

GRACE NEWS

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Grace Family,

We continue our **Every Single Person Matters to Jesus** series this week with the story of Ten Healed Lepers (Luke 17:11-19). Luke, the investigative writer of this “orderly account” of the life of Jesus was a physician. Luke highlights Jesus as a compassionate healer – particularly for those his culture considered outcasts: persons who were demon-possessed, paralytics, tax collectors, those with physical challenges, the sinful, the ill, the blind, the oppressed, the mourning, the lost, the least, and lepers.

Leprosy was a dreaded disease in Jesus’ day. According to Levitical law, lepers must be separated, isolated, from the general public, shout “Unclean!” as they moved about, and stay a certain distance away from others, depending on which way the wind was blowing. These men were not able to work, and so with their diagnosis began a life of begging. They dealt not only with physical and economic hardships and emotional pain, but also spiritual shame as well. Leprosy was seen as a punishment for sin. These men were unworthy to be in society and unworthy of God.

While the healing they experienced was extraordinary, the healing in this story is not the main event. Jesus does it without fanfare. He just gave them an order. “Go show yourselves to the priest.” None of them asked why. They knew that according to Levitical law, the priests are the ones who diagnose someone as leprous and unclean. Priests are also the ones who can inspect the skin and declare the leper cleansed. They obediently follow Jesus’ instruction and on the way they are healed.

The main point of this story is the one leper who came back to Jesus to say thank you. This healed man’s gratitude made all the difference. I wonder what unrestrained gratitude to God might do for us?

Join us this Sunday at 10:30am as we worship God enthusiastically.

Philippians 1:3,

Tracey

Get Involved

Upcoming Sermon Texts **Every Single Person Matters to Jesus**

October 19	Luke 5:27-32	A Tax Collector
October 26	Luke 7:36-50	A Sinful Woman
November 2	Luke 7:11-17	A Widow
November 9	Luke 5:17-26	A Paralytic
November 16	Luke 9:10-17	A Hungry Crowd
November 23	Luke 23:32-43	The Thief on the Cross

Weeknight Women's Dinner Group - October 24

Ladies, everyone is invited to our next Weeknight Women's dinner on Friday, October 24, at 6pm. We will be heading to Blue Mesa at Granite Park at SH121 & Dallas North Tollway. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP by checking your connection card or using the email link in your newsletter email.

Mission Grace - October 25

Who's ready to serve our homeless population with Mission Grace? On Saturday, October 25th, we are looking for volunteers (ages 14 & up) to be valets at Streetside Showers or help 1st Presbyterian Church in Plano hand out clean clothes through Streetside Closet at the Assistance Center of Collin Co. located at 900 18th Street, Plano 75074. Lots of opportunities to get involved. Streetside Showers is an incredible organization that has several shower trailers that pop up all over the metroplex to provide a dignified hot shower to those in need! The Streetside Shower valet position greets the guest, cleans the showers, and hands out toiletry bags. The Streetside Closet position greets the guest and helps him shop for shoes and personal items. If you want to participate, please check your connection card, or use the email link in your newsletter email.

The background of the entire page is a collage of autumn-themed illustrations. It includes various shapes and colors of leaves (red, orange, yellow, green, brown) and acorns (brown with tan caps). Some leaves have small black 'x' marks on them. The illustrations are scattered across the page, with some larger leaves partially obscuring the text boxes.

Fall Festival - Sunday, October 26, 5-6pm

Our largest community outreach event is just around the corner. It is time to get ready to welcome families from our church, our Day School, and guests from our neighborhoods. We are using a single signup genius form this year to sign up to provide a trunk, donations, or many other volunteer opportunities. This event takes a village, so please consider how you can participate. Please check the link in your newsletter email, or check your connection card and the link will be emailed directly to you.

Remembering the Saints - November 2

All-Saints is a day reserved to remember those who have passed into God's eternal realm. This year it is celebrated on November 2nd and we want to invite each of you to share stories of your loved ones. We will post all the ones we receive on the morning of All-Saints Day.

If you want to receive a digital version, contact Mike Shaw at mike.usingyourbest@outlook.com and he will send you a form to complete. Or note it on your Connection Card on Sunday. A picture of your choosing should be included in a JPEG format. If you want to submit in manually, copies are available in the Narthex and there is a box to leave your completed information, We will get photos back to you, if requested.

Submit one or more and let's keep their memory alive. Any questions, please email or call Mike at 469-223-6813. Everything must be completed prior to October 26th to be included.

Quilt Sale & Auction

Sunday Oct. 19 & Oct. 26

9:30a - 12p in GPC narthex

Quilts, crafts, holiday decor and gifts for sale.



Kerrville Quilt

Kerrville Quilt

Proceeds from the sale will help support the Quilt Ministry in its mission of providing prayer quilts to our members who are grieving. Money raised from the 2 Kerrville quilts in the silent auction will be donated to disaster relief in the Kerrville area.

Cash, Check, & Credit Card will be accepted

Capital Campaign Project Update

Good news! Our fire alarm system is now up to code! We are waiting on the final inspection, but all work is completed.

Our website redesign team is working and consulting with UTD students who are evaluating our current digital strategies and comparing us with peer churches. More to come!

Thank you for your generous giving to this campaign!

Renewed Grace

Renewed Grace is a new program funded by a grant Grace Presbytery received from the Lilly Corp. to transform worship toward the inclusion of neurodivergent children.



Grace is one of nine churches selected to be a part of the 1st cohort, and we received our first check this week, as well as a box of tools to help neurodivergent children manage during worship.

For questions about Renewed Grace, contact Ruth Román-Meza at ruth@gracepresbytery.org.

Family Ministry Events

Save the Date! - November 1

Children's Ministry Service Project will be held at Grace on Nov. 1 from 2-4pm. Stay tuned for more details.

Children's Ministry Mini-VBS - Tuesday, November 4

Join us on Tuesday, November 4, from 9am to 2PM (bring a sack lunch) for a fun day of bible stories, crafts, games and more!

- Ages Current Kindergarten - 5th grade
- \$20 Registration fee/child
- \$10 Sibling Discount per Sibling - Use code SIBLINGDISCOUNT
- Scholarships are available.

We need youth and adult volunteers to help with the event. Please contact Pastor Cara (cara@gracepc.org) to sign up to volunteer. Parents, use the link in your email newsletter to sign up your students to participate.

Waves of Grace Youth Retreat - Nov. 8-9

Waves of Grace is a weekend retreat at Camp Gilmont in Gilmer, Texas, for 6th-12th grade students. Dates are Nov 8-9, 2025. Cost is \$120 per youth. The youth will participate in games, arts and crafts, hiking, crate stacking, and more! They will enjoy fellowship with friends and leaders. Chaperones are needed. **Registration deadline is October 15th.** Contact Pastor Cara at cara@gracepc.org or Tanya Valenta at tanya@gracepc.org if you would like to chaperone or for more information. The youth registration form can be found in your newsletter email.



Mission Opportunities

PCHAS Luncheon - Nov. 6

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services will be having their Annual Fundraising Luncheon on Thursday, November 6th at the DoubleTree Hotel Campbell Centre in Dallas. The 2025 theme is "Chapters of Change". GPC will be hosting a table again this year.

The complimentary lunch and program will be held from 12:00-1:00 pm. Attendees will learn more about this wonderful ministry and be asked to consider making a monetary gift. For more information, or questions, please check your connection card or reach out to our PCHAS Ambassador and table host, Susan Hasek at hasek1@verizon.net

Prayers are being Answered!

Your Prayer Team meets every Sunday in MB2 at 4PM and a 2nd prayer team meets every Tuesday evening at 7PM in the parlor to pray over the prayers that have been shared with us. If you would like to have personal hands-on prayer, or wish to join us you are welcome at either meeting. If you would like to receive a list of the prayers weekly, send a message to Mike Shaw at broncosrbest@verizon.net to be added to our efforts to connect to the Lord and the community. Every week, God responds and answers.

- Anne Bowman's relative, Becca, has been cleared of her liver cancer!
- Women's Retreat was a great success!

Affirmations

Thank you to Kobi Tobin and Eme Thomas for being our volunteers at the children's ministries Playdate in the Park last Saturday.



Thank you to Laurie Kneeland and the entire Women of Grace leadership team for the months of preparation and work they spent on the women's retreat. It was a perfect day spent with wonderful women at a beautiful location, learning and serving together. We are blessed with your vision.



Want to Learn?

Education for All on Sundays - 9:15am

Adult Sunday School

Bible Boomers , @9:15am - Continuing studying the Gospel of John	MB4
Koinonia , @9:15am, Continuing a study of Judith	CE204/205
Trinity @9:15am - Continuing a study of Lamentations	MB2
Visions of Faith , @9:15am - Continuing a study from the book, <u>The Welcoming Congregation: Roots and Fruits of Christian Hospitality</u>	MB3
Word of Life , @11:30am - Continuing a study of Hebrews	MB4

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

Mon. PM Men's Bible Study, 7-9PM	MB4
Mon. Blue Angels, 12-1:30PM	MB2
Tues. AM Women, 10-11:30AM	MB2
Wed. AM Women of Wonder, 10:30AM	MB4
Thurs. PM Generations of Grace Women's, 7PM	MB2
Fri. AM Men's Bible Study, 8-10AM	MB2
Every Other Sat. Men's Bible Study, 8:30-10:30AM	MB2

Want to Sing or Ring?

Choirs

Sanctuary Adult Choir

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30pm

Room: Sanctuary

Michael King, Director

Exultation Choir

Youth choir for grades 6 – 12

Sundays, 4:00 – 5:15pm

Room: Sanctuary

Michael King, Director

Voices in Praise (VIPs)

Children's choir for grades 2 – 5

Sundays, 4 – 4:45pm

Room: CE215

Hannah Allen, Director

Cherub Choir

Children's choir for PK thru 1st gd.

Sundays, 9:15AM

Room: CE215

Hannah Allen, Director

Handbell Choirs

Grace Notes

Advanced adult handbells

Sundays, 5:45 – 7:15pm

Room: Sanctuary

Michael King, Director

Credo

Youth handbells

Sundays, 2:45 – 4:00pm

Room: Sanctuary

Katie Schnittker, Director

Agape Bells

Beginner adult handbells

Sundays, 4:15 – 5pm

Room: CE204-205

Katie Schnittker, Director

Carillon Ringers

Children (Grades 3-5) Handbells

Sundays, 3 - 3:45pm

Room: CE204/205

Michelle Rutherford, Director

Feel free to contact any of the ensemble directors for more info
we would love to have you!

Hannah Allen – Children's Choirs, hannah@gracepc.org

Michael King – Exultation, Grace Notes, Sanctuary Choir, michael@gracepc.org

Katie Schnittker – Credo Director, Agape Bells Director katie.schnittker@gmail.com

Michelle Rutherford – Carillon Ringers Director, mmrutherford1@sbcglobal.net



Calendar

OCTOBER

- 10 Jigsaw Puzzle Group Meeting, 7PM (Grace Place)
- 11 Quilt Ministry Meeting, 9PM (CE204/205)
- 12 Bible Boomer's SS, 9:15AM (MB4)
- 12 Trinity SS, 9:15AM (MB2)
- 12 Visions of Faith SS, 9:15AM (MB3)
- 12 Worship, 10:30AM
- 12 Word of Life SS, 11:30AM (MB4)
- 12 Session Meeting, 11:45AM (Wheelus Hall)
- 12 Prayer Group, 4PM (MB2)
- 13 Happy Columbus Day
- 13 Blue Angels Study Group, 12PM (MB2)
- 13 Men's Monday PM Bible Study, 7PM (MB4)
- 14 Tuesday Women's AM Bible Study, 10AM (MB2)
- 14 Grief Group, 7PM (Wheelus Hall)
- 14 Tuesday Evening Prayer Group, 7PM (Parlor)
- 14 Mission Committee Meeting, 7PM (MB4)
- 15 Career Transitions Support Group, 9AM (MB2)
- 15 Women of Wonder Bible Study, 10:30AM (MB4)
- 15 ESL, 5:30PM
- 15 Citizenship Class, 6:45PM
- 15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7PM
- 16 Generations of Grace Women's Bible Study, 7PM (MB2)
- 16 Stephen Ministry Peer Support, 7PM (CE204/205)
- 17 Men's Friday AM Bible Study, 8AM (MB2)
- 18 Men's Saturday AM Bible Study, 8:30AM (MB2)
- 18 Gotta Have Fun Game Night, 6:30PM (Grace Place)