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***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**

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**Music Director & Pianist: Deborah Collins**  
**Editor in Chief: Janet Pitts**

**Grace Cares Ministry**

**FOOD PANTRY**  
**THURSDAY**  
8:15am – 11:30am

**FINANCIAL AID**  
**THURSDAY**  
9:00am  
(By phone only)

*“Small enough to feel like family...  
Big enough to make an impact!”*

*To My Church Family:*

*“5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. 7 Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, 10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.”*

*Psalm 139: 5 – 10*

Happy March! That’s right, it is already March 2026, and it seems like just yesterday, it was 2025. No matter how many times I write it or say it, the expression gets more and more true, “Time flies when you are having fun!” Through the ups and downs and the warm and the cold, burst pipes and roofing issues, there is always something exciting going on at Grace! And the best part of it all is that God is in charge and we are leaning on God to lead us.

One of the greatest gifts we have while on this earth is the hopeful life that no matter where we go, God is there. From the very beginning, God knew what humanity was going to do and how humanity was going to do it. Even in the Garden of Eden, after Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit, they tried to hide from the Lord and even though God called out to them, God knew where they were and exactly what they had done. This may sound like a scary “he knows when you are sleeping – he knows when you’re awake,” kind of situation but the truth is, it is not like that. It is more of the shepherd who stays awake during the night to watch their sheep for safety, not for punishment.

We need a little rain, or cold, to fall in our lives to give us perspective of what matters. Our faith is not built on the best acoustics, the prettiest building, or doing what we do because that is how we have always done it. Our faith is built on, finding those that need help and support and doing just that. To do that, we each must give a little bigger, love a little harder, and serve a little stronger. It will not make us perfect people, but with God in control, meeting us wherever we are before we are ever there, we will be the best example of Grace the world has ever known.

If things at Grace were “perfect,” we would do what most people do that gets them in trouble – lean on ourselves. Good times lead to self-praise and self-praise leads to uncontrolled living. I am not looking for a perfect Grace. I am looking for a Grace that looks to glorify God and so far in 2026, that is what I have seen. Two months may be done but the year is far from over. Who else is ready to have some fun celebrating what God is doing in and through Grace? This is our year to shine as the hands and feet of Christ.

Blessing in Peace,

Rev. Eric Spoon





Dear Parents and Friends,

March is shaping up to be a fun and busy month at preschool! We are looking forward to special celebrations and important registration dates, so please mark your calendars.

**📖 Dr. Seuss Week – March 2–6**

We will be celebrating the wonderful world of Dr. Seuss all week long! The children will enjoy themed activities, special stories, and lots of rhyming fun.

**🌞 Summer Camp Registration**

March 10 at 8:30 a.m. – Registration opens for current students.

March 26 at 8:30 a.m. – Registration opens to the public.

Summer camp spots fill quickly, so please be sure to register as soon as your window opens!

**❤️ St. Jude Trike-A-Thon – March 12 & 13**

Our annual Trike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will take place on March 12 and 13. This special event teaches our children about helping others while having fun riding their trikes. More information will be sent home soon.

**🌸 Spring Break – March 16–20**

The preschool and school age after care will be closed for Spring Break during this week. We hope your family enjoys a wonderful and restful time together!

**Preschool Prom on April 11, 2026**

Join us for Grace Preschool Prom on April 11, 2026, from 4:30-6:30 PM for a fun Sock Hop-themed evening! Tickets are \$5 per student and \$10 for additional family members. Sponsor a table for \$25 and we'll advertise your business.

**Tickets on sale March 23-April 8.**

All proceeds benefit Teacher Appreciation Week!

Thank you for being such an important part of our preschool family. We are looking forward to a fantastic month of learning and fun!

Warm regards,  
Susan Ackermann  
Director



**MAKE YOUR EASTER SUNDAY SPECIAL**

**Sunday, April 5**

*Please join your church family and friends for an Easter celebration including breakfast (9:00am), Easter egg hunt (9:30am), pictures with the Easter Bunny (10:00am), worship (10:30am), and lunch which will be immediately following worship. Ham, fried chicken, rolls, tea, and dessert will be provided. We are kindly asking everyone to bring their favorite vegetable, potato dish, salad, deviled eggs, etc. to complement the lunch offerings. If you have any questions, please see Jan Pitts.*

*Thank you and we will see you on Easter!!!*



The deadline for information to be included in the April 2026 Gracevine should be submitted by Friday, March 13, 2026. Thank you. Please contact Janet Pitts at [cookiegirl54@yahoo.com](mailto:cookiegirl54@yahoo.com) or 850-819-1966 if you have any questions.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JANET TAYLOR**

*A memorial service for Janet Taylor will be held Monday, March 16, beginning at 1:00pm. The service will be held in the Parlor of the church, and a small reception will follow the service. Please keep the family of Janet in your prayers during this difficult time.*



## PROVERBS 31 WOMEN'S GUILD YARD SALE

The ladies of Proverbs 31 and Grace Presbyterian Women will sponsor a Yard Sale in Bell Hall. The yard sale dates are Friday, March 20 from 7:30am - 3:00pm and Saturday, March 21, from 7:30am until 12:00pm. Proceeds will benefit Humble House Ministries. If you would like to donate items to the sale contact Beverly in the church office to schedule a time to bring them to the shed at the church for storage OR bring your items on the set-up days. Donations are being accepted now. **NO CLOTHES PLEASE**; however, shoes and purses are welcome. For large items you must be able to unload your donations yourself or prearrange for assistance.

If you have any questions, you can contact Gerri Jaspersen or Ronnie Wilson. Come and shop at the sale and while there, meet some of the ladies you will be helping in this Christian based program. Thank you for your continued support for this ministry.



## ***EASTER LILIES***

*If you would like to honor or remember someone this Easter with an Easter Lily, please fill out the form you will find in our upcoming March bulletins. The cost for each Lily is \$10.00, and you may take it home after the Easter Service. Please place your form in a collection plate or turn it into Beverly in the office. Thank you.*



## MARCH SERMONS

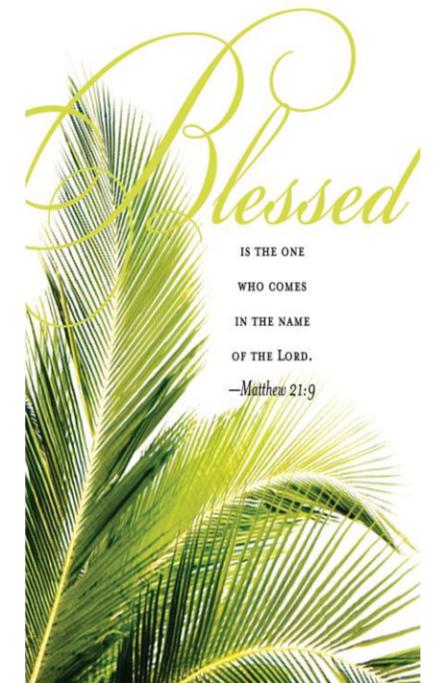
March 1, 2026 (2nd Sunday in Lent/Communion)  
Sermon Scripture: John 3: 1 - 17  
Sermon Title: "Nicodemus Style Christianity"

March 8, 2026 (3rd Sunday in Lent)  
Sermon Scripture: John 4: 5 - 42  
Sermon Title: "The Beginning of Grace"

March 15, 2026 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent)  
Sermon Scripture: John 9: 1 - 12  
Sermon Title: "With What Do You See?"

March 22, 2026 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent)  
Sermon Scripture: John 11: 28 - 37  
Sermon Title: Jesus Wept.....What Else Do We Need?"

March 31, 2026 (Palm Sunday)  
Sermon Scripture: Matthew 21: 1 - 11  
Sermon Title: "Palm Branches"



## TIME CHANGE

Don't forget to set your clocks **AHEAD** by one hour on Saturday, March 8 before bed!!



## PIRATE VOYAGE DINNER & SHOW

Arg, matey! If you would like to attend this dinner and show as a group from Grace Presbyterian, please let Corey Wilson know. Once we see how many people may be interested in this event, a date/time and pricing information will be available.





Wonderful Wednesday Dinners in March

- 4 - Covered Dish w/Fried Chicken
- 11 - Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Rolls
- 18 - NO WW (Spring Break)
- 25 - Sub Sandwiches and Chips

Lunch Bunch

The Grace Lunch Bunch will be going south of the border to Old Mexico Mexican Restaurant on Thursday, March 12 at 12:00pm. Old Mexico is located in the Lynn Haven Winn Dixie Shopping Center on Highway 77! Let Corey or Beverly know if you plan to attend so we can save you a seat!



SUMMER MISSION WEEK 2026

Plans are already in the works for our third annual Summer Mission Week. The date for this year's Mission Week is June 29 – July 2. As this week-long event continues to grow, so does the need for volunteers to help!

The children that attend serve the Lord in many ways and it is exciting to watch as they learn Bible stories, share their faith journey, complete projects to share with the community, arts and crafts and many other activities! If you would like to participate and volunteer for a day, two days, the entire week, or whatever your time will allow, we will find a place for you to help! Please contact Lily so she can help you decide where your talents can be best suited!

So, keep an eye on future bulletins and the Gracevine for more information as we get nearer to the event!



Happy Birthday!

- 1 Stan Wilson
- 2 Cliff Burch
- 7 Alice DeWall
- 20 Anna Faye Brooks
- 24 Robert Wilson
- 28 Margaret McDaniel

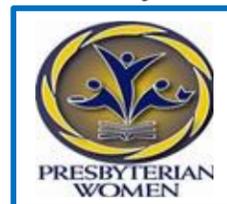


PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

March 2026

- Janet Pitts – Chair
- Brenda Dye
- Cathy Ramsey
- Karen Williams

Thursday, March 5 – PWCT, 1:30pm  
Sunday, March 8 – Combined Circle & Election  
(Fried Chicken & Covered Dish/Monday Hostess)



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 "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!

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