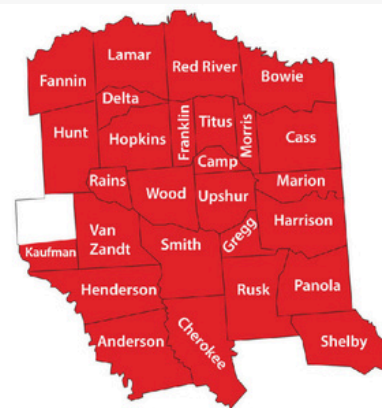




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EAST REGION

**of Grace Presbytery
MICHELE'S MUSINGS**



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HAPPENINGS

AUGUST 17, 7PM

SMALL CHURCH ZOOM
EMAIL SHARON AT SHARON
@GRACEPRESBYTERY.ORG

AUGUST 23, 9AM

MICHELE PREACHING AT
FIRST PRES IN HOOKS

NEXT MONTH:

SEPTEMBER 26, 11A

COMMUNION TRAINING CLASS
HOSTED BY SALADO
REGISTRATION DUE BY
SEPTEMBER 14

Dear Saints of the East and South East,
may the peace of our God be with you!

August is off and running. I am ready to get this hot, steamy summer behind us. I hope you and yours are staying cool. I opened this month leading the communion service for the congregation at Centre Presbyterian Church near Longview. The next Sunday I hit the road with CRE Jane Els to worship at two of our churches, First Presbyterian in Paris and then at First Presbyterian in Deport. We enjoyed a delicious watermelon potluck at Deport with the folks there. I had the pleasure of lunching with our East Texas Pastor's cohort at Longview United Presbyterian Church later in the month. To cap off July, I participated in the commissioning service for CRE John Coleman to the two congregations of First Winnsboro and First Pittsburg. It was a joy-filled celebration and was well-supported by several of the people from First in Mt. Pleasant. As one person said, it was a great "Jesus party!" The commissioning celebration reminded me how strong we are when we work together not just as a congregational unit, but as a denominational body. When our churches team up, the Spirit's energy feels even more dynamic. I can feel the Spirit when I pray alone, but I can see the Spirit when many gather in worship and fellowship together.

Michele

Feel free to post or forward our newsletter to your session or congregation. Do you have news or an event to share with the region? Do you have a question for presbytery? Call me at 918.232.6422 or email michele@gracepresbytery.org. We can even meet for coffee or lunch!

Rev. Michele Goff, Regional Ministry Associate, East Region

INSPIRATION

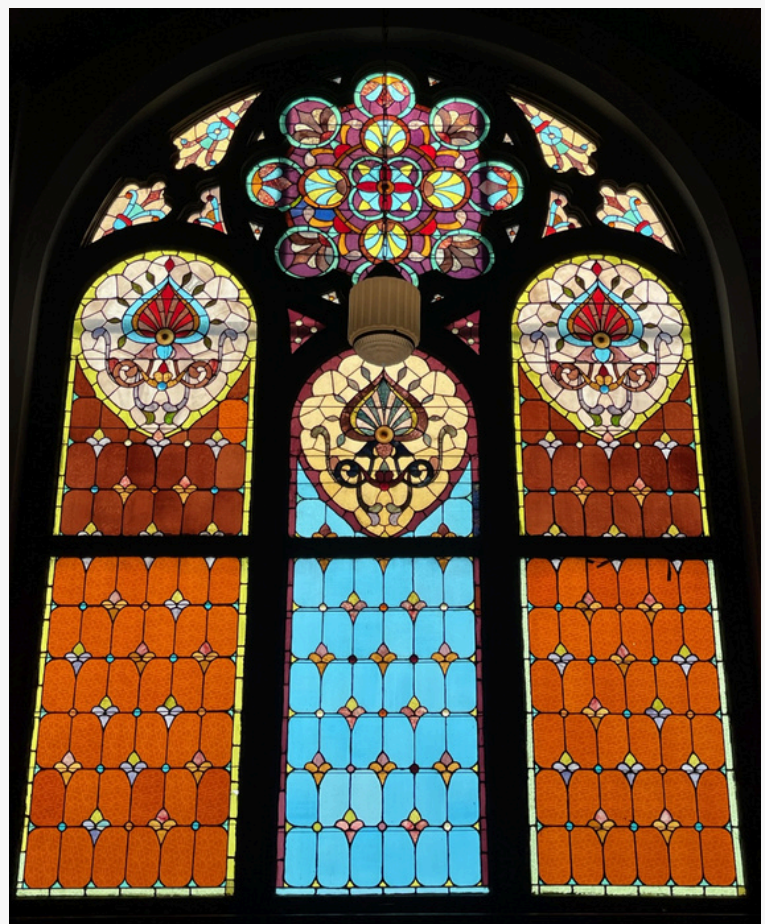
"Education is the powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

~ Nelson Mandela



August means back to school!

It's that time of year when children, grandchildren, and young adults are headed back to the classroom. Many of us prepare with backpack blessings, school supply drives, and returning to our own Sunday School endeavors. Consider this a gentle reminder to keep an eye out for crosswalks and school speed zones. Please pray for our teachers, students, and all engaged in the educational process. Drive safely!



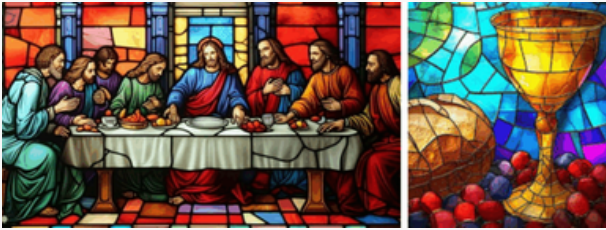
GUESS WHERE

Which East Texas church is home to this stained-glass window? Send me your guess. Guess correctly and win lunch with Michele. Email michele@gracepresbytery.org with your response. Last month's window belongs to First Presbyterian of Mt. Pleasant.



ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Safety Training is being offered at Northwood Presbyterian Church in Texarkana on August 22 from 9 to 4. If you are interested, please call 903-832-4911 for more details and to RSVP by August 19 if you plan to attend.

**ON JULY 23, SOME OF OUR EAST TEXAS
PASTOR'S ASSEMBLED FOR A QUARTERLY
LUNCH MEETING HOSTED BY LONGVIEW
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**



**Communion Training
September 26, 11AM-3PM
Salado Presbyterian Church
105 Salado Plaza Drive, Salado, TX 76571**

Is your church without pastoral leadership?
Communion training is available for approved
ruling elders serving congregations in transition.
This session covers theological and practical
leadership, including a resource binder and lunch.
Please prayerfully discern with your Session if you
are called to this ministry. Contact
Michele Goff michele@gracepresbytery.org,
Sharon Curry sharon@gracepresbytery.org, or Lisa
Wraith lisa@gracepresbytery.org. Registration due
by September 14.



**Summer Small Church Gathering
Monday, August 17, 2026
at 7:00 PM via Zoom
Topic: Sent with Purpose
Focus: Vision, calling, and moving
forward**

The Zoom link is sent out the morning of
each gathering. Message Sharon Curry
at sharon@gracepresbytery.org if you
would like to attend.

IMPORTANT LINKS

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FIRST PITTSBURG AND FIRST WINNSBORO.**