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Welcome New Pastors

Please join me in warm welcome to our new pastors, Rev. Earnest Gardner and Rev. Ron Johnson, who both began services to their new churches on October 1st.



*Rev. Ernest L. Gardner III,
First Presbyterian Church, Denton*

Welcome



*Rev. Ron Johnson,
St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Hurst*



Along with hello's we also have to say farewell... We welcome your prayers for her new adventures as we wish fond farewells to Rev. Debbie Spangler who has faithfully served as Stated Supply at First Presbyterian Church, Denton for almost ten years, serving from 10/16/2016-10/01/2025. We give thanks for the many years she has faithfully served this congregation.



We also have to say farewell to Rev. Terra Pennington, First Presbyterian Church, Stephenville. Terra has served not only the church but also on several Presbytery Committees as well. Her presence will be missed in the church, the community and the Presbytery. Good luck on your new call in Palm Springs, CA; may God go with you.



November 3, 7 PM, Zoom

Join presbytery colleagues for fellowship, prayer, and a presentation from Rev. Christopher M. Lee on stewardship and generosity in Grace Presbytery. We'll celebrate God's provision, look

ahead to 2026, and discuss the importance of supporting our shared ministry. Please RSVP by emailing Sharon for the Zoom link. Questions? Please contact sharon@gracepresbytery.org or call (817)736-6808.

WEST REGION GATHERING



11/05 - Denton Lunch Gathering, 12:00 PM, [Andaman Thai Restaurant](#), 221 E. Hickory Street, Denton

11/12 – Ft. Worth Lunch Gathering, 11:30 AM, [Taste Community Restaurant](#), 1200 S Main Street, Fort Worth

11/16 – “Evicting the American Dream” screening, 3:00-5:00 PM. First Presbyterian Church, 1000 Penn Street, Ft. Worth

11/18 – Mid Cities Lunch Gathering, 11:30 AM, [Bohemian Bull](#), 1112 W Northwest Hwy, Grapevine

11/18 – Small Church Zoom, 7:00 PM, Renewed Grace, Ruth Román-Meza, Grace Presbytery, Renewed Grace, Program Coordinator

11/19 – Arlington Lunch Gathering, 11:30 AM, [Taste Community Restaurant](#), 200 N Cooper, Arlington

11/20 – West Lunch Gathering, 11:30 AM, [Baker's Ribs](#), 1921 S Main St, Weatherford

11/24-26 – Sharon Vacation

11/27-28 – Thanksgiving – office closed



12/11 – Presbytery Meeting, Zoom

12/16 – Small Church Zoom Gathering, 7:00 PM, Looking Forward to 2026, Rev. Christopher Lee

12/15-12/22 Sharon Vacation

12/22-26, 1/1 Christmas - Office Closed



11/18 – Small Church Zoom, 7:00 PM, Renewed Grace, Ruth Román-Meza, Grace Presbytery, Renewed Grace, Program Coordinator will join us to share this exciting new program - Renewed Grace, is an initiative by Grace Presbytery funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

12/16 – Small Church Zoom Gathering, 7:00 PM, Looking Forward to 2026,

Rev. Christopher Lee, Executive Presbyter, will share all the exciting new things happening in the coming year.

This fall, Westminster, Arlington and Trinity, Flower Mound, join the inaugural cohort of Renewed Grace, an initiative by Grace Presbytery funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc.



Westminster and Trinity and the other churches in the cohort will be working to include neurodivergent children in their worship practices. Renewed Grace is an endeavor being guided with wisdom and care by Ruth Román-Meza, Renewed Grace Program Coordinator, and Rev. Dr. Jen Bluestein, Renewed Grace Project Director and Grace Presbytery Coordinator of Generational Leadership Development. Their commitment reflects something larger than a single congregation's programmatic step. It marks a moment of spiritual listening — the Church attending to the parts of the Body of Christ that have long been overlooked, misunderstood, undernourished.

- <https://us8.campaign-archive.com/?u=eb7a5f581db19677d9a275dbc&id=81bffd5f2>



Did You Know?

The Grace Presbytery Disaster Response Team is offering Church Safety Training to include ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training to all our west region churches. Please contact Sharon or John Kusewitt at (214) 384-2013 for more information or to schedule training.

Be sure to check out their website for a myriad of links to grants, preparedness and response instructions, emergency contacts and more! It includes resources from PC(USA), FEMA, Synod of the Sun, TXDOT, and Board of Pensions.

- o DRT: <https://gracepresbytery.org/disaster-response-team/>
- o DRT Preparedness & Resources: <https://gracepresbytery.org/disaster-preparedness-and-resources/>



Resources: Planning for next year? Although these articles are directed for small churches, there is useful information for us all to consider.

[Rethinking Goals: Why Visioning Matters](#)

[Three Ministry Categories Every Small Church Must Plan For](#)

[Seasonal Planning Made Simple](#)

Advent Resources: The PCUSA Store has an extensive resource guide for preaching, devotion and education. Click [here](#) to see all of the available resources.

What's Happening...

Kirkin' of the Tartans, St. Stephen, Ft. Worth...



PW Fall Gathering, First Presbyterian Church, Grapevine...



Church doesn't just happen in the sanctuary...



Little Free Food Pantry
First Presbyterian,
Denton



Little Free Library
Trinity Grace,
Mansfield



Juan and Lucia Campos
share the love of Jesus
Christ using Soccer and
Bible Studies. First
Presbyterian, Lewisville



The Growing Place
St. Philip, Hurst



Habitat for Humanity
First Presbyterian,
Grapevine & Granbury
Emmanuel, Bedford



Feeding the Hungry
Westside, Ft.
Worth



Bringing water wells to
Africa
United, Cleburne



Meals on Wheels
Trinity, Southlake



Room in the Inn
St. Stephen, Ft. Worth



Kids Against Hunger –
Parker County
Grace First, Weatherford

Celebrations...

Ordination Anniversaries

Walker Westerlage, Jr.	11/01
Robin Valdez	11/12
Paul Thompson	11/13
Brianna Benzinger-Luckevich	11/20
Mike Johnston	11/21
David Slyter	11/21
James Reinarz	11/23
Murray Richey	11/25

Birthdays

Princeton Abaraoha	11/03
Sherry Holloman	11/05
Paul Dunklau	11/09
Charles Somerville, Jr.	11/12
Roger Harwerth	11/12
Kelly Staples	11/18
BL Jordan	11/24



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