



# GRACE *notes*

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • OCTOBER 2025

Grace Presbyterian Church  
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## OCTOBER WORSHIP AND SUNDAY EVENTS



**WORLD  
COMMUNION  
SUNDAY**

### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 5 at 11AM (during worship)

We will sing and pray with our brothers and sisters around the world on this ecumenical World Communion Sunday. Communion bread from around the world will be served. All are invited to wear clothing from other cultures and countries around the world!

### ANNUAL HYMN SING IN WORSHIP

Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 11AM (during worship)

**What is YOUR FAVORITE HYMN?** From now until October 14, we invite you to go online to submit your favorite hymn! Once all the hymns are submitted, we will compile a "Top 10 GPC Hymn List" for our Hymn Sing in worship on Sunday, October 19. The Hymn Sing will be led by music ministry staff members, Chelsea Stern and Emily and Jonathan Gary as well as our chancel choir members. We hope you will all join us in worship as we lift our voices in praise and prayer to God with our congregation's favorite hymns.



The choir is preparing for **World Communion Sunday** (Oct 5), a **Hymn Sing** (Oct 19), and the **Christmas Cantata** (Dec 7)! Please come join us for this exciting season of singing! Handbell rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6-7PM and Choir Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7-8PM. For information or questions, contact: Josh Essary, Director of Handbell Ensemble: [joshuaessary@gmail.com](mailto:joshuaessary@gmail.com); Chelsea Stern, Minister of Music: [chelsea@gpctemple.org](mailto:chelsea@gpctemple.org)

### CHURCH HERITAGE/REFORMATION

Sunday, October 26 • 11AM (during worship)

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin, which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us"* (Heb 12:1). This day is being set aside to remember, to honor and to celebrate our Christian heritage and on it we will take part in a rapid walk through 2000 years of church history, a history that is remarkable to say the least, a history during which Christ's glorious Church has grown due to the power of the Risen Lord in her midst. We will hear from courageous men and women of our past (*members of our church in costume and character*), and we will enjoy special music of the represented time periods. It will be an educational and very fun time. Indeed, we are surrounded by, and we are part of the great cloud of witnesses.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, October 26 • 12PM (following worship)

A meeting of the congregation has been called by the Session on this date for the purposes of electing officers to fill upcoming vacancies in the Board of Deacons and the Session as well as to make some minor revisions in the Church Bylaws. Please plan to attend this very important meeting of the congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church.



### CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 7  
(stay tuned for upcoming details)



## CHILDREN/YOUTH

**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT** is Friday, October 3 from 5:30-8:30PM • PNO occurs on the first Friday night of each month and is for families who are members of the church or frequent attendees and for their children (infants 6 weeks - grade 5). Childcare is provided by our GPC Nursery staff. **Register by October 1 on our website.** \*Children need to be fed before dropping off. If you need to feed them dinner at church please use the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

**Nursery Care for infants – Pre-K** children is available during both our worship service and Sunday school.

**LOGOS** is Wednesdays thru Nov 19 (excluding Oct 8) from 5:30-7PM (dinner included) • We are learning about the Fruits of the Spirit • Registration is open on our website or just show up! **Reminder that there will be NO LOGOS on October 8!**

**First Sunday Family Fellowship Lunch** - Sun, October 5, at 12PM (*following worship*) • We will meet at *Clem Mikeska's Bar-B-Q* (1217 S 57th St, Temple) • All families with children and youth are invited to fellowship with other GPC families for lunch and fun! • 'Dutch' treat

**Camp Gilmont Family camping November 22-24!** This event is hosted by *Camp Gilmont*. This family camp is a modified weekend camping experience for families with kids of all ages. Bring the whole family and enjoy 400 acres of natural beauty and choices of a variety of recreation activities. It's the perfect weekend getaway and bonding experience! For more information, go to *Camp Gilmont*: <https://www.gilmont.org/family-camp/>



## YOUTH BONFIRE

Calling on students in grades 6-12! Join us on October 4 from 6-8PM at Debbie and Dan Stephen's home (*address will be provided separately from Maddie Clark*). Come fellowship together! Food will be provided

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Bible Circles are officially back in session! Interested in a Circle? Join us in our current study, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*, by Rashell D. Hunter. Evening Circle: meets first Tuesday each month, 6PM, at Julie Benner's house (bjbenner@att.net); Morning Circle: meets second Tuesday each month, 9:30AM in the GPC Conference Room (Pat Wurster at jwurster@hotmail.com); Jennie Shull Circle: meets third Thursday each month, 12PM, (GPC Conference Room), (Patti Smith at pcsmith53@sbcglobal.net).

## MEALS ON WHEELS

MOW help is needed! In need of two volunteers to make casseroles. Each casserole needs to provide 6oz of protein, 1 cup of vegetables, and 1 cup of carbs. We provide you with the casserole tins and reimbursement for food expenses. Please prayerfully consider helping. For questions or to help, contact Peg Spangler at 254.231.5205.



## GPC STAFF

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Current office hours:  
Mon- Thursdays  
8AM- 4PM

## MEN OF GRACE

All men are welcome to our Men's Breakfast on Saturday, October 18 at 9AM! The "Men of Grace" meet the 3rd Saturday of each month for breakfast and a speaker in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend! Please come and join us and be part of this growing brotherhood. Questions? Email Stan ([stanb4simons@gmail.com](mailto:stanb4simons@gmail.com)) or Bob ([bshull612@gmail.com](mailto:bshull612@gmail.com)).

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

**5** Jennifer Gosney-Ward; **6** Bonnie Asbury; Sara Shull; **7** Joey Tabarlet; Abby Zalkovsky; **8** Pat Syper; Sharon Tullis; **9** Jo Elwood; **11** Debbie Trahan; **12** Danna Kluth; **13** Bonnie Woodard; **14** John Roberts; **15** Jessica Wilds; John Michael Gary; **24** Chelsea Stern; **25** John Asbury; **29** Amy Asbury; **31** Jennnifer Essary

## MISSIONS

**PENNIES FOR MOMS** - We invite you to participate in this mission program that takes place the **first Sunday of each month (October 5)**. We ask you to place coins in the offering plate to donate to *Hope Mommies*, a faith-based organization which helps bereaved mothers.

Thank you to all that donated to our **South Sudan Chair Fundraiser** - we raised \$565 (providing 56 chairs for this mission that our church sponsors)!



## ADULT EDUCATION

**Youth Leader Summit** at Mo Ranch, October 20-22. This is an event that our own, Maddie Clark, will be attending and is open to youth volunteers. If you are a volunteer or has been interested in working with youth, please contact Maddie about this learning opportunity. This is a FREE event.

**Young Adult Retreat** at Camp Gilmont, October 24-26, 2025. This is not a sponsored event, but is hosted by Camp Gilmont and advertised by the Presbytery. For more information or to register, go to their [website: https://www.gilmont.org/retreats/young-adult-retreat/](https://www.gilmont.org/retreats/young-adult-retreat/) or give them a call at 903.797.6400.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT** event that will take place Saturday April 18 from 9AM-2PM • GPC, Temple • Childcare provided • For any couple who is married or looking to get married in the near future!

For questions on any of the above events, contact Maddie Clark at [maddiebeadell@gmail.com](mailto:maddiebeadell@gmail.com).



The family of Nancy Corwin would like to express our sincere gratitude and thanks for all of the thoughts, prayers, kind words, and cards that were showered on her and us during the last several years - especially during the last couple of months. A huge thank you, which is not nearly enough, to everyone who donated food and time to make her service beautiful. Everything has meant so much to our hurting hearts. Thank you all from her children, grandchildren, great grands and great great grand.

All are invited to a baby shower honoring

*Madalynn Clark*

(Director of Christian Education)

Sunday, October 19 at 12pm

Fellowship Hall • Grace Presbyterian Church

The entire church is invited!

Please bring sandwiches, salads or dessert to share!

Baby Registry:

<http://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/madalynn-clark-november-2025-forthood/3GJ9BB010J5CH>

Please bring gifts UNWRAPPED and labeled with your name so all can enjoy seeing gifts!

Hosts: Chelsea Stern, A'Lisa Ozment, Sarah Nickerson, Jennifer Essary and Debbie Stephens



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IN PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP:

9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30AM COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

11 AM WORSHIP

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# FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 31 • 4-7PM

\$10 PER PERSON

Trunk-or-Treat, Costume Contest, Bouncy House and  
Dunk Tank

Join us for a fun time and to help this youth fundraiser for  
mission events/trip Interested in helping with this event?

Contact [maddiebeadell@gmail.com](mailto:maddiebeadell@gmail.com)