



Grace Presbytery

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Greetings, Friends,

I pray you have survived the winter weather, and all is well in your churches and your homes. I know that many of you are very busy with your plans for Ash Wednesday and Lent and I pray that you find time to take a breath and spend some time with God, savoring the silence and accepting God's invitation to retreat.

Rev. Ernest L. Gardner III, FPC Denton, introduced me to this book – *Invitation to Retreat: The Gift and Necessity of Time Away with God*, by Ruth Haley Barton and so I share this prayer with you from the opening page and *The Book of Common Worship*:

O God of peace, who taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and trust shall be our strength; By the power of your Holy Spirit quiet our hearts we pray, that we may be still and know that you are God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May you find rest on your weary days, peace on the difficult ones and a slice of joy in every day. Blessings and peace, Sharon

Introducing the West Region Congregational Vitality Committee Members



Rev. Kimberly Mendoza,
Moderator
Associate Pastor, Trinity
Presbyterian Church, Flower Mound



Rev, Chad Presley
Westside Presbyterian Church
Ft. Worth



Rev. Matthew Aldas
Faith Presbyterian Church
Aledo



Rev. Alissa Conner
Grace Presbyterian Church
Arlington

What is the Congregational Vitality Committee?

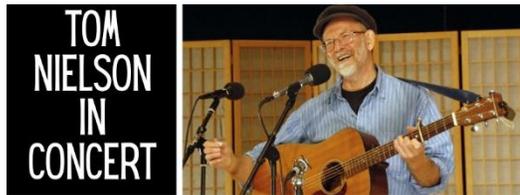
The Congregational Vitality Committee (CVC) is a new committee of Grace Presbytery. It is made up of 16 members, four from each region, so we welcome our West Region Representatives to the CVC. To learn more, CVC representatives will be joining us at a future Small Church Zoom gathering. No matter what your church size you are welcome!



Broken Lens Palestine Film Festival
February 6 & 7, 2026

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Denton

[Read more in their flyer](#)



Tom Nielson in Concert

7 PM, February 13

[Westside Presbyterian Church](#)

8700 Chapin Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76116

Looking for a lift? Don't miss Tom Nielson's Social Justice Tour—an evening of humor, heart, and soul-stirring folk music.



February Lunches

- Ft. Worth 12 PM February 11 Blue Goose Cantina, 1612 S University Dr, Fort Worth, 76107
- Mid – Cities 12 PM February 17 Lazy Dog Restaurant, 2521 State Highway 121, Euless, 76039
- Arlington February 18 Ash Wednesday, we will meet again in March
- West 12 PM February 19 Texas Roadhouse, 201 I-20, Weatherford, TX 76087
- Denton 12 PM February 25 LSA Burgers, 113 West Hickory Street, Denton, TX 76201



Looking for pulpit supply? Rev. Naveen Nischal would love opportunities to serve in teaching (creation care and intercultural connection are areas of expertise) and pulpit supply. It is also an opportunity for congregations to have intercultural engagement and a different voice in preaching and teaching. Contact [Tammy Stepka](#) for the latest Occasional Supply List.



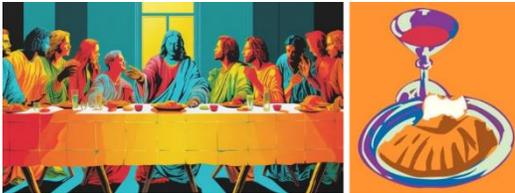
Small Church Zoom Gathering

7 PM Monday, February 16

Small Church Security

Libby Janes, Synod of the Sun, Director of the Synod Partnership for Disaster Relief will be joining us for a look at security in small churches, why plans are important and resources for creating a plan for your church.

Zoom link is emailed to participants on the morning of the gathering. Please email sharon@gracepresbytery.org to receive the link.



Communion Training

Saturday, February 21, 11 AM – 3 PM

Grace Presbytery Office, 6100 Colwell Blvd, Irving, TX

Communion training is available to ruling elders serving churches who do not currently have a serving pastor. Training includes lunch. We cover Communion from theological, spiritual, denominational, and practical perspectives. You will be given a binder full of reading material and liturgical materials you can use. If you are interested, please discern prayerfully if this is something you are called to do. Then ask your Session for approval. Once you have session approval, Michele Goff (michele@gracepresbytery.org) or Sharon Curry (sharon@gracepresbytery.org) can help you get approval from COM, and you are ready for the one-day course. Upon completion of the class, you will be certified to serve communion in your home church for three years. Email Michele or Sharon to sign up.



Thursday, February 26

Time to be announced.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 5500 Morriss Rd. Flower Mound

Church Celebrations



Installation Services

Rev. Ronald N. (Ron) Johnson was installed at St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Hurst on Sunday, January 18. Welcome Ron!



Rev. Ernest L. Gardner, III will be installed
 Sunday, March 1, 2026, 4:00 PM
 First Presbyterian Church
 1114 W University Dr, Denton, TX
 Welcome Ernest!



Ordination Anniversaries

Bob Crilley	Jan 31
Michael Beaugh	Feb 6
Elizabeth Jordan	Feb 9
Robert Getty	Feb 11
David Gowens	Feb 13
Trudy Mophew	Feb 22

Lord, we give you thanks for ordination anniversaries and birthday celebrations. We celebrate with you the years of dedication each of these people have given in your service. We ask your blessings on each of them in the days and years ahead. Amen.

Birthdays

Michael Beaugh	Feb 1
Mike Thompson	Feb 6
Lewis Holmes	Feb 7
Herbert Tays	Feb 8
James Shroyer	Feb 10
Shelby Miller	Feb 18
Jake Clawson	Feb 19
Carol Phillips	Feb 21
Thomas Tulley	Feb 22
Compton Ramsawh	Feb 25
Drew Travis	Feb 27

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