



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!*

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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:

*“5 For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. 6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. 7 On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. 8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.” Psalm 62: 5 – 8*

Life comes at us fast. One moment we may feel steady and certain, and the next we can be facing news, changes, decisions, or burdens we did not expect. There are days when life seems to move more quickly than our hearts can process, and we may wonder how we will keep up, where we will find strength, or what tomorrow will bring.

Yet even when life comes at us fast, God is never caught off guard. It is beautiful to know that God is not surprised by what surprises us. God is not shaken by what shakes us. God sees what we cannot see, knows what we do not yet understand, and holds every moment in his hands. Our circumstances may change quickly, but God’s character does not change. His love remains faithful, his wisdom remains perfect, and his presence remains near.

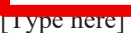
Psalm 62 reminds us that our hope is from God alone. God is our rock, our salvation, our fortress, and our refuge. When the pace of life feels overwhelming, we are invited to wait on the Lord, trust in the Lord, and pour out our hearts before the Lord. We do not have to pretend to have everything figured out. We simply must remember that the One who does, is always going before us, behind us, and beside us.

You are invited to be encouraged in and through the Lord. Whatever comes next, we are not walking through it alone. The same God who has carried us before will carry us again. The same God who speaks peace in the storm is still in control. Let us place our confidence not in the speed of life, but in the steadfastness of our Lord.

As you receive your pledge cards for 2027, let them not be a burden, wondering what God is doing in the life of the church but instead a reminder of God’s loving presence and guidance that never leaves us nor fails us. Friedrich Nietzsche may have tried to argue that God is dead, but God is fully alive, fully moving, and fully leading us. Life may come at us fast, but with the Lord, we can slow down and lovingly give back in big, bold, and beautiful ways. Stewardship season is upon us, and it is time that we make an impact that shows our desire to slow down and put our trust in the Lord, now and forever.

Blessings in Peace,  
*Rev. Eric Spoon*





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### Wonderful Wednesday Meal Schedule for October

October 7 – Covered Dish with Fried Chicken

October 14 - Goulash, Salad, Rolls, & Dessert

October 21 – No WW Dinner – Trunk or Treat

October 28 – No Wonderful Wednesday



### OCTOBER SERMONS

October 4, 2026 (19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Communion)

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 21: 33 - 46

Sermon Title: "Jesus Is Talking About Us"

October 11, 2026 (20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 22: 1 - 14

Sermon Title: "Who's In?"

October 18, 2026 (21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 22: 15 - 22

Sermon Title: "Testing Jesus"

October 25, 2026 (22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 22: 34 - 46

Sermon Title: "God or Neighbor?"



### ***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!**



## Grace's Prayer Request

Please be in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Tony & Pam Ramsden; Peggy Lewis;  
Martha Patterson; Shirley Pipkin;  
Victory International School & Chapel;  
Myanmar Missionary Victor Vula  
Our Community & Neighbors and Our World

## October Birthdays

2 Jimmy McQuagge  
7 Sarah Klems  
12 Annabelle Schmidt  
17 Holly Dye  
18 Janet Pitts  
21 Jasper Jasperson  
25 Stuart Guilford  
31 Patti Jo Johnson



## **Lunch Bunch Thursday, October 8**

Lunch Bunch will meet for lunch at Tarpon Dock Seafood and Grill in downtown Panama City located at 234 E. Beach Drive on Thursday, October 8, at 12:00 pm. Please let Corey or Beverly know to make sure we save you a spot! Hope you can join us for food, fun, and fellowship!!

## **BAY WIND COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13  
at 2:30 pm**

**GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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**A TOY OR  
MONETARY DONATION  
APPRECIATED!**



## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

### **OCTOBER TEAM 2026**

Susan McQuagge - Chair  
Team - PW Women of Grace

Monday, Oct. 12 - LNO, Dinner at 5:30 pm at Patti Jo's home followed by Bible Study at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 13 - 9:30 am in Parlor



## **Children's Church**

The Youth have postponed their yard sale to a date to be announced later! However, please keep all the items you would like to donate for the yard sale, and it will be announced later when they can be brought in to store until the yard sale.

October 2 & October 4, Lexi, Bevy, Charlotte, and Lily will be attending a middle school "Unmasked" retreat at Dogwood Acres. Please pray for a meaningful, fulfilling fun weekend for the girls!

Also, thank you to all who attended our movie night! It was a fun night spending time with families and watching the kids interact and making some new friends!

## **STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON**

Please mark your calendar for an important event in the life of the church. On November 1, immediately following our worship service, the Ministry of Finance & Stewardship will be hosting lunch. This lunch will include turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert, and beverage. No need to bring anything, all will be provided by the Ministry of Finance & Stewardship. Please See Alice DeWall or Janet Pitts if you have any questions.



## **Give of Your First and All for the Lord in 2027**

*"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." Proverbs 3: 9 - 10*

As you consider your commitment for 2027, you are invited to spend time in prayer and listen for how God may be calling you to take part in the ministry of Grace. Please consider not only what you will give, but also how your commitment can express gratitude, trust, and hope. Whatever your circumstances, know that your presence matters, your service is valued, and every gift becomes part of our shared witness.

By November 1, 2026, please complete and return your 2027 pledge card and be sure to join us in celebration at our annual Stewardship luncheon. Thank you for the countless ways you give, serve, pray, encourage, and share in the life of this congregation. May God receive our first fruits, offered with joyful and generous hearts, and use them to strengthen Grace Presbyterian Church and extend Christ's love in 2027 and beyond!