



Presbyterian Women in Grace Presbytery

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2024 Spring Workshop

Saturday, April 20th
9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

St. Philip Presbyterian Church
745 West Pipeline Road
Hurst, TX 76053

Theme: Unity

*How good and pleasant it is when
God's people live together in unity! - Psalm 133:1*



- 9:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. Coffee & Registration
- 9:30 a.m.—9:45 a.m. Opening and Welcome
- 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Workshop 1 - 2024-2025 *Horizons* Bible Study Review
- 11:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Workshop 2 - How to do Presbyterian Women in the 21st Century
- 12:15 p.m.—1:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m. Workshop 3 - Power of PW

Mission Tables – Cash, credit cards, or checks accepted for supporting missions through items purchased.

Jason's Deli boxed lunch will be served,
\$10.00 cash, if paying in person, or checks made payable to:
St. Philip Presbyterian Church
See Registration Form on page 2.

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Presbyterian Women, What We Do:

- + Nurture Faith
- + Support Mission
- + Work for Justice & Peace
- + Build Community
- + Develop Leaders



Spring Workshop Registration Form

Grace PW Spring Workshop Registration

April 20th, 2024 9:00 am-2:30 pm

St. Philip Presbyterian Church, 745 West Pipeline Road, Hurst, TX 76053 817-282-9181

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

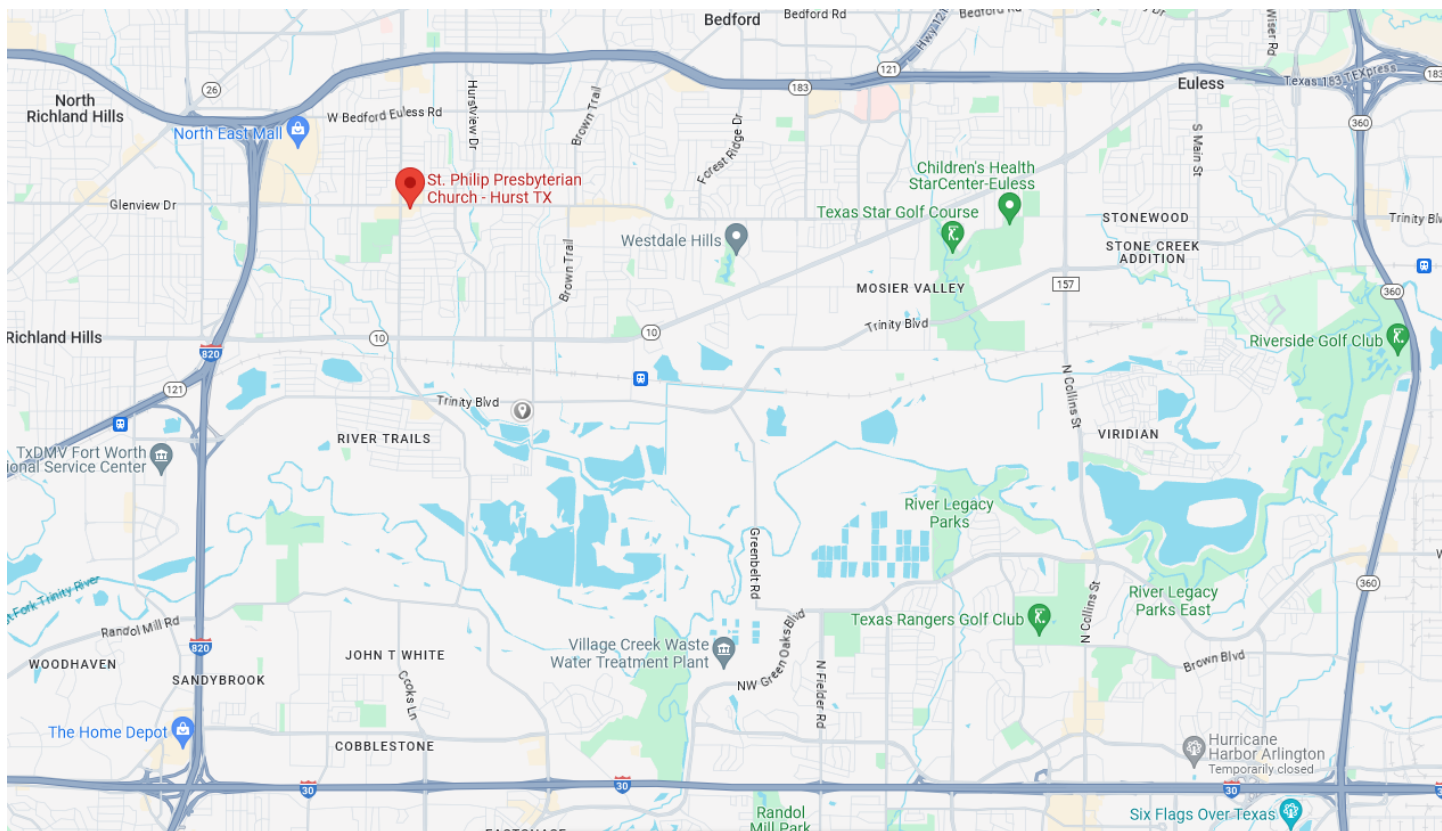
Email: _____

Home Church Name and City: _____

PW Office held: _____

Registrar: Carol Massie – 817-637-7040

**Registration deadline is April 1st. Please mail form and a \$10.00 check for lunch made payable to:
St. Philip Presbyterian Church, 745 West Pipeline Road, Hurst, TX 76053 ATTN: Carol Massie**



The church is on the southeast corner of the intersection of Precinct Line and Pipeline. Take Precinct Line south toward Pipeline off of Hwy 183, or take Pipeline east off of N820 E. It is approximately 1 mile east of Northeast Mall and there is a Neighborhood Walmart across the street from the Church. Church phone: 817-282-9181



Meg's Meandering



Meg Garver Hamilton, Moderator of Grace Presbytery's PW.

My Dearest P.W. Sisters in Grace Presbytery,

I pray this finds you all well and not waterlogged. I am looking forward to our events this year with great expectations. The Spring Workshops and Leadership training that will be at St. Philip's in Hurst, in April, there our Rev. Julie Adkins will present the 2024/2025 Horizons Bible Study with as lot of helpful tips on how to present it, and study it. Also there will be information available for PW Moderators and Treasurers in the congregation, along with Diane Cooper ready to help any Cluster Leaders that need help. Cheryl Arey is lining up folks to present a workshop to help us grow our groups. Don't forget the Mission tables, with PCHAS, Evergreen, SHE (handcrafted items to help our sisters in Pakistan gain a trade and a livelihood to support themselves and their children) and other opportunities to gain information, program

ideas, and books from the resource table. The hospitality is always great and fellowship outstanding.

In August the Churchwide Gathering takes place in St. Louis (see page 8). Bettina and I are your voting delegates, and we hope to see a lot of you there.

Come fall, the Gathering of P.W. Groups in Grace Presbytery is being hosted by the newly revived group from Forney, They have a beautiful new Fellowship Hall and the gals are excited to welcome us for the day. This is the business meeting with the election and installation of officers, and a presentation of the 2025 budget. Here too, Cheryl will have a keynote speaker that will give us great information.

Please mark you calendars, and watch the *Innovator* and emails for further information.

Your Coordinating Team is here to help you if you need it. We love to hear of the great projects that you are doing and fellowship times you have. Julie is a great help with the Bible Study and can travel to visit and help at your location. Bettina can help with financial dealings with your group, and don't forget our Mission gal Carol Massie who is ready to help too. Just email any of us and we will do our best to help.

I wish all of you the very best of everything in 2024 and hope to see you in Hurst at St. Philip's.

In His Service,
Meg GarverHamilton

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The Coordinating Team is here to serve you!

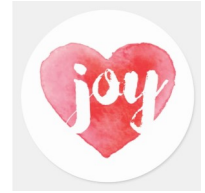
Grace Presbytery PW—Opportunities to Serve

Do you know someone who is planning to retire soon and needs a cause? Is there a girlfriend that loves to gather with others and work together on good causes? Do you have more time than money and need a way to share your faith? The positions on the Grace Presbytery PW council are very fluid, and there is room for new additions. To get involved a little more, or to suggest someone you think would be a great addition, contact:

Sherri Edwards, Vice Moderator for Search
817-944-4549
Madsciencelady72@gmail.com

You can even send a note!

Sherri Edwards
6820 Pecan Park Dr
Richland Hills, TX 76118



Thanks for your insights and help—
Together we can fill more hearts with joy!

PCHAS Donations

Presbyterian Women of United Presbyterian Church, Greenville and First Presbyterian Church, Mesquite banded together to help the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) in Itasca during a critical time when they received five babies to nurture. Much need items were collected and then delivered to Itasca by Meg Garver Hamilton (Mesquite) and Bettina Zvanut (Greenville). Needless to say the ladies at the Children's Home were delighted to receive the donations.

Information and picture provided by Bettina Zvanut.



Pictured, left to right: Meg GarverHamilton, Moderator of PW in Grace Presbytery; Judy Offutt, Office Manager at the Itasca Home; and Phyllis Carlson, PCHAS Campus Director.

Prayer Station Idea

Prayer Ribbon Frame

Choose a ribbon using the color chart below and tie it on the prayer frame as you say a prayer.

- Red** – people who are sick or hurt
- Blue** – friends, family and self
- Purple** – leaders
- Yellow** – joys and thanksgiving
- Orange** – church
- Green** – financial concerns, need



The PW of Grace First, Weatherford, used this idea from Pinterest during a day retreat in March of 2023.

Want to share your PW's ideas and events? Email information and pictures to Jill Bray, Innovator Editor, at

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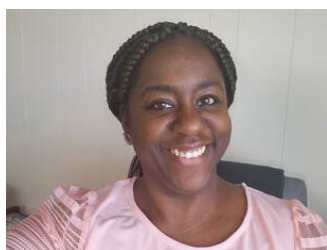
Camp Gilmont Women's Retreat, April 26–28, 2024



Psalm 86 declares that "love and truth meet...right living and whole living embrace and kiss."

The Bible is filled with metaphors for life, so are song lyrics, story lines, and poems. Do you have a favorite? Perhaps it's the roller coaster metaphor? Or the highway (Rascal Flatts)? Or maybe the box of chocolates referred to in the movie Forrest Gump? Or the garden metaphor offered by Alice Walker? No matter the metaphor that is most compatible with your life, there are certainly ups and downs--peaks and valleys--twists and turns--seed and harvest, you get the picture!

How can we embrace the whole and right story of our living as a way to honor the God of our creation? We will use our senses and creativity during this retreat to explore how embracing the story of our life might make us whole. Join us for a weekend of celebrating the best, considering the worst, and reflecting on how we can both shape and be shaped by what happens to and around us.



Our Keynote Speaker for the weekend is Natarsha Price Sanders. Natarsha enjoys facilitating spiritual and leadership development opportunities for people of all ages and providing people with tools to help navigate their vocational journey. Though she has presented at national and international conferences Natarsha is most humbled to facilitate community Bible study. She is a member of the 2023 Black Theologians Leadership Cohort at Princeton Theological Seminary and the 2021-22 Emerging Writer's Cohort at Collegeville Institute.

She is a 2021 recipient of both the Rising Leader Fellow Award from Sojourners and the 2022 Women's Leadership Award from Schreiner University. Presently, she is a member of the Comadre Speakers Collaborative and serves on the Board of Directors for Youth Mission Co. (Asheville, NC) and Doyle Community Center (Kerrville, TX). She lives in Texas with her spouse, Lorenzo.

The retreat will begin Friday, April 26 with registration beginning at 4:00pm. Dinner will be served at 6:00, followed by opening keynote and fellowship together. The retreat will conclude on Sunday, April 30 following worship and lunch.

Lodge Rooms (Price includes lodging, linens, meals and program)

- Single Occupancy \$350 per person
- Double Occupancy \$225 per person (If you are choosing Double Occupancy this means you are coordinating with your own roommate. Gilmont will not assign random roommates.)

Cabin Community Space (Price includes lodging, linens, meals and program)

- \$185 per person (Up to 6 guests share sleeping space and a rest room. Depending on retreat attendance, cabin guests will be more spread out.)

Day Only Option (Join us Saturday for the program and meals)

- \$100 per person

Full payment is due two weeks prior to the retreat start date. Register online at <https://www.gilmont.org/womens-retreat.html>

Introducing the 2024-2025 PW/*Horizons* Bible Study

Let Justice Roll Down

God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation

By Patricia K. Tull

With Suggestions for Leaders by Rebecca Barnes

Patricia Tull, author of the 2024–2025 PW/*Horizons* Bible study *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*, describes her call for creation justice in this way: "When I first learned of the climate crisis, I wondered how a biblical scholar with few practical skills could help and found my purpose in learning about ecology and teaching people of faith what I could. Such is not everyone's skillset or desire, but each of us has something to do with all our hearts."

We invite you to join Presbyterian Women as we explore, with all our hearts, God's call to care for our neighbors and for creation. Readers will learn about ecological systems, the challenges we face in this time of accelerated climate change, and the possibilities available to address or counter the impact of human-made stress on our environment. Further, readers will explore theological questions that point us to act and engage, in small and large ways.

About the Author

The Rev. Dr. Patricia K. Tull is A. B. Rhodes Professor Emerita of Hebrew Bible at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Among other publications, she is author of the 2001–2002 PW/*Horizons* Bible Study *Esther's Feast* and of *Inhabiting Eden: Christians, the Bible, and the Ecological Crisis* (Westminster John Knox, 2013). A Climate Reality presenter, GreenFaith Fellow, and former program director of Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light, Trisha lives on 50 acres outside of Henryville, Indiana, with her spouse, the Rev. Don Summerfield, in a Net-Zero home. They have six children and seven grandchildren.

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Justice and Peace 2024 Book Discussion Group

DISCUSS THE BOOKS WITH OTHERS VIA ZOOM

- The *J&P Book Discussion Group* is open to all!

DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS EVERY OTHER MONTH

- Read and discuss any or all books that appeal to you. Registration will be needed to join the discussion on Zoom.

RECEIVE STUDY GUIDES TO INFORM YOUR READING

- Questions for discussion or reflection will be sent with your registration confirmation.

For more information and to register, go to presbyterianwomen.org/justice.
Selections are recommended by the Justice & Peace Committee of PW's Board of Directors.

2024 Reading Selections

(6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Eastern Time)

January 8— "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot

March 11— "Our Missing Hearts" by Celeste Ng

May 13— "Transforming" by Austen Hartke

July 8— "A Place Called Home" by David Ambroz

September 9— "Poverty, by America" by Matthew Desmond

November 11— "Searching for Savanna" by Mona Gable

2023 Fall Gathering Highlights

Chicken Pot Pie

- ◇ 1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
 - ◇ 1 (10 ounce) package frozen mixed vegetables, thawed
 - ◇ 1 cup cubed cooked chicken or turkey
 - ◇ milk, enough to get desired consistency – creamy but not runny
 - ◇ shredded cheese, as much as you like
 - ◇ 2 pie crusts
- Preheat oven to 400°
 - Mix all ingredients together
 - Pour into pie crust, cover with 2nd pie crust
 - Bake for 30 minutes or until golden brown

Apple Cake

Mix the following 3 ingredients together:

- 3 cups apples (6-7 apples)
- 1 ½ tablespoon lemon juice over apples
- 1 cup oil
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten

Mix the next 6 ingredients together:

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 ½ cups flour
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

Fold dry ingredients into the wet ingredients. Pour into a greased 9" x 11" pan. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Several ladies requested the above lunch recipes served at the Fall Gathering.



A few of the many women of Grace First, Weatherford who helped make sure the Fall Gathering ran smoothly.
Top row—Robyn Coffey, Jill Bray, Janice Smith, Virginia Welsh, and Leslie Goeldner
Bottom row—Sharon Odom, Bettie Riall, and Susie Bossert



Installation of PW Officers for 2024,
left to right:
Top row—Patty Heeter, Meg GarverHamilton, and Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins
Bottom row: Julie McPhail, Angie Hare, Jill Bray, Carol Massie, Sherri Edwards, Karen Dean, and Cheryl Arey





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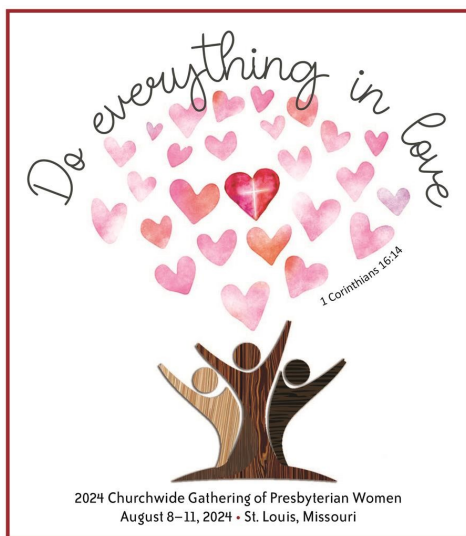
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2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering (CWG) is celebrated every three years! In 2024, the CWG will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, August 8-11. Plenary and large-group sessions will be held at the America's Center Convention Complex. Gathering attendees will receive a special conference rate for hotel rooms at the

Presbyterian Women in an exciting, faith-filled time of renewal, connection, and fun. An online option will be available, as well, with a select menu of options. Gathering registration opens March 2024.

**2024 Churchwide Gathering
of Presbyterian Women
August 8-11 in St. Louis, Missouri.**

Make plans to attend now.

Visit [presbyterianwomen.org/
gathering](http://presbyterianwomen.org/gathering) for full details.

Registration opens in March.

Scholarships available by contacting
Bettina Zvanut, CT Treasurer, at
bettinazvanut@gmail.com

Marriott St. Louis Grand (across the street from the America's Center), which will house other Gathering programming and opportunities (i.e., shopping and dining!). Plan to joyfully join