

# GRACE NEWS

OCTOBER 16, 2020

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Grace Members and Friends,

**We will hold our first in-person worship service in the Sanctuary this Sunday, October 18, at 11am.** Gathering together will include some modifications to our pre-pandemic practices:

- Congregation members must self-screen. If you are ill, coughing, sneezing, running a fever, feeling lousy or have been exposed to someone with Covid-19, you must stay home.
- Congregation members and visitors must RSVP. To do so, simply call the church office or click the Eventbrite link in this email to reserve your spot for Sunday or future dates.
- Enter only through the east or west narthex doors.
- Watch for signs as you enter to direct you to check-in.
- Masks must be worn by everyone.
- Those not in the same family will need to be at least six feet apart
- Any fellowship must take place outside and not in the Narthex.

For those not yet comfortable gathering, online worship and mailed worship resources will continue. Remember, we are one in the Spirit, no matter where we are worshipping.

We have two other gathering opportunities in the near future:

**On Saturday, October 31, at 10am** in the circle driveway, we will have a **Blessing of the Animals** service. Normally celebrated on the Feast of St. Frances (October 4), this short liturgy and prayer time recognizes that our animals are gifts from God to comfort us, protect us, and bring us joy. They have been especially present to us during the pandemic. The service will include a blessing for each animal who attends with their person/people. Please bring a lawn chair and mask for each human and a leash/carrier for each pet. Email me at [tracey@gracepc.org](mailto:tracey@gracepc.org) if you are planning to come so that I can notify everyone in case we have to cancel due to weather.

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**On Monday, November 2, at 7pm**, we will hold a non-partisan prayer service for our nation and election. This service will be in the Sanctuary. Please RSVP through the Eventbrite link or by calling the church office.

Sunday's sermon includes one of Jesus' most famous sayings: "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." I wonder what Jesus is getting at? What belongs to Caesar? What belongs to God?

Here is my blessing for you this week:

May God bless you with the confidence of God's own children.

May God bless you with the compassion of God's own children.

May God bless you with the generosity of God's own children.

Your pastor and friend,

*Tracey*

### **PCHAS Virtual Luncheon, October 27, 12-12:30PM**

Join Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services on Tuesday, October 27 from 12 PM - 12:30 PM CST for our annual Luncheon via Zoom. This year we will be hosting our event virtually and we hope you will make plans to join us. Those who RSVP by October 20 will receive a special treat in the mail to enjoy during the Zoom event! Please click the link in the email to RSVP, and contact [Melanie.Stovall@pchas.org](mailto:Melanie.Stovall@pchas.org) / 469-552-9525 with questions or to receive information about matching gifts. You may also contact Susan Hopper, Grace's virtual table host, with any questions as well. [swhopper@verizon.net](mailto:swhopper@verizon.net). Thanks, and we hope to "see" you there!

### **Giving Envelopes**

It is time to place the order for 2021 giving envelopes. If you would like a box, please call John Moody or email him at [John@gracepc.org](mailto:John@gracepc.org)

The Order will be placed on 10-31-2020, so please **call by 10-26-2020**.

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# Family Ministry News

## Youth SS Schedule

Youth Sunday School schedule through October is: (check your texts for the park location)

- 10/18 - Zoom Sunday School at 11AM
- 10/25 - Park Sunday School at 11AM

## Trunk or Treat - Sign Up Now!

When: Saturday, October 31st

Where: GPC East Parking Lot

Time: 4:30- 6:00 PM

Grace has an opportunity to provide some normalcy to our children during this Halloween season with our socially distanced trunk or treat, but we need YOU to sign up and provide the trunks. 6 foot candy slides will be provided for each car, so you only need to buy some candy, decorate your trunk (not required), and plan on spending an hour and a half, putting smiles on children's faces. Please sign-up online at [www.gracepc.org/sign-ups](http://www.gracepc.org/sign-ups)

Masks are required for the event.

Contact Pastor Cara if you have questions at [Cara@gracepc.org](mailto:Cara@gracepc.org)



## Children's SS Schedule

Children's and Preteen Sunday School is going virtual and to the park. Below is our schedule through October. Parents, check your e-mail for more information.

- 10/18 - Zoom Sunday School at 11AM
- 10/25 - Park Sunday School at 11AM

## Family Ministry Needs

If you have a fire pit that Grace PC can use for the Preteen/MS Fire pit night on Sat, Oct 17th, 7-8:30PM (It's not too late!) Please contact Pastor Cara at [cara@gracepc.org](mailto:cara@gracepc.org).

If you have pumpkin carving tools to lend or gift, we need some for our October 25th pumpkin carving taking place during Sunday school. Please leave in Pastor Cara's mailbox.



## Fellowship Events

- October 17 – Preteen/MS Fire Pit Social 7-8:30 PM
- October 31 – Trunk or Treat, 4:30-6PM

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## **Worship & Music News**

### **Sunday Worship Services**

We are excited to be back together to worship in our Sanctuary this Sunday. Please see Pastor Tracey's article above for all of our Covid precautions. You must register through Eventbrite. The limit is 100. Please use only the narthex doors when coming to any service.

### **2 New Upcoming Worship Experiences**

#### **Blessing of the Animals Service**

On Saturday, Oct. 31 at 10AM, we will have a Blessing of the Animals Service at 10AM in the east circle drive. If you and your pet are planning on attending, please email Pastor Tracey at [tracey@gracepc.org](mailto:tracey@gracepc.org) so she has a list of attendees, should she need to alter any of the plans.

#### **Service of Non-Partisan Prayer**

Make plans to attend our service of non-partisan prayer the night before our election, Nov. 2, at 7PM. This will be a short prayer service lifting up our nation and our election. Please register for this service on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com), or call the church office at 972-596-6233.

### **Thank You!**

A huge thank you goes out to Michael King and our worship committee for all of the work they put into our outdoor Songs and Scripture services. Special thanks also goes out to Laura Dahlberg, Lynn McCoy, and Anita Priest. The worship committee would also like to thank everyone who came out for one of the services. It was wonderful being able to see everyone's faces and sing and worship together.

### **Session Minutes**

If you would like an electronic copy of the monthly session minutes, send an email to either Pastor Tracey - [tracey@gracepc.org](mailto:tracey@gracepc.org) or Clerk of Session, Laura Jones at [laurajonespro7@gmail.com](mailto:laurajonespro7@gmail.com).

An email link will be provided on the website on the session box under the About tab.

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# Calendar of Events

## OCTOBER

- 17 Preteen/MS Fire Pit Night 7-8:30PM
- 17 Saturday Men's Bible Study
- 18 Word of Life SS, 10:15AM (Zoom)
- 18 Worship Service, 9:30AM (live-streaming online)
- 18 Visions of Faith Sunday school, 9AM (Zoom)
- 18 Children's & Preteen Sunday school, 11AM (Zoom)
- 18 Worship Service, 11 AM (Sanctuary, online)
- 18 Youth Sunday school, 11AM (Zoom)
- 19 Cancer Support 3:00PM (Narthex and Zoom)
- 21 Trinity Sunday School, 7PM (Zoom)
- 23 Men's Friday AM Bible Study, 7am
- 24 Word of Life SS, 10:15AM (Zoom)
- 25 Worship Service, 9:30AM (live-streaming online)
- 25 Visions of Faith Sunday school, 10:30AM (Zoom)
- 25 Children's & Preteen Sunday school, 11AM (Park)
- 25 Worship Service, 11AM (Sanctuary, online)
- 25 Youth Sunday school, 11AM, (Park)
- 27 Deacon Meeting, 7PM (Zoom)
- 28 Trinity Sunday School, 7PM (Zoom)
- 31 Blessing of the Animals Service, 10AM (East Circle Drive)
- 31 Word of Life SS, 10:15AM (Zoom)
- 31 Trunk or Treat, 4:30PM (East Travis Dr. Parking Lot)

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Worship Service, 9:30AM (live-streaming online)
- 1 Visions of Faith Sunday school, 9AM (Zoom)
- 1 Worship Service, 11 AM (Sanctuary, online)
- 2 Cancer Support 3:00PM (Narthex and Zoom)
- 2 Service of Non-Partisan Prayer, 7PM (Sanctuary)
- 4 Career Transitions Support Group, 9AM, (Zoom)



For security purposes, our weekly newsletter will only share zoom codes for worship events. We will post zoom codes for all other events below.

Online Web Information/Codes:

Visions of Faith Sunday school, 9-10AM **\*NEW TIME**, is still early in its study of Jesus' Parables using a DVD series by renowned biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine, who treats them as Jewish short stories. (Zoom) meeting id: 896 1970 3148; Password: 743463 **\*NEW ID and PASSWORD**

Monday Men's Group, 7:15-9PM, (Webex) is continuing it's study of "Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit" by Matthew L Skinner. Contact Gary Hivnor or Mike Venter to join.

Trinity SS, Wednesdays, working through the Old Testament 7PM (Zoom) meeting id 833 1086 7480 password: 068929.

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study, 7-8AM (Zoom), is finishing it's study of Peter Enns' How the Bible Actually Works and will begin a 12 week study of Joshua starting Oct. 22.  
Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/7367348174> or  
Zoom meeting id: 832 051 1362; no password

Daily Bible Devotional, 2PM (Zoom) meeting id: 344 149 061, password: 496077

Cancer Support Group, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 3PM Narthex and Zoom meeting id: 811 3242 9314, password: 574820

Sanctuary Choir Gatherings, Thursdays, 7PM, (Zoom) meeting id: 840 2980 0350

Word of Life SS, Saturdays, focus on books, people and themes of the Bible 10:15AM (Zoom) meeting id: 898 4610 3748, password: 952401

Career Transitions Support Group, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 9:00AM Meeting id: 883 7732 2718, password: 139584

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study, 7PM Meeting id: 819 6817 4210, password: 213304

Prayer Team, Sunday, 4:00PM, Meeting id: 852 0303 1618, password 171528