



from the...

EAST REGION

of Grace Presbytery



Michele's Musings

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Greetings Friends!

I hope your Lent is off to a contemplative start. I had the privilege of preparing for the season with a silent retreat at Gilmont. If silence is your sort of thing, I highly recommend a silent retreat at Gilmont to experience God, nature, and community in silence.

This past month, I've moderated a session meeting at First in Pittsburg and attended our presbytery meeting at Trinity in Flower Mound. Sharon Curry and I taught a Communion

Training course at the Mission Center in Irving. We will be planning another one in the next few months, so if you missed it, there will be another opportunity. I have preaching dates on my calendar for Highland Presbyterian in Tyler and First in Mabank. I look forward to worshipping with you!

Please note that we have added to our East Churches! Some of the southern churches will be honorary eastern churches until a new Southern Regional Ministry Associate is found. See a full list on page two of this newsletter. The regional lines are arbitrary, so don't hesitate to reach out and make a new friend. Feel free to post or forward our newsletter to your session or congregation.

In peace and hope, M

Do you have news or an event to share with the east region? Do you have a question for presbytery? Call me at 918.232.6422 or email michele@gracepresbytery.org.

*Rev. Michele Goff,
Regional Ministry Associate, East Region*

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! michele@gracepresbytery.org



February's rosette window is located in First Presbyterian Longview where the combined communities of Alpine and First worship.

Welcome!

While personnel is seeking a new Regional Ministry Associate to tend to the southern region of Grace Presbytery, the RMAs have adopted out the southern churches so they won't be left out in the cold. Please welcome our "southeastern" friends!

First Presbyterian in Cameron

Westminster Presbyterian in Corsicana

Fairfield-Harmony Presbyterian

First Presbyterian in Lott

First Presbyterian in Rockdale

*Reminder: The regional lines are invisible, so feel free to play outside the lines.



Sunset in the trees at Gilmont.

Happenings

Mar 16, Mon, 7p

Small Church Zoom

Mar 21, Sat, 9:30a-1p

East Minutes Review,

Alpine-First Pres, Longview

Apr 5, All Day, Easter

Naming Celebration for Alpine-First
Pres, Longview

Apr 20, Mon, 7p

Small Church Zoom

Apr 23, Thurs, 12n

East Texas Pastor's Lunch at
St. Andrew in Longview

Important Links

GracePresbytery.org ~ Visit the Presbytery's [Events Calendar](#)

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Go to the [East Region Page](#) for a Directory of churches and our regional news archives

Inspiration

And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom. ~ Anais Nin



Above: Our Communion Training Graduates from our February Class held at the Grace Presbytery Mission Center in Irving. If you would like more information about Communion Training, please reach out to [Michele](#) or any of the RMAs.

Let's Celebrate!

John Coleman passed examinations on the floor of presbytery at the February 26th meeting held at Trinity in Flower Mound. (pictured right) He is now ready to receive a call. Look for his installation date coming soon when he will be installed to First in Pittsburg and First in Winnsboro.

Also, let's congratulate Jane Els for her years of serving four churches. She will now be focusing her attention on First in Paris and First in Deport.



The good people at First in Pittsburg celebrated the 100th birthday of member Otis Marsh with a carved wooden plaque. (pictured left)

Did you see...?

SMALL CHURCH RESOURCES

SUPPORTING WORSHIP, LEADERSHIP, AND COMMUNITY

The Small Church Resource Guide from the PC(USA) Store?

Small churches play a vital role in nurturing faith and building community—and the PC(USA) Store is here to support that work. Start by exploring our [Small Church Resource Guide](#), which features curated books, curriculum, and free tools designed to help you meet your ministry goals with confidence.

I have some of these titles on my own shelves and invite you to take a look.

MINUTES REVIEW SESSIONS

Minutes Review Sessions from Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker, Stated Clerk

Are you a clerk of session? Are you aware that your minutes are required by the Book of Order to be reviewed by the presbytery each year? Would you like to access training on how to be a clerk? Please find the answers to these questions on the [Stated Clerk's webpage](#).

Our official session records review and clerk trainings will be held in three sites this year:
Saturday, March 21, 2026, 9:30 AM to 1 PM, at Alpine-First Presbyterian Church, Longview
Saturday, April 18, 2026, 9:30 AM to 1 PM, at [Central Presbyterian Church](#), Woodway
Saturday, April 25, 2026, 9:30 AM to 1 PM, at the [Presbyterian Mission Center](#), Irving



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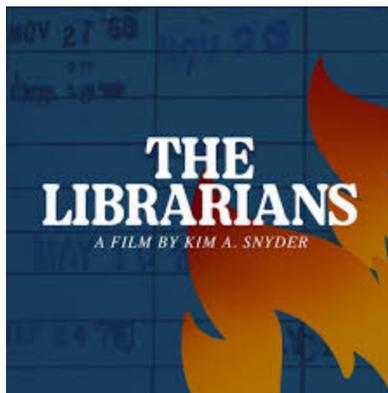
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Clarksville, AR

The Rural Ideas Conference is a national, ecumenical conference that focuses on rural congregations. They invite pastors, leaders, and members from your church to join us. There is no cost to attend the conference. They offer free lodging in the new campus dorms.



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Saturday, March 14,
2026 from 6:30 PM to
8:00 PM

[St. Barnabas
Presbyterian Church](#)
1220 W Belt Line Rd,
Richardson, TX

The Social Justice Public Witness Committee and St. Barnabas Presbyterian are co-sponsoring a free public screening of the groundbreaking documentary, *The Librarians*.

The documentary is the story of Texas librarians defending intellectual freedom and privacy by standing up to government surveillance, censorship, and pressure to restrict access to information. Join the conversation on the dangers of censorship and book banning.

Upcoming Screenings

[Westminster Presbyterian Church](#)

Corsicana, TX

Saturday, March 21, 2026

at 2:00 PM

Registration Opens Soon

[St. Andrew Presbyterian Church](#)

Longview, TX

Date TBA



Small Church Gathering

Monday, March 16, 2026

at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Email Sharon@gracepresbytery.org
for the link

Need more information on any of the above?

You can find these news items and more in the Grace eNews. [Click here.](#)