



## Grace Presbyterian Church

1415 Airport Road  
Panama City, Florida  
32405

Return Service Requested



*Come Experience Grace!  
It is the purpose of Grace, to  
share the gospel, to equip  
the saints, and to serve  
others so that all people  
may experience the love and  
joy of Jesus!*

### GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1415 Airport Road  
Panama City, FL. 32405  
850-769-4000

#### Regular Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
**Phone: 850-769-4000**

**Follow us online at:**  
[www.gracechurchpc.com](http://www.gracechurchpc.com)

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Grace Presbyterian  
Church  
Panama City, Florida

#### Ministry Staff

Pastor: Rev. Eric Spoon  
Parish Associate: Rev. Dr. Jim Huffaker  
Youth & Children's Director: Jason Williams  
Director of Grace Preschool: Susan Ackermann  
Administrative Secretary: Beverly Halley  
Pianist: Deborah Collins  
Nursery Administrator: Leah Rudek

#### Grace Cares Ministry

**FOOD PANTRY  
LIMITED  
FINANCIAL AID**

**THURSDAY  
8:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

*Where Everyone Is Welcome,  
No One is Perfect, and  
Anything is Possible!*

### MAUNDY THURSDAY AND EASTER SCHEDULE INFORMATION

The days leading up to Easter Sunday are always very special days in the life of everyone at Grace Presbyterian Church. There are several special events at Grace to celebrate our risen Lord!

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday Communion Worship Service @ 6:00pm

April 17<sup>th</sup> – 6:30am – Easter Sunrise Service in the parking lot.

9:00am – Breakfast for all hosted by the Presbyterian Women and Men.

9:15am – Brief devotional for our children and guests.

9:30am – Easter Egg Hunt for Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade children. All children will receive a gift.

10:30am – Special worship service in the sanctuary.

**COME CELEBRATE!!**



### GRACEVINE INFORMATION

Beginning in June 2022, the Gracevine will be going digital, via email and the website. For those of you who would still like to receive a hard copy of the Gracevine each month in the mail, please let the church office know.

Gracevine Info for May: Due Friday, April 8th. Please submit any items you would like to appear in the May edition of the Gracevine by the deadline. Please send information to Janet Pitts at [cookiegirl54@yahoo.com](mailto:cookiegirl54@yahoo.com) OR to the church at [gracechurchpc@gmail.com](mailto:gracechurchpc@gmail.com). Thank you!





# Preschool News

From the Director's Desk:

Happy Spring!

Although we only have 7 1/2 weeks before our school year comes to an end, we still have quite a bit happening in the preschool.

During the month of April, the children will be preparing for Palm Sunday. We will have a Palm Sunday reenactment with the children in the sanctuary. We have done this for many years now and the children really seem to enjoy waving their palms and singing songs as "Jesus" passes by.

We will also be preparing for Easter. Easter parties and Easter egg hunts are always a fun time for the children, but our main goal is for them to understand that Jesus Is Risen!

Our annual art show will take place on Tuesday, April 5 and Wednesday, April 6 beginning at 11:00am. The children will perform the songs they have been working on in music class with Ms. Erin and their artwork will be displayed for us to enjoy. I hope you will all join us.

Summer camp registration began in March and will continue until all spots are full. Our application can be found on our website at [graceschoolpc.com](http://graceschoolpc.com).

We are always hiring here at Grace so if you love kids and would like to join an awesome group of teachers, please contact me at 850 319-3967 if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Susan Ackermann  
Director



## April Sermons

April 3, 2022 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent/Communion)  
Sermon Scripture – Isaiah 43: 16 – 21/John 12: 1 - 8  
Sermon Title: "Final Preparations"

April 10, 2022 (Palm Sunday)  
Sermon Scripture – Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 19 – 29/Luke 19: 28 40  
Sermon Title: "The Calm Before the Storm"

April 14, 2022 (Maundy Thursday/Communion)  
Sermon Scripture – Exodus 12: 1 – 4, 11 – 14/John 13: 1 - 17  
Sermon Title: "Giving It All"

April 17, 2022 (Easter)  
Sermon Scripture – Isaiah 65: 17 – 25/Luke 24: 1 - 12  
Sermon Title: "Rejoice!"

April 24, 2022 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)  
Sermon Scripture – Psalm 150/John 20: 19 - 31  
Sermon Title: "Joyfully Give Praise"



Presbyterian Women of Grace

### April 2022 Activities

Thursday, April 7, PWCT @ 2:00pm

### April Team

Susan McQuagge  
Bessie Goodwin  
Carissa Hosea  
Barbara Smith  
Jackie Smith  
Melanie Spoon  
Gayle Walker  
Karen Williams

Sunday, April 10, Combined Circle & Election – Immediately after church service. We will be doing Lesson 8 and having a luncheon of chicken salad sandwiches, green salad, veggie straws, dessert, and beverage. Please make a reservation with Pattie Johnson or your Circle Chair.

Monday, April 11 – Friday, April 15, Holy Week

Sunday, April 17, Easter Sunday – PW & the Men's Group will be hosting our annual Easter breakfast at 9am. Please see Patti Johnson or John Fortner to find out what you can do to help!

To My Church Family:

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11: 25 – 26*

The month of April and our time of celebration is officially upon us. For a whole year, we have waited in anticipation for the chance to watch Christ die on a Cross, taking on our sins and the burdens of the world, so that we can live at the right hand of God for all eternity. What a joyful celebration! Or it is, what a joyful celebration. Do you celebrate what Christ did for us, for the world – past, present, and future – with an exclamation point or a period, or maybe even a question mark? With it being Easter month, what is in your heart?

Faith can sometimes be a difficult road to navigate. There are twists and there are turns. There are ups and there are downs. There are questions and there are answers. Sometimes we cannot see the path because the twist or turn is too complicated. Sometimes we cannot see the ever-present presence of the Lord because the ups and downs are too massive. Sometimes we cannot figure out how to move forward because the questions are too many and the answers are too few. It is this complex pattern of Christianity that creates for us confusion in how we should respond to God's loving glory as seen through the Easter story.

I am not going to tell you how to experience the Cross and the empty tomb. Each one of us is in a different place mentally, physically, and spiritually. We come to Maundy Thursday and Easter morning, each with different joys and concerns that cause us to see Christ in a joyful way or a broken way. The overwhelming emotions that you may experience in this Easter season can shape you or break you for experiencing the love of God.

What I do pray for you, for all of us, for this Easter season is that regardless if you celebrate Christ joyfully because you can live or if you question if you should celebrate because how could Christ give his life for a sinner like me, that you do it with hope. The hope that we get to live in and through triumphs over any painful or joyful celebration we could ever encounter. Living in hope will celebrate the exclamation point, will lift up the period, and will calm the question mark. Living in hope will change our outlook and pattern on life, for a lifetime to come.

It is our Easter month. We have waited for this time to come, and it is now upon us. Live this day and every day with God's grace and glory shaping your future forever. Do not fear what will come tomorrow and simply live for the Lord alone with a hope that expands all endings.

*Blessings in Peace,  
Rev. Eric Spoon*



### Session Highlights

Your Session met on Sunday, February 20, immediately after the Annual Congregation meeting in the Sanctuary with no meeting scheduled in March. Two Elders were excused and the rest of us met in the Edge Room. Several Motions were made as the Ministry reports were given.

Those were:

- Approved Session minutes of January 16.
- The April Stated meeting was originally set for April 17 but now moved to April 24.
- The Annual Statistical report for 2021 to General Assembly was approved.
- Session agreed to keep the collection of the Sunday Worship offering as it is now. We may begin later on the procedure of passing the offering plate among the congregation as we did before "COVID."
- Bay Winds Community Band will play at Grace, and we will allow them to collect an offering for the Band.
- Sunday School is cancelled for Easter Sunday, April 17, in lieu of a breakfast and Easter egg hunt beginning at 9:00am that morning.
- Finance will adopt a consolidated financial management plan that fully integrates Grace Schools with Grace Church's budget – target for having this going is by Jan 1, 2023.
- All financial accounting periods will be from Jan 1 to Dec 31 – right now, Grace Schools accounting period is Aug 1 to July 31.

Grace will be hosting the Fall Stated Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, August 23.

We will begin "emailing" the Gracevine to members beginning with the June issue – just trying to save some \$\$ and time – we will, of course, have printed copies for anyone who requests to remain on our mailing list or who are able to pick their copy up from the church.

Grace is considering some type of Sunday Worship with the other four Presbyterian churches in Bay County – no definite plans yet.

We are looking into purchasing a larger van (school bus), something that will carry maybe up to 30 kids. Just looking now.

## MEN OF GRACE – APRIL MEETING

**The Men of Grace will be gathering on Thursday, April 28 at 5:00pm in Bell Hall** for dinner and fellowship. The speaker will be Lt. Myron Gilford of the Bay County Sheriff's office with the Community Services Division. This is a combined meeting of the area Presbyterian Churches. All men and women are invited to attend. Please contact the office for a reservation.

### MEETING OPPORTUNITIES FOR APRIL

**PROVERBS 31 GUILD** – Meets the second Monday of each month in Bell Hall at 11:00am. Contact Ronnie Wilson for more information.

**YOGA BLISS** – Faith and Fitness – Tuesdays at 4:30pm and Thursdays at 3:30pm in Bell Hall. Contact JoAnn at 850-819-1249.

**SAINT ANDREWS BAY QUILTER'S GUILD** – Meets at Grace each month. If you enjoy quilting and fellowship, visit their website at <http://www.sabqg.org> for meeting times and membership information.

## YARD SALE!!!!

Brian Wolff is having a garage sale at his home, 709 Brandeis Ave., on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2, from 8:00am until 1:00pm, to benefit the Grace Cares Food Pantry. He will advertise in the newspaper. If you are decluttering and would like to donate, he will take items beginning Monday March 28, but no large furniture items. He has some storage room in his garage, with items in boxes most easily accommodated. Any leftovers he plans to pass along to another organization or place on the curb. You may contact Brian at 850-913-6189. He has an answering machine so you may leave your Name and Phone Number (use your best Southern Slow voice: he says please repeat the number LOL) if he does not answer. Thanks Brian!



8 Jackie Smith  
10 Barbara Downs  
10 Audrey Combs  
12 Bonnie Nethero  
14 George McQuire  
18 Jonathan Williams  
21 Brenda Dye  
22 Joyce Bright  
23 Gerri Jasperson  
23 Joe Wayne Walker  
27 Gayle Walker  
30 Tabitha Speed

## Gift Cards for Disaster Relief

During the Season of Lent, the Ministry of Care is collecting gift cards for any major retailer to be given out in the event of a disaster. After tornadoes swept through Kentucky, we were able to send the gift cards we had collected to the Presbytery of Western Kentucky for them to distribute where they most saw the need. Most places receive lots of donations they are unable to use and have found that gift cards do some of the most good for recovery. Please consider supporting others the way Grace was supported after Hurricane Michael and let's pay the love of Christ shown to us forward!

### It's a Road Trip!

55th Eufaula Pilgrimage: Alabama's Oldest Tour of Homes  
We will leave Grace, Friday, April 1 @ 8:30am, arrive Eufaula @ 11:00am  
Tour of 3 "Antebellum" homes & lunch \$29.00. Leave Eufaula around 4:00pm,  
stop for dinner in Dothan and return to PC approximately 8:00pm.

We will need several drivers (church van not available).

Call Joyce @ 850-265-5466 by  
March 28 if you would like to join us.  
EVERYONE WELCOME!

## *Grace Is a Praying Church!!!!*

Have you ever thought, "What can I do to help?" Maybe you have thought, "I am too old," or "I am too young," or "I am too busy," or maybe, "No one has ever asked me to help." Every one of us has the power to pray. If you would like to pray for others, please email Jim McQuagge at [jimmcjr@gmail.com](mailto:jimmcjr@gmail.com) and he will add you to the email prayer list. But please make sure we do have a correct and current email address for you and just pray to the Lord! It is as simple as that. Just wait for an email and pray and let God take care of the rest. What are you waiting for, and remember, GP2 – Grace Prays at 2!

**EVERY TUESDAY STOP AND PRAY!**

**GP2**

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