

GRACE NOTES

April 2023



Holy Week is near. Grace will be the site for an agape meal with communion as part of the meal on Maundy Thursday, April 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. That Saturday, an outdoor service at 11:00 a.m. in the newly refreshed memorial garden will mark Holy Saturday, the day Christ was in the tomb. Then of course comes Easter Sunday, with services at 11:00 a.m. There will not be a service at the church on Good Friday, but other churches in Gainesville will be holding services; for example, Westminster Presbyterian Church will be conducting a Tenebrae service for Good Friday at 6:00 p.m. at that church, located at 1521 NW 34th Street.

And then we will be moving on.

We still have a lot to be worked out. We're still working on where we'll live and what will happen with our house here. The wheels are grinding slowly between the two presbyteries involved in my move, and some things that would preferably have happened by now have not. But April 9 will be my last Sunday to serve as pastor of this church.

I wish I knew what to say. I know this call to enter into interim pastoral ministry is strong in me. I've seen too many examples of churches being harmed by not doing the kind of reflection and visioning that churches need to do in times of change, and I've also seen pastors harmed by taking calls at churches that haven't done that work for themselves. This is where I'm being called to go.

Meanwhile this church will have work to do, work of which I can no longer be a part. I will miss that, and I will miss seeing what this church finds to do in its space.

The best I can do is to finish with the blessing I most frequently use at the end of the service, from Paul's letter to the church at Corinth:

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*



The Worship Committee reminds church members and friends that the 2023 Flower Calendar is posted in the narthex. Fresh floral arrangements are \$40 and you may place your name on any selected date of your choosing. Please note that roses added to your arrangement are in addition to the \$40.00 and are \$5.00 each.

Prayer Requests

Please join us in lifting up prayers for those who have immediate concerns: Carl Crane's brother, Michael; Donna Fidler; Janine Groner; Billie Jean Jones; the family and friends of JoAnn Schell, the family and friends of Helen Weidhaas; and Fred Winter, Jay Winter Collins father.

Also pray for those with longer term needs: Margie Baker; Lois Butler's sister, Holly Durst; Jerry Butler; Pauline Kirk; Bob McAlpine; Gale Nevill; Laura Raizada; Libby Richardson; Sarah Robinson; Wayne Wagner; C. D. Weaver; Mary Williamson; our military; first responders; the people of the Ukraine and our church.



If there are other people or concerns that you would like to add or delete from this list, please contact Ivette by phone at 352-376-5654 or by email at office@gpconline.org

IN MEMORY

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of former member JoAnn Marie Schell who passed away on Thursday, March 2. Her service will be held some time after Easter at the First Presbyterian Church in Starke, Florida.

Session Meeting Highlights

March 13

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & MISSION

\$2,626.46, the interest from the Frances Fabrick Fund, will be sent to the Presbytery to be used for scholarship for those planning to attend mission trips to Jamaica and Cuba

Next St Francis House meal is April 21

Participation in Family Promise at both Covenant and Westminster is being reevaluated

\$1 Fund is going to St Francis House from April to June

Members are reminded to sign up for Fellowship Hour

Amazon Smile has been discontinued by Amazon

Updating membership role

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL

John-Peter Ford has been hired as our organist

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Service of the Lord's Supper will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm

Holy Saturday Outdoor Meditation will be held in the Memorial Garden at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 8th

PROPERTY AND OPERATIONS

Gainesville Opportunity Center will be using our kitchen and fellowship hall during the day while their kitchen is being remodeled beginning April 27 and continuing for 8-12 weeks

We Believe signs have been placed on the grounds

Church sign is being repaired

Memorial Garden is being worked on

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Lenten study, *Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy; The Bible and Brahms's Requiem* continues via Zoom at 7:00 pm through March 4th

Liturgy Passages for April

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4/2 Palm/Passion Sunday

Palms: Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Passion: Isaiah 50:49a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66 or
Matthew 27:11-54

4/3 Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 36:5-11
Hebrews 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

4/4 Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 71:1-14
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 12:20-36

4/5 Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

4/6 Maundy Thursday

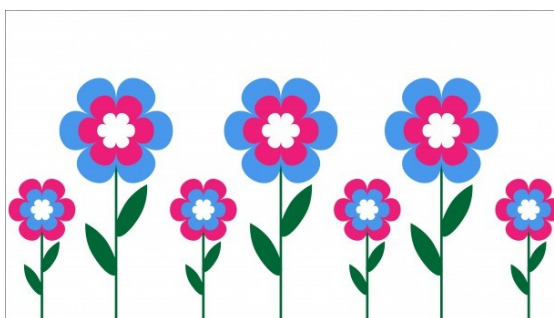
Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

4/7 Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25 or
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

4/8 Great Vigil of Easter

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26
Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18;
9:8-13
Psalm 46, 16, 19, 42 and 43
Genesis 22:1-18
Psalm 143, 98, 114
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21
Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18
Isaiah 55:1-11; 12:2-6
Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11
Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 7, 36a 43a
Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6
Ezekiel 36:24-28
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Daniel 3:1-29
Song of the Three 35-65
Jonah 1:1-2:1, 2:2-3 (4-6) 7-9
Zephaniah 3:14-20
Romans 6:3-11
John 20:1-18



Liturgy Passages for April (Con't)

4/9 Resurrection of the Lord Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 or
Jerimiah 31:1-6
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 28:1-10

Easter Evening

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 114
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Luke 24:13-49

4/16 2nd Sunday after Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16 or
Exodus 15:1-11
Psalm 111
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

4/23 3rd Sunday after Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 or
Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 34:1-10
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

4/30 4th Sunday after Easter

Acts 1:42-47
Psalm 23 or
Ezekiel 34:7-15
Psalm 100
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10



Elders on Call

**Elders on Call
for April are:**

**WT Chesnut 352-256-8628
Debbie Harris 352-213-5645**

Two elders volunteer to be available to church members and friends who may need assistance. When Reverend Freeman is unavailable, after April 9, or when the church office is closed, these elders are on call to help.

Please don't forget our Special Offerings

Two Cents a Meal

We invite every member of the congregation to prayerfully contribute a few cents at each meal. This offering is held the first Sunday of each month, but feel free to contribute on any Sunday to help alleviate hunger and poverty.



\$1 Fund Offering



Our \$1 Fund Offering for the months of April through June will go to St Francis House.

GRACE - GIVING AND SHARING MISSION



This project is a food and household item collection. All items collected are donated to Gainesville Community Ministry. For the month of April we will be collecting dried beans and rice.

For it is in Giving That We Receive

Ways to Support Grace Presbyterian Church:

1. Mail a check to the church office.
2. Use your bank's online bill pay system.
3. Use the electronic funds transfer from your savings or checking account, or
4. Use a debit/credit card at the link on our website under the giving tab (there is also an image that you can click).

The finance committee would like to keep the congregation informed about our General Fund income and expenses and our pass through donations. If you have any questions, contact Lois Butler at 352-262-5893 or treasurer@gpconline.org.

	February	Through 2/28
Income	\$ 22,479.62	\$ 47,627.11
Expenses	\$ 28,414.15	\$ 37,832.29
Pass Through Donations		
Two Cents a Meal	\$ 50.02	\$ 104.03

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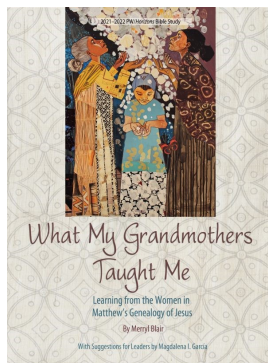
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Rev. Freeman's Day Off
2 Palm Sunday 11:00 – Worship Service Communion 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	3 7:00 pm – Square Dance Group	4 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm - Barbergators 7:00 pm – Advent Study	5 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	6 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Service of the Lord's Supper - Fellowship Hall	7 Rev. Freeman's Day Off 6:00 pm Tenebrae Service – Westminster Presbyterian Church 6:00 Korean Bible Study	8 11:00 am Holy Saturday Outdoor Meditation – Memorial Garden
9 Easter Sunday 9:45 - Easter Breakfast 11:00 – Worship Service 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	10 6:00 pm – Session Meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm – Square Dance Group	11 10:30 am – Congregational & Life Committee Meeting 12:00 noon – Anna Circle 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm – Barbergators	12 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	13 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	14 6:00 Korean Bible Study	15
16 11:00 – Worship Service Guest Pastor - Reverend Joe Riggsby 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	17 7:00 pm – Square Dance Group	18 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm – Barbergators	19 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	20 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	21 St Francis House Meal 6:00 Korean Bible Study	22
23/30 11:00 – Worship Service - Guest Pastors 23 - Reverend Richard Menzel - 30 – Reverend Don Mossa 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	24 7:00 pm – Square Dance Group	25 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts 7:00 pm – Barbergators	26 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 – ESWT(AA)	27 Grace Notes Articles Due 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus	28 6:00 Korean Bible Study	29

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The Anna circle will meet on Tuesday, April 11 at 12:00 noon in the library. Diane Millican will lead our study of Lesson 8 "Mary in the Faith and Tradition of the Church" in *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* by Merryl Blair. Please bring your study book, Bible and your own brown bag lunch and beverage. All women are welcome. Please come and enjoy the fellowship.

Mission Report One Great Hour of Sharing



During the Lenten season we celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing, an offering that strengthens Earth care ministries, disaster response, and hunger and poverty alleviation. Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

You can designate your offering to go to One Great Hour of Sharing in an offering envelope or on our Grace Presbyterian Church webpage. Please consider giving to this special offering at some time before April 9, the end of the Lenten season.