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# EAST REGION

of Grace Presbytery



**Welcome** Friends, Fall is decidedly my busy season! My weeks have been full as well as my Sundays. I began the month of September with worship at FPC Longview. After worship, First and Alpine churches held congregational meetings and voted



to merge to become one congregational body! I admire their careful discernment and deliberate planning in making this courageous decision. The

next Sunday the folks at First Presbyterian Church, Palestine shared coffee and donuts with me before I led worship there. They provide a vital Saturday morning free breakfast ministry to their community that is going strong after the Spring retirement of Rev. Gaither Bailey. On the 21<sup>st</sup>, I worshipped with the folks at FPC Clarksville and enjoyed a delicious potluck, like only Presbyterians know how to put together. We shared laughter and stories as we ate. This past Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, I led worship and had the honor of baptizing a new member into the church at First Hooks. From the northern tip of the east region to the southern depths, I have seen many of you in the past five weeks and it has been delightful to worship our Triune God together. I hope to see you again at the upcoming Presbytery meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>! Thank you for your hospitality as we lean into this new day together, M

Do you have a question for Presbytery? Call me 918.232.6422 or email [michele@gracepresbytery.org](mailto:michele@gracepresbytery.org). Peace be upon you, Rev. Michele Goff, Regional Ministry Associate, East Region

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## Inspiration

*We underestimate how much good serious rest can do us. And we also underestimate how much we can do if we take rest seriously. ~ Alex Soojung-Kim Pang, from Rest*



## Guess Where

Where in our East Region can this stained glass window be found? First one to email me the correct answer gets

FREE lunch!

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September's answer: The blue cross framed in bricks is found at UPC Greenville.



At First Clarksville

## Happenings

Oct 11, Sat, 10 am  
Gilmont, Battle of the Bags

[More info here](#)

Oct 21, Tues, 7 pm  
Small Church Zoom, contact  
[sharon@gracepresbytery.org](mailto:sharon@gracepresbytery.org)

Oct 23, Thurs, all day  
Presbytery Mtg Northridge,  
Dallas  
<https://gracepresbytery.org/presbytery-meetings/>

Oct 30, Thurs, Noon  
East Texas Pastor's Lunch, United,  
Greenville, contact  
[michele@gracepresbytery.org](mailto:michele@gracepresbytery.org)



At First Palestine

Do you have questions? Feeling out of the Grace loop? Call or email Rev. Michele Goff, your Regional Ministry Associate, for coffee or lunch!  
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