meeting each Wednesday via ZOOM
10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**

This online class has been a staple in the lives of many of our members who work to keep moving and enjoying fellowship with one another. This is a class that is surprisingly easy to do online! 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.

Join us each Wednesday morning from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. via Zoom!

For more information, contact:

Nancy Kenney, Coordinator at kenneyhasasu@gmail.com

Financial Update - January

January 2026 Budget Update	January Actual	January Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	27,499	20,965	27,499	20,965
Expenses	19,124	25,430	19,124	25,430
Income over (under) Expenses	8,375	(4,465)	8,375	(4,465)



Thank you for stepping up!

Sandra Cooper has graciously volunteered to help coordinate the monthly donations from Burt's Big Box! Thank you, Sandra, for being so quick to respond to our request for someone to coordinate with Mission Arlington.

If you have questions about what you can place in Burt's Big Box, contact Sandra Cooper and she will explain exactly what this mission is all about!

Sandra Cooper

(817) 992-7181

sandra@tmiservices.com

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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Children's Church:

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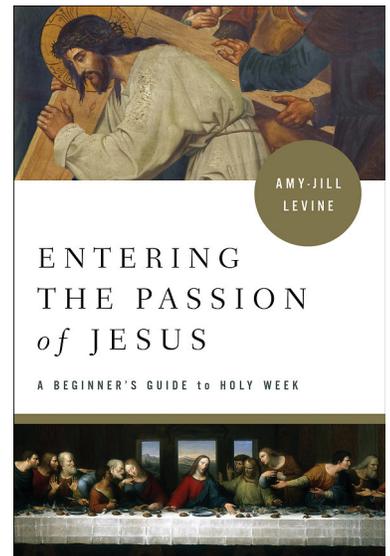
Soul Sisters

Soul Sisters is using the book *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by Amy-Jill Levine. This book explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. The author asks ethical and spiritual questions to consider in our lives today. This will be our study for Lent and we expect to have great discussions.

Push reset and join us any time, we welcome newcomers!

Come be part of the Soul Sisters friendship which nurtures each of us, provides prayer partners, supports each of us in life's chapters, and develops bonds of sisterhood. See you Sunday!

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



Fresh and engaging Bible study material for your adult Sunday school class or small group.

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 jdyerross90@gmail.com

Ruling Elders & Trustees

CLASS of 2026



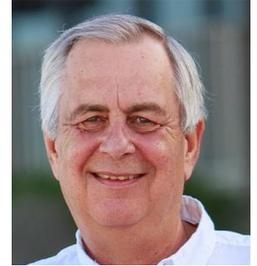
Brian Anderson
Finance
Elder



Becky Couch
Communications
Elder



Larry Phipps
Stewardship
Elder



Louie Nash
Trustee

CLASS of 2027



John Hendricks
Pastoral Care
Elder



Elaine McCann
Worship
Elder



Jenny Ross
Christian Education
Elder



Kent Couch
Trustee
Clerk of Session

CLASS of 2028



Mike Dillman
Stewardship
Elder



Margaret Manning
Mission &
Neighborhood Outreach
Elder



Walter Nelson
Building & Grounds
Elder



Jack Kean
Trustee

Councils

Personnel Council

John Hendricks, Chair
Jenny Ross, member from Session
Karen Ellen Anderson
Linda Black
Roger Perez

Nominating Council

Larry Phipps, Chair
Elaine McCann, member from Session
Chip Black
Lisa Johnson
Anna Perez

Session Briefs

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

COMMENDATIONS

The session expressed appreciation and directed that commendations be published in *GraceNotes* for the following:

- **Kent Couch** for his long-term service on the Personnel Ministry.
- **John Hendricks** for his dedicated service and attention to the church building during the recent ice and snow storms.
- **The Building and Property Task Force** for its recent work and decision-making.

Pastor's Report

- Rev. Conner reported on her service to Grace Presbytery as part of the Church Vitality Committee.
- Rev. Conner requested vacation leave for March 16-18, 2026.

Council Reports

- Rev. Conner reported that the Building and Property Task Force had indicated its work was complete.

Building and Grounds:

- Prayer Garden Task Force: Approved Saturday, May 2, 2026, for the Spring Plant Sale

Christian Education:

- Approved the study book *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by Amy-Jill Levine for use by Soul Sisters.
- Approved May 17, 2026, as Teacher Appreciation Day to be presented during Children's Time.
- Approved a Lenten study to be offered on Wednesdays in March (March 4, 11, 18, and 25), led by Jenny Ross; the study would use the same book as Soul Sisters as a discussion guide (no purchase required); sessions would begin at 6:00 p.m. except March 18 (5:30 p.m.) and last approximately 45 minutes.

Mission and Neighborhood Outreach:

- Approved collecting One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering from March 11-April 5 (Easter Sunday).
- Approved an Easter Brunch on April 5 (Easter Sunday).
- Approved the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser, "Sign the Stud" from May 3-31.
- Approved collecting for World Communion Special Offering from September 9-October 4 (World Communion Day).
- Approved Pastor Appreciation Day to recognize the Pastor on Sunday, October 11.
- Approved Grace Mitten Tree from November 22-December 27.
- Approved collecting the Christmas Joy Special Offering from November 25-December 20.
- Approved the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held during the month of January 2027 as required by the Bylaws.

Grace Presbytery Meeting Delegates

- Rev. Conner reported that she would attend the Grace Presbytery stated meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2026 (Trinity Presbyterian Church, Flower Mound). Becky Couch volunteered to attend.

Other Business

- The Nominating Council was tasked with developing the selection process for the 2027 nomination cycle, to include a nomination for the position of Clerk of Session.

Ministry Discernment Moment

- Rev. Conner encouraged the ministries to consider new ways to reach out to the community and to share ideas with the congregation, including the question, "Where do we go from here?" Each ministry was tasked with identifying one event or action that reaches out to neighbors in the community and reporting back at the March stated meeting

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STANDING OFFICE HOURS:

Monday & Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**WORK FROM HOME/
IN THE COMMUNITY:**

Thursday

OUT OF THE OFFICE:

Friday and Saturday

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

For booking an appointment with Pastor Alissa:

Here is a link to her Google calendar:

<https://calendar.app.google/nkqTu8BPx8ca2zjMA>

You are also welcome to stop by the church or request a meeting outside those standing times by email or by phone.

Learn a skill that is invaluable ...

Want to learn CPR?



The Christian Education Ministry is working hard to connect with our community. They have come up with a wonderful idea that will benefit everyone. Grace Presbytery offers resource people who will teach CPR at our church. Dates for this class are being discussed and it won't be long before you can put a date on your calendar! If you have any interest in learning CPR, or know other people who might benefit from learning this valuable skill, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Sign up and you will be contacted as soon as the date is announced. Thanks to the CE Ministry for thinking outside the box!