



# GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

— TEMPLE, TEXAS —

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## TRANSITION UPDATE

In August the Session entered a time of discernment to call two very important committees that will guide us through transition: A Mission Study Committee and an Interim Pastor (or Transitional Pastor) Search Committee. After much prayer and discussion the Session has named the following folks to serve:

### Mission Study Committee

Liz Callarman  
Ann Edmondson  
Josh Essary  
Sandy Mason  
David Nickerson  
A'Lisa Ozment  
Richard Tolleson

### Interim Pastor Search Committee

John Bowling  
Margaret Buchanan  
Kevin Cushman  
Alyssa Nickerson  
Becky Northen  
Stan Simons  
Martha Tabarlet



Both of these Committees will begin their work this week. The Mission Study Committee will be seeking your feedback on program mission and ministry in the coming months.

When it comes to finding an Interim or transitional pastor it is important to note that this process differs from finding a permanent installed pastor. Where the search for a permanent pastor requires a congregational committee and formal process, the interim or transitional pastor is hired by the session and is a temporary pastoral relationship. We have some great support from the Presbytery and will work with them as we move forward.

Please keep these two committees in prayer as they lead us along with the session through this time of transition.



## TAIZÉ EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24  
6PM IN THE SANCTUARY

The beautiful evening service will be filled with candlelight, Taizé music and prayer. Join us as we gather for a contemplative worship time – a chance to slow down in our busy lives and pray together.

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## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Wanting to become a Circle Member?** Circle groups meet as follows: Tuesday Evening Circle, please note change of meeting location: First Tuesday of each month at 6PM at Julie Benner's home (contact [bjbenner@att.net](mailto:bjbenner@att.net)); Tuesday Morning Circle meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30AM at the church (contact Pat Wurster at [jwurster@hot.rr.com](mailto:jwurster@hot.rr.com)); Jennie Shull Circle meets the third Thursday of each month at noon, at the church (contact Patti Smith at [pcsmith53@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pcsmith53@sbcglobal.net)) • Join us for fellowship, study, inspiration, and the joy that's always found when we are together!

## MEN OF GRACE

Men's Breakfast! Saturday, October 19 • 9AM • Fellowship Hall • All men are welcome! Our mission is to discover ways to support our church better and to support each other better. Come for a good meal and fellowship • Join us every third Saturday of the month at 9AM in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Email Stan ([stanb4simons@gmail.com](mailto:stanb4simons@gmail.com)) or Bob ([bshull612@gmail.com](mailto:bshull612@gmail.com)) for questions.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Children's Sunday School** - Exciting news! Our K-5 Sunday School now starts at 9:30AM, with a pickup at 10:45am in room 204. This Fall, your wonderful teachers are A'Lisa Ozment, Cathi Simons and Elizabeth Seeger. We're diving into the *Growing in Grace and Gratitude* curriculum, starting at the very beginning -- Genesis! We'll journey through the Bible, stopping at Exodus, Leviticus, and more. Expect fun Bible stories, singing, crafts, and snacks every Sunday. We're so grateful to share God's love and grace with your children!

**Parent's Night Out** is **Friday, October 4** • 5:30-8:30PM • For families who are members or regular attenders of the church and for their children (*infants 6 weeks through 5th grade*) Childcare is provided by our GPC nursery staff • **Register by October 2** on our website!

**LOGOS Wednesday Night Children's Ministry** - For children currently in grades K-5 • Wednesday evenings beginning September 18 continuing to November 20 • 5:30-7:00PM (dinner included) • Register at [www.gpctemple.org](http://www.gpctemple.org); click on the Children's Ministry tab Children can be dropped-off and then picked up at the end of the program • **What happens at LOGOS?** Children's Choir; Bible learning; Dinner and fellowship time; Crafts and games



## CONFIRMATION CLASS HELPING FAMILIES IN NEED

CTLC Fall Campaign Holiday meals for Families in Need

Our confirmation class will be leading us in a campaign throughout October to help CTLC Provide 1000 Thanksgiving meals for their clients. CTLC works to help a large segment of our community who are hungry or food insecure.

**A gift of \$40 purchases a holiday meal with all the trimmings for a family in need.** In order to prepare for this campaign the confirmation class will be working at CTLC and will then be preparing all the promotional materials. We have set a goal for grace to provide 100 Holiday meals.

We have been blessed with so much and this is a great opportunity for us to be a blessing to others. Keep an eye out for the promotional materials and the voices of our youth who are committed to leading the campaign.

**DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERNS OF THIS WORLD BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND**

Romans 12:2a

## GPC STAFF

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Current office hours:  
Mon- Thursdays  
8AM- 4PM

## FEED MY SHEEP

Our next meal service for *Feed My Sheep* is coming up October 22-23, and there are several ways you can help with this vital mission! Come and join us to make sandwiches and pack sack lunches on Tuesday, October 22, at 5:30PM. We have a great time visiting while making 200 sandwiches and putting together sack lunches.

Serve the hot meal and sack lunches at *Feed My Sheep* on Wednesday, October 23. We meet at the church at 10:30AM to take the meals over, set up the food service, and then serve the clients. The meal service is done at 12:30PM. This is a great time to provide a friendly smile and appreciated nourishment to many folks who are in need. We serve our signature macaroni and cheese dish which is a FMS favorite!

Other ways to participate:

- Sign-up to help cook macaroni and cheese
- Bake cookies or brownies to be served with the hot meal
- Donate wrapped, disposable cutlery from your take-out meals
- Donate adult-size socks

Note: FMS is **not** in need of toiletry donations at this time. Sign-up on the sheets are located in the narthex. This will be the last FMS service until the new year.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Sunday, October 6** • 11AM Worship - the Choir and Handbell Choir will combine in worship for World Communion Sunday

**Sunday, November 10** - See *Baylor Men's Choir Concert* on back of Grace Notes

**Sunday, November 24** • 6PM in the Sanctuary • Taizé Evening Prayer Service This beautiful evening service will be filled with candlelight, Taizé music and prayer. Join us as we gather for a contemplative worship time – a chance to slow down in our busy lives and pray together.

**Sunday, December 8** • 11AM Worship • The Chancel Choir presents *Handel's Messiah: A Cantata for Worship*, joined by professional soloists from the community and instrumental ensemble.

**New members are always welcome to join us!**

Handbell Rehearsal 6-7PM • Josh Essary, Director of Handbell Ensemble | [josh-uaessary@gmail.com](mailto:josh-uaessary@gmail.com)

Choir Rehearsal 7-8PM • Chelsea Stern, Minister of Music | [chelsea@gpctemple.org](mailto:chelsea@gpctemple.org)

## weekly messenger

Every week we have the church weekly messenger with things either coming up that week or in the near future. If you are not on this list to receive it and would like to, email the church office at [office@gpctemple.org](mailto:office@gpctemple.org).

## grace prayer ministry

Did you know that we have a prayer ministry? If you would like to be added to the email prayer chain to receive updates and prayer requests, please let the church office know by emailing us. If you have a prayer request that you would like to be prayed over, please email the church office at [office@gpctemple.org](mailto:office@gpctemple.org).

## missed a service?

Watch our worship service **LIVE** on Grace Presbyterian's Facebook page ([@gpctemple](https://www.facebook.com/gpctemple)) or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...). Need help in finding us? Contact us at 254.773.2134 or see a staff member, Elder, or Rev. Thom Lamb. Share with your friends that cannot make it so that they can worship with us!



## MEMBER OF THE MONTH!

- October Member of the Month! It's time to shower Shelly Geist with cards! Mail cards to: 2200 Montrose Place #1019, Belton, TX 76513. Don't have a card? We have one for you in the narthex! Fill it out and drop it in the office and we will mail it for you!

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Jennifer Gosney-Ward	10/5
Gary Southerland	10/5
Sara Shull	10/6
Joey Tabarlet	10/7
Abby Zalkovsky	10/7
Pat Syper	10/8
Sharon Tullis	10/8
Jo Elwood	10/9
Debbie Trahan	10/11
Danna Kluth	10/12
Bonnie Woodard	10/13
John Roberts	10/14
Polly Parnell	10/15
Jessica Wilds	10/15
Doris Kirkley	10/23
Chelsea Stern	10/24
Amy Asbury	10/29
Mary Alice Wall	10/29
Jennifer Essary	10/31

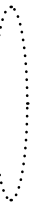
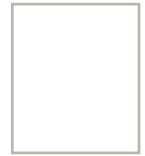


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9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30AM COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

11 AM WORSHIP

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**Sunday, November 10 at 4pm**

**The Baylor Men's Choir in Concert  
at Grace Presbyterian Church**

We are SO excited to announce the 70-voice Baylor Men's Choir under the direction of professor, Dr. Randall Bradley, will give a concert at GPC as part of their Fall Tour through Texas! They will present a wide variety of choral selections. You do not want to miss this wonderful opportunity to hear a world-traveling choir! Please invite friends and family. The concert is free and open to the public. Childcare will be provided. Please save the date and make plans to be here for this wonderful concert. We are VERY honored to be asked to host them as part of their tour. **For more information, check out their website: [Baylor Men's Choir Website](#)**