



2026

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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 Interim Director of Grace Preschool:
 Jaden Duncan
 Assistant Director of Preschool: Lily Hoisington
 Administrative Secretary: Beverly Halley
 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:

“Think of us in this way: as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.” 1 Corinthians 4: 1 – 2

I have often found the expression to be true in my experience of life that when the going gets tough, the tough gets going. Every day I experience this at Grace, not because things are tough because this congregation and your staff have faced every challenge thrown at them this year and are gracefully succeeding. And in a world where nothing is perfect, this church has shown its resilience to the evils of the world and are continually living into each day with hope and generosity.

Only a few years ago, we were in a situation of trying to figure out how to successfully navigate the future. The deferred maintenance was showing its ugly head, one of our church vans needed replacing, and the uncertainty of the PCUSA was on the minds of many people. For the average person, this is where they start to agree with country singer, Kenny Cheseny, and the lyric from his song, I Lost It, where he sings, “If this is how it’s gonna be then I quit,” but Grace went the other direction. Instead of throwing in the towel, Grace’s faithful rolled up their sleeves, put their money where their mouth is, and got to work. And I for one could not be prouder of the grit and determination of this church. We went from people asking if this is the end of Grace to instead excitedly asking, “What’s next?”

On July 15, I joined with several members, and non-members alike, of Grace for a mid-summer dinner and hymn sing. Now maybe you do not consider singing your thing, but this was something special, something different. We laughed, we sang, we fellowshiped, and we feasted. And as amazing as those were, that was not my favorite part. My favorite part was watching the youth, and children participate and realizing that Grace is not dying, it is being reborn. And with rebirth comes new life, and with new life comes another chance at growth and giving. And now is the time that we all get onboard and ride the wave to the future! This is where the tough at Grace gets going!

Those that call Grace home are not just the tough, they are the faithful. And it is that time again that we begin praying about how we can and will show our toughness and faithfulness in 2027 and continue this forward momentum. Stewardship season will be upon us before we know it. Begin praying now, what you will do and how you will glorify God and show the love of Christ in the year to come.

Blessings in Peace,

Rev. Eric Spoon



Dear Parents,

We are so excited to kick off a brand-new school year at Grace Preschool! We are thrilled to welcome four new instructional teachers to our team and can't wait for you to meet them.

Open House: Friday, August 7, 9:30am - 11:00am

First Day of School: Monday, August 10

We are looking forward to another wonderful year of learning, growing, and making lasting memories together. We can't wait to see all our Grace families soon!

Jaden Duncan
Interim Preschool Director



5th SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Worship would like to invite the family of Grace to our 5th Sunday Luncheon in Bell Hall immediately following worship on August 30. Chicken (baked/fried), rolls, and dessert are provided. We ask each family to bring a side dish to share with everyone to complement the chicken. Tea and Lemonade will also be provided. Please see Janet Pitts if you have any questions. We hope to see everyone there to share some food, fun, and fellowship!



Annual Charity Benefit for ALS Saturday, August 8 at 6:30pm



Grace Presbyterian will be hosting the 8th Annual Charity Benefit for ALS on Saturday, August 8, 2026, at 6:30pm.

Mark your calendar and join us for an evening of wonderful entertainment by the Gulf Coast State College Music Department and other local talent in memory of Kent Freeman.

Donations will be accepted at the door with proceeds going to the ALS Association. Please contact the church office if you would like further information about this event. We will look forward to seeing you there on this very special night!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Grace will continue to meet in Bell Hall for worship on Sunday, August 2 and on August 9.

On Sunday, August 9, there will be a special breakfast to honor and wish the children a great year as they will return to school that week. Please come and join us for scrambled eggs, biscuits, sausage, milk, orange juice, and coffee on this morning!

On Sunday, August 16, the worship service will return to the church sanctuary. At the next scheduled meeting, Session will discuss your desires noted on the forms you filled out concerning worship preferences and come up with a plan to try and make everyone happy.

EXCITING NEW CHANGES IN THE PRESCHOOL AT GRACE!

Have you heard about the exciting changes that have been happening around the preschool?

On June 8, 2026, Mrs. Jaden Duncan became the Interim Director of the Preschool. She steps into this role after several years as the Assistant Director. We are excited about the direction she is leading the program in and look forward to what she will bring.

We have also hired Mrs. Lily Hoisington as the Assistant Director of the Preschool, effective July 27, 2026. Lily, as you may better know, has been serving the church faithfully as the Director of Children and Youth Ministry. She will stay in this position as she takes on new responsibilities on the preschool side of the church. We look forward to the work Lily will do and the continued growth in relationship between the church and the preschool she brings.

Be sure to stop by sometime and wish them both well as they begin these new adventures that God has blessed them with.

Rev. Eric Spoon
Grace Presbyterian Church

A SUMMER PRAYER

I begin the month with resignation, dreading summer's end. Please God, help me enjoy the days at hand, the sound of children playing, a blazing hot sun, and the slower pace I've become accustomed to. Remind me to stay in the moment this month, this season, this time in my life. With your grace, I will savor each day.



AUGUST SERMONS

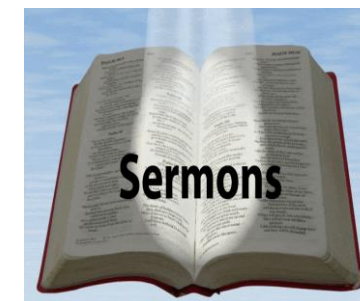
August 2, 2026 (10th Sunday after Pentecost)
Guest Preacher – Rev. Stacey Kaye White

August 9, 2026 (11th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion)
Sermon Scripture: Matthew 14: 22 – 33
Sermon Title: “Overcoming Fear”

August 16, 2026 (12th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sermon Scripture: Matthew 15: 21 – 28
Sermon Title: “Saying the Right Words”

August 23, 2026 (13th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sermon Scripture: Matthew 16: 13 – 20
Sermon Title: “Building the Church”

August 30, 2026 (14th Sunday after Pentecost)
Sermon Scripture: Matthew 16: 21 – 28
Sermon Title: “What is Coming?”



GRACE CARES FOOD PANTRY

Week after week, the Grace Food Pantry helps to feed many of our neighbors throughout the community of Panama City. Although we get some help with the food needs that we distribute, we could always use more. Green beans are something we consistently need, so keep bringing them in! Also, anytime you see a BOGO at the grocery store for an item you think people would like, pick it up, keep one for yourself and bring the other one to the church! We rarely turn anything down. We appreciate all of the food items that we receive, and we know our neighbors appreciate them also! Thank you!



Grace's Prayer Request

Please be in prayer this month
for our brothers and sisters in
faith requesting prayer.

Cheryl Picken
Jerry & Peggy Lewis
Claudia & George Henderson
Martha Patterson
All returning to school this year
Our Missionaries
Our Community & Neighbors
Our World

August Birthdays

2 Mary Poole
3 Lily Hoisington
5 Bessie Goodwin
11 Jim McQuagge
16 Robyn Cosson
19 Beverly Halley
19 David Speed
20 Nathan Routh
27 Joshua Collins
28 Ronnie Wilson



Lunch Bunch

For the month of August, the Lunch
Bunch will be going west and have
lunch at Taylor's Breakfast and Lunch,
located at 1114 Thomas Drive,
Panama City Beach, Florida on
Thursday, August 13
at 12:00pm. Please let Corey or Beverly
know to make sure we save you a spot!
Hope you can join us for food, fun,
fellowship!!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

AUGUST TEAM 2026

Ronnie Wilson – Chair
Jean Adams
Fiona Brooks
Gerri Jasperson
Margaret McDaniel

PWCT will meet on Thursday,
August 6, at 1:30 p.m.



Children's Church

Happy August, Families! Summer is coming to an end, and we hope your family has made wonderful memories together over the past few weeks! As we prepare for a new school year, we want to remind you about our "Summer with Purpose Ice Cream Celebration" on August 9 immediately following the worship service. We can't wait to celebrate all the kids who participated this summer!

As a new school year begins, our team will be praying for every child, parent, teacher, and school staff member as they embark on this new season. We pray that God would give each of you wisdom, courage, and peace throughout the year ahead.

This month in Children's Church, we'll be exploring the lives and messages of the prophets Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel. The kids will discover how God used these faithful men to share His truth, call His people back to Him, and remind them of His unfailing love and faithfulness. Together, we'll learn that God still speaks to us through His Word and calls us to trust and follow Him every day. We look forward to another wonderful month of growing in faith together!

Blessings,
Lily Hoisington
Director of Children & Youth Ministries



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 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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