



# GRACE NOTES

NOVEMBER 2023

## THANKSGIVING DEVOTION & MEAL NOVEMBER 22ND

All are invited to the Thanksgiving Devotion and Meal on November 22. We will begin at 6:00 PM with a devotion from Rev. Roy Sharpe of Covenant. A soup, salad and sandwich meal will follow. Covenant and Westminster folks will gather with us.

## SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

The University of Florida choirs will use our sanctuary for rehearsals of their annual "Sounds of the Season" concert from 7:00 to 9:30 PM on November 20 and 27. Our organist, John Peter Ford will be taking requests from our congregation for tickets to the concert that will be held on December 3 at 7:30 PM in the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. The tickets are free. If you request tickets, please use them. See John Peter by November 19 if you would like tickets. The concert will also be broadcast on WUFT.

## LOOKING FORWARD

Sunday morning, December 24, we will have a Lessons and Carols worship service at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary. If you have a favorite carol you would like to sing that day, please see John Peter early in the Advent Season to make your request. Advent Season begins December 3.

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: Philip Barton; Charlie Collins, Clint Collins father; and Joel Hall, Faye Tripp's son-in-law.

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; Mary Williamson; 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](mailto:office@gpconline.org)

## Elders on Call

Elders on Call  
for November are:

Karen Russ 352-262-5419  
Faye Tripp 904-307-4082

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

## September 11

### **INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE**

We have 2 matches

### **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND MISSION**

St Francis Dinner 10/20 - food delivery - will not serve the meal  
Family Promise - Trunk or Treat at 1st Presbyterian on 10/31 from 5-7 pm  
Planning a light evening meal after our Thanksgiving Eve Service

### **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

Communion will be served on 11/5 - Rev. Dick Menzel guest pastor

Pulpit Supply has been scheduled through 1/7/2024

Planning Thanksgiving Eve dinner and service here at Grace on 11/22/2023. Rev. Sharpe from Covenant will bring the message. A light soup, salad, sandwich, and dessert supper will be served. Westminster invited.

Rev. Don Mossa will be our guest pastor the first three Sundays of December

Advent Season begins December 3

Christmas Carols and Scriptures will be held at the 11 am worship service on 12/24/2023

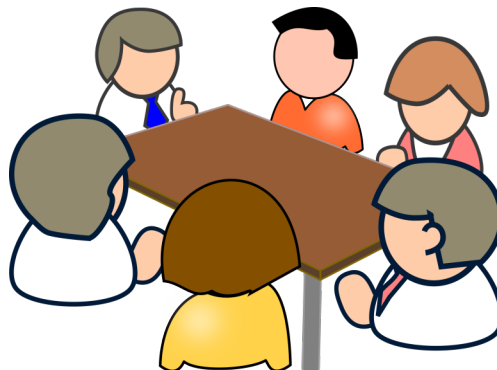
Westminster has invited Grace friends and members to attend their Sunday worship service on 12/23/2023 at 9:30 am and their Christmas Eve service

John Peter Ford, our organist, has offered to organize and lead a hand bell choir possibly beginning in early 2024—Westminster has refurbished the hand bells from Highlands

The American Guild of Organists will use the sanctuary on 4/27/2024 for their recital

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Studies are being considered





### 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](mailto:treasurer@gpconline.org).

	September	Through 9/30
Income	\$ 5,432.57	\$ 93,171.34
Expenses	\$ 6,366.25	\$101,491.12
Pass Through Donations		
Two Cents a Meal	\$ 13.00	\$ 353.07

# Liturgy Passages for November

## 11/1 All Saints' Day

Revelations 7:9-17  
 Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
 1 John 3:1-3  
 Matthew 5:1-12

## 11/5 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

### *Semicontinuous:*

Joshua 3:7-17  
 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

### *Complementary:*

Micah 3:5-12  
 Psalm 43  
 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
 Matthew 23:1-12

## 11/12 24th Sunday after Pentecost

### *Semicontinuous:*

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
 Psalm 78:1-7

### *Complementary:*

Amos 5:18-24

## 11/19 25th Sunday after Pentecost

### *Semicontinuous:*

Judges 4:1-7  
 Psalm 123

### *Complementary:*

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18  
 Psalm 90:1-8 (9-11), 12  
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
 Matthew 25:14-30

## 11/26 Christ the King/Reign of Christ

### *Semicontinuous:*


Ezekial 34:11-16, 20-24  
 Psalm 100

### *Complementary:*

Ezekial 34:11-16, 20-24  
 Psalm 95:1-7a  
 Ephesians 1:15-23  
 Matthew 25:31-46



## NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>5</b> 11:00 – Worship Service  <b>Guest Pastor – Rev Dick Menzel</b>  <b>Communion</b>            1:00 – Korean Service            7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p><b>6</b> 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group  <b>6:00 pm – Session Meeting in Church Office</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>All Saints' Day</b>            12:00 noon – Men's Lunch            7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p><b>2</b> 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>12</b> 11:00 – Worship Service  <b>Guest Pastor – Rev Joe Riggsby</b>            1:00 – Korean Service            7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p><b>13</b> 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group</p>	<p><b>14</b> 7:00 pm - Barbergators  <b>12:00 – Anna Circle</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch            7:00 pm – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p><b>9</b> 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> 8AM-4PM Girl Scouts Fellowship Hall</p>
<p><b>19</b> 11:00 – Worship Service  <b>Guest Pastor – Susie Cornello</b>  <b>Worship Committee</b>            1:00 – Korean Service            7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p><b>20</b> 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group            7:00-9:30 pm UF Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>21</b> 7:00 pm – Barbergators</p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>Grace Notes Articles Due</b>            12:00 noon – Men's Lunch  <b>6:00 pm – Thanksgiving Devotion &amp; Meal</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> Thanksgiving Day </p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b> 11:00 – Worship Service  <b>Guest Pastor – Pastor Terry Albright</b>            1:00 – Korean Service            7:00 – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p><b>27</b> 4:00 pm – Square Dance Group            7:00-9:30 pm UF Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>28</b> 7:00 pm – Barbergators</p>	<p><b>29</b> 12:00 noon – Men's Lunch            7:00 pm – ESWT(AA)</p>	<p><b>30</b> 6:30 pm – Gainesville Harmony Show Chorus</p>	<p><b>31</b></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, November 14 at 12:00 noon in the library. Diane Millican will lead our study of Lesson 3 "Sabbath and Sunday" 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.

