



GRACE NOTES

DECEMBER 2023

You're invited to Celebrate
Christmas Under the Oaks

Saturday, December 2, 2023

5 pm at Montgomery Center

88 SE 75th Street; Starke, FL

Continue the legacy of welcoming all people to
experience Christ and Creation in ways that
deepen faith and strengthen relationships.

Live Music by Bold City Classics
Gourmet Grazing
Dancing
Auctions

Reservations \$85 per person

Register Online at

www.montgomerycenter.org/gala

Men's Noon Lunch & Fellowship

The men of the church are invited to meet
each Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00
pm in the library for fellowship. Please
bring your own brown bag lunch,
beverages will be provided.



The Worship Committee reminds church members and friends that the 2023 Flower Calendar is posted in the narthex. Fresh floral arrangements are \$35 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 \$35.00 and are \$5.00 each.



Prayer Requests



Please join us in lifting up prayers for those who have immediate concerns: Jennifer and Jerry who are currently homeless; Philip Barton; Charlie Collins, Clint Collins father; and Mary Williamson.

Also pray for those with longer term needs: Margie Baker; Jerry Butler; Michael, Carl Crane's brother; Holly and John Durst; Lois Butler's sister and brother-in-law; Donna Fidler; Janine Groner; Pauline Kirk; Bob McAlpine; Gale Nevill; Laura Raizada; Libby Richardson; Sarah Robinson; Lonnie Stevens; Wayne Wagner; C. D. Weaver; Don Woodward; our military; first responders; the people of the Ukraine, Israel, the Gaza Strip; 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

Elders on Call

**Elders on Call
for December are:**

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

Two elders volunteer to be available to church members and friends who may need assistance. When the church office is closed, these elders are on call to help.

Session Meeting Highlights

November 6

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INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

We have no interim pastor prospects at this time

Contract for Temporary Pastoral Relationship with Rev Don Mossa was approved by the session and will be forwarded to the Presbytery Call Commission

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND MISSION

St Francis Dinner 10/20 - chicken dinner delivered

Family Promise - 10/23 Fund Raiser and Trunk or Treat were a successful events

Bulletin Boards in Fellowship Hall have been updated

Members are encourage to sign up for Fellowship Hour after the Worship Service

Planning a Light evening meal after our Thanksgiving Eve Service

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL

2024 Staff salaries were discussed

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

2024 Asking Budget was approved

Finalizing Stewardship Season

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Sanctuary piano was tuned in October

Committee will meet on 11/19

11/19 - last day to see John-Peter for tickets to UF's "Sounds of the Season Concert" which will be held on 12/3 at the Phillips Center

11/22 - Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6 pm - Rev Roy Sharpe from Covenant delivering the message with light meal to follow - Covenant and Westminster joining us

12/2 - Hanging of the Greens at 10 am

12/3 - Communion will be served - Rev. Don Mossa guest pastor (1st Sunday of Advent)

12/24—11 am Service of "Lessons and Carols"

12/24 - 6 pm—Westminster welcomes us to their Evening Candlelight Service

12/31—No Worship Service at Grace

12/31 - 9:30 am - gathering with Westminster for their morning worship

PROPERTY & OPERATIONS

Storm debris and tree removed from the old manse

Curb painted yellow where the step down is by the handicapped parking spaces

Art Studios of Grace installed mosaicked sign in the garden

Sign and railing at the office will be stained

Old grills and cupboard in the furnace room will be removed

Girl Scouts will use Fellowship Hall on 11/11 from 9-3 for a district wide program

Engineering Honor Society will use Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary on 11/17 from 6-9 for an initiation ceremony

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Present Word an adult Bible study curriculum will begin in 2024

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.
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.

	October	Through 10/31
Income	\$ 7,994.87	\$101,166.21
Expenses	\$ 8,536.12	\$110,477.24
Pass Through Donations		
Two Cents a Meal	\$ 13.00	\$ 353.07

Liturgy Passages for December

12/3 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

12/10 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

12/17 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

12/24 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 and
Luke 1:46b-55
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-37

Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

12/25 Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day

Dawn:
Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:(1-7) 8-10


Day:
Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)
John 1:1-14

12/31 1st Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40



DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 11:00 – Worship Service Guest Pastor – Rev Don Mossa Communion 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p>4 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group</p>	<p>5 11:00 am Congregational Life & Mission 7:00 pm – Barbergators</p>	<p>6 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 pm – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p>7 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 10:00 am – Hanging of the Greens Montgomery's 3rd Annual Gala Fundraiser Doors Open at 5:00 pm</p>
<p>10 11:00 – Worship Service Guest Pastor – Rev Don Mossa 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p>11 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group 6:00 pm – Session Meeting in Church Office</p>	<p>12 12:00 – Anna Circle 7:00 pm - Barbergators</p>	<p>13 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p>14 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 11:00 – Worship Service Guest Pastor – Rev Don Mossa Worship Committee 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p>18 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group</p>	<p>19 7:00 pm – Barbergators</p>	<p>20 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 pm – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p>21 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24/31 24 - Christmas Eve Lessons 24 – 11:00 - Carols & 31 – 9:30 at Westminster 1:00 – Korean Service 7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day </p>	<p>26 7:00 pm – Barbergators</p>	<p>27 Grace Notes Articles Due 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch 7:00 pm – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p>28 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

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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 October through December will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).

Circle News

The Anna circle will meet on Tuesday, December 12 at 12:00 noon in the library. Diane Millican will lead our study of Lesson 4 "Sabbath and Surrender" in *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight* by Carol M. Bechtel. Please bring your study book, Bible and your own brown bag lunch and beverage. All women are welcome. Please come and enjoy the fellowship.

