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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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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:

**“18 When I thought, ‘My foot is slipping’, your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.
19 When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.” Psalm 94: 18 - 19**

Is your faith glass full, empty, half full, or half empty? As we near the end of the calendar year mixed with the beginning of something new and great with the birth of Jesus Christ, everyone comes to this time of year with mixed emotions. Children who anxiously await an extended break from school mixed with the burdens of test taking probably have a glass that is half full. Families who miss loved ones that have joined the great cloud of witnesses probably have a glass that is half empty. People trying to figure out how to stay out of the elements when life has given them nothing, but trouble probably have a glass that is empty. Me, my glass is full. My glass is full because of the love that continues to pour out from this congregation through Pastor’s Appreciation Month (which I am eternally grateful for you), the generosity shown through the stewardship season, and the support shown as Grace Cares tries to support as many people as possible (to name a few). I cannot not even get to the thought of Christmas Day, and my cup of faith is already running over, not because of me, but because of you!

But not every day is a perfect day. Some days, even for me, the eternal optimistically optimistic person that I am, bring about struggles that feel like there are no answers. That is when we must lean on each other. The Psalmist knew that people of this world are weak and need a hand to lift them up so he gives us this hopeful reminder that the Lord will catch us when we fall. But how will we be caught? We will be caught by each other. God gives us each other to pick each other up.

No matter what your cup may look like this holiday season, remember that there are people around you to pick you up and for you to help pick up. To help you along, you are invited to read the words of the American folk singer Chuck Brodsky as he wrote in his song, “We Are Each Other’s Angels.”

Well, I hope I see you later'
Cause it's time for me to go
Someone just pulled over
Sure, was good to know you
Go answer your calling
Go and fill somebody's cup
And if you see an angel falling
Won't you stop and help them up

'Cause we are each other's angels
And we meet when it is time
We keep each other going
And we show each other signs

Sometimes you will stumble
Sometimes you might fall down
Sometimes you will get lonely
With all these people around
You might shiver when the wind blows
And you might get blown away
You might even lose your colors
But don't you ever lose your faith

We are each other's angels
And we meet when it is time
We keep each other going
And we show each other signs

Everyone is filled with differing emotions this holiday season, but we all need a little help. You are an angel for someone else, and someone is an angel for you. Be the joy of the Lord with all that you are!

Blessings in Peace,
Rev. Eric Spoon



Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that the Christmas season is already here! We've had such a wonderful fall together, and December promises to be filled with joy, laughter, and special memories.



We're excited to invite you to our annual Christmas Program on Tuesday, December 10, and Wednesday, December 11 at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for this festive celebration! Following the program, please stay for refreshments and a special visit from Santa himself!

Christmas Break

Our last day of school before the holidays will be Thursday, December 18. Christmas Break begins Friday, December 19, 2025 and we will return to school on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

We wish all our Grace Preschool families a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year filled with peace and joy. Thank you for sharing your precious children with us — they are truly the heart of our school!

With love and holiday cheer,
Susan Ackermann
Director



*Please make plans to join us for the
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Grace.
The Service begins at 5:00pm on Wednesday, December 24.*



Angel Tree

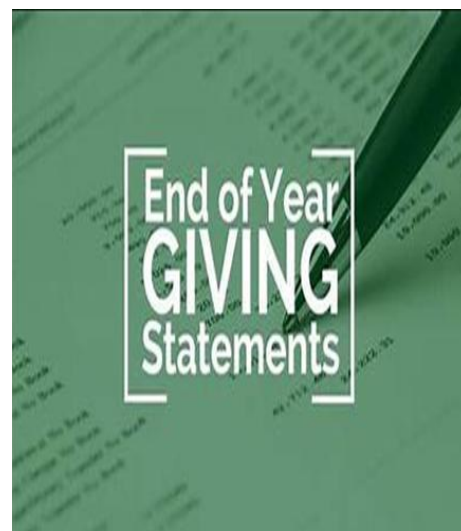
Thank you to everyone that participated in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Project this year. With your support, we were able to donate toys for 45 children. Please continue to pray over the child or children that you picked up cards for.

Unwrapped gifts should be returned to the church by Monday, December 8.

What a wonderful way to share our blessings with a child!

Year-end Financial Contributions

IRS regulations require that all charitable contributions intended for tax deductions be given and deposited no later than the last calendar day of the year in which the deduction will be taken. If you have contributions you would like to make to Grace and desire to deduct them from your 2025 taxes, please have them turned in by 10:00 am Tuesday, December 30, 2025.



Order Your Poinsettia Today!

This Christmas, honor or remember a friend or loved one with a beautiful Poinsettia! Poinsettias are available for \$10.00 and can be taken home after the Christmas Eve Worship Service. Please complete a form found in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by Sunday, December 14. Supply is limited.



DECEMBER SERMONS

December 7, 2025 (2nd Sunday of Advent/Peace - Communion)

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 3: 1 - 12

Sermon Title: "Now is Not the Time to Hold Back"

December 14, 2025 (3rd Sunday of Advent/Joy)

Lessons in Carols

December 21, 2025 (4th Sunday of Advent/Love)

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 1: 18 - 25

Sermon Title: "When All Is Not Right, What's Left?"

December 24, 2025 (Christmas Eve/Christ - Communion)

Sermon Scripture: Luke 2: 1 - 20

Sermon Title: "Do You Hear It?"

December 28, 2025 (1st Sunday of Christmas)

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 2: 13 - 23

Sermon Title: "What About the Others?"



Reverse Advent

This Advent Season, you are encouraged to give back rather than to receive. In the lobby, there is a calendar that gives you an idea for what you can pack in a box or bag and bring to the church between December 28, 2025 and December 30, 2025 for Grace Cares.





Wonderful Wednesday Dinners in December

Dec. 3 Covered Dish with Fried Fish

Dec. 10 Potato Bar

Dec. 17 Creamy Chicken Casserole

Lunch Bunch & Grace Supper Club

The Lunch Bunch for the month of December will meet for lunch at 12:00pm on Thursday, December 18, at Bayou Joes, located at 112A East 3rd Court, downtown Panama City.

The Dinner Club will meet at Uncle Ernie's the evening of Friday, December 19 at 6:00pm. Uncle Ernie's is located at 1151 Bayview Avenue in St. Andrews.

Please let the office know if you are planning to attend these events! Hope to see you there!



Merry December, everyone!

As we step into the most wonderful time of the year, I hope you're finding moments of peace, joy, and memory-making with your loved ones. In the middle of all the twinkly lights, hot cocoa, and Christmas excitement, we get to help our kids pause and focus on the greatest gift ever given — Jesus.

This month in Children's Church, our lessons will focus on how God lovingly guides His people: how God gives people to guide us, how God gives a Savior to guide us, and how God gives direction to guide us.

Just as He used prophets, leaders, and faithful believers long ago, God still places people in our lives today to point us toward Him. We celebrate that Jesus came not just as a baby in a manger, but as the Savior who would lead us, love us, and redeem us. From the star in the sky to His Word in our hands, God continues to show us the way and guide our steps.

As we help our kids unwrap these truths — the best gifts don't need bows — let's remind them that they're never walking alone. God is always guiding, loving, and leading them every step of the way. Wishing each family a season full of joy, peace, and the hope of Christ.

Happy Holidays & Christmas Blessings, Lily

Happy Birthday!

1 Will Dent
6 Edward Pipkin
8 Pam Howell
8 Sally Rosales
10 Susan McQuagge
10 Don Patterson
31 Peggy Lewis



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN DECEMBER 2025 TEAM

Laurie Combs, Chair
Beverly Halley
Cheryl Picken
Carolella Trappe

Thursday, Dec. 4
PWCT, 1:30pm

Monday, Dec. 8
LNO Monday Circle, 6:30pm

Tuesday, Dec. 9
Tuesday Circle, 9:30am



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 jimmcj@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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