



Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | NOVEMBER 27, 2022 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

~ Matthew 24:36-37, 44

Welcome to Grace Church

Welcome! We are so glad you are joining us for worship this morning!

Masks are optional during the service and are available at the back of the church if you wish to wear one.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Your children are very welcome here! If you have babies or children, we have a nursery across the street from children ages 0-3 years, and a special program called WonderKids for children ages 4-12.

In WonderKids, we use The Jesus Storybook Bible curriculum which engages elementary school aged children with stories from the Bible and teaches that God is the hero of every story. Your children will bring a take it home page with them so that you can continue to discuss what they are learning. We also provide a small snack and restroom opportunity just before we come into the sanctuary at the Passing of the Peace. We want the children to be ready to enjoy family time together in Church!

For children in 5th-8th grades, we offer a special teaching unit just for them: Connect! This curriculum is designed just for preteens and uses humor and interesting Bible content to connect to them where they are at. Connect meets every other week in Grace Hall.

If you have any questions or would like to contact someone about your family or children, please don't hesitate to connect with Erin van Santen at erin@graceocala.org.

The Nursery is open during the the entire 10am Service for children ages 0-3.

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PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light:

People

On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Celebrant

Our Savior Jesus said, "You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

People

All will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant

Christ himself has given apostles, prophets, pastors and teachers to make God's people ready for works of service.

People

He will strengthen our hands to do his work and open our lips to declare his praise.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you strengthen us that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. With Word and Sacrament, make ready our hearts. Make us ready to receive your Word and live by it daily. Make us ready to live our faith through love and service. And finally, make us ready to meet you face to face on the day your Son comes to judge the living and the dead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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ADVENT WREATH

The lighting of the Advent Wreath is a tradition rich in symbolism. Most importantly, it reminds us of the Light of Christ: "...in him was life, and the life was the light of all people." (John 1:4)

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PROCESSION

The liturgy of the Eucharist is best understood as a journey or procession. It is our entrance into the presence of Christ, and this presence allows us to see the ultimate reality of life, the way God sees it. In the procession, we are called to come together in one place, to be more than what we were: a new community with a new life.

Making the sign of the cross is a tangible way to mark ourselves as Christ's. Crossing yourself is an act of sanctification, a physical reminder that you are set apart as holy for Christ. Because it is often done at the mention of the Trinity ("Father, Son, and Holy Spirit"), the sign of the cross is also a physical reminder of belief in the Triune God. Many find it a helpful expression of their faith, although it is not mandatory.

COLLECT OF PURITY

This collect (prayer) is a deeply personal prayer of need. Even though we attempt to hide, the Lord sees the secret desires of our hearts. It is only by the moving of His Spirit in our hearts that we are enabled to overcome our fallen nature of sin and death.

PROCESSIONAL

Please stand

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

HYMN 66

**Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT OF PURITY

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

GLORIA

Refrain:

**Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to His people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to His people on earth.**

**Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

Refrain

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.**

Refrain

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

Refrain

Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

This prayer is centered on the readings of the day. As we prepare to receive the food of God's Word, our Celebrant (lead pastor) prays this prayer to focus our hearts and minds on God's Word.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE FIRST READING

Reader

ISAIAH 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 122

Reader

The Psalm for today is Psalm 122, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
*the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.*

For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

THE PSALM

The Psalms represent experiences of men and women, written down as poetic prayers. By reading them, we encounter God, others, and ourselves in life's joys and sorrows, tragedies, and triumphs.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Reader

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE SECOND READING

Reader

ROMANS 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN

PREPARE THE WAY

**We've heard the revival stories
Of ancient and old time glory.
Spirit of God, come do it again.
Miracle-working power
Moving in signs and wonders,
Spirit of God, come do it again.**

Refrain:

**Prepare the way; He's coming through.
Ready or not, our God's on the move.
We're gonna see heaven on earth.
Come Holy Spirit, awaken Your church.**

**God, You're just getting started,
A testimony of more to come.
Spirit of God, come do it in us.
We join in the faith of heaven
And prophesy Your kingdom here on earth.
Spirit of God, come do it in us.**

**Fire fall, wind come blow;
We're ready for more, ready for more,
Break down the walls, push back the doors;
We're ready for more, ready for more,**

**We've heard the revival stories
Of ancient and old time glory.
Spirit of God, come do it again.**

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 24:36-44

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the

GOSPEL READING

As God's Word comes down the aisle to literally "dwell among us," we stand for this Gospel reading to show the particular importance we place on the words and actions of Jesus.

The "little" sign of the cross is used at the beginning of the reading of the Gospel, when the Deacon says: "The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ." It is the marking of small crosses, using the thumb, on the forehead, mouth, and heart. It's meant to signify the sanctification of our thoughts, speech, and affections for God.

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THE SERMON

The exposition of God's Word helps us reflect on God's will for our lives, and the ways we can respond to His call for redemption in our current world. We have provided space near the end of this bulletin or in the side panels for taking notes.

THE NICENE CREED

The creed reminds us of the core of Christianity. It contains the raw elements that every follower of Christ believes. As we recite this together our unity as the Body of Christ is strengthened.

house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

FR. FRANS VAN SANTEN

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant

Let us stand together and affirm our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please kneel or be seated as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader

We pray to you, O Lord.

People

Lord, have mercy.

Reader

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People

To you, O Lord our God.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE AND CHRISMONS

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for others and ourselves. Through these guided prayers, we begin to see the world as God sees it.

CONFESSION

Confession and repentance go hand in hand. Confession of sin is a large element of our corporate worship because we recognize how much we need forgiveness.

ABSOLUTION

The celebrant, absolving our sins, is acting as a representative of our heavenly Father, who "is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Psalm 145:8

THE PEACE

Our entire church family embodies the peace of Christ in one another's lives. This holy moment is a sharing of the fellowship we claim in Christ's church.

CHRISMONS

Chrismons are ancient symbols of Christ. They have been used by Christ's followers since Biblical times and are the heritage of all Christians. The word chrismon in a combination of the words Christ and monogram.

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OFFERTORY

In giving our gifts of time, talent and treasure, we pray that God, the maker of all things, would take our offering and turn it into something greater.

Please be seated

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Celebrant

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

HYMN 56

O come, o come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel!

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel!

Please Stand

THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN 380, VERSE 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The celebrant offers a preface and concludes saying...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.
Lord, we sing Your praise.**

**Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we sing Your praise.**

COMMUNION

In communion we share one bread and one cup to be bound together with those with whom the cup and bread are shared, to express one's faith, and to reaffirm one's commitment to God and the community. All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive communion.

DUBAY

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we sing Your praise.**

Please kneel as able

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

REAL PRESENCE

"He was the Word that spake it, he took bread and brake it, and what that Word did make it, I do believe and take it."

Hymn 322, John Donne.

The elements of the Eucharist of bread and wine are not mere signs or symbols. Christ's body and blood really become present and are really given. They are present so that, in receiving them, believers may be united in communion with Christ the Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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EPICLESIS

At this moment, the priest invokes the active presence of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharistic prayer so that the bread and wine may become the body and blood of Christ. The term is based on the Greek word that means "to call upon," "to invoke."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray the prayer Jesus taught together with one voice. As a family we acknowledge our needs, our lackings, our desires and God's solution.

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EUCHARIST INSTRUCTIONS

Please follow these instructions when you go up to receive communion:

- 1. The ushers will dismiss each row, one at a time.*
- 2. Walk up the center aisle.*
- 3. When it is your turn to receive the Eucharist, kneel down or stand at the altar rail and extend your hands together, palm up. The priest will place a wafer into your hand.*
- 4. The Chalice Minister will then come to you. You have two options; (1) drink from the chalice or (2) have your wafer intincted with wine. If you choose option 2, leave your wafer in hand so that Chalice Minister can place it back in the palm of your hand to consume. You may consume at the rail.*
- 5. Return to your seat by the side aisle closest to you.*

If you cannot come to the rail to receive notify an usher to have communion brought to you in the pew.

CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

ADVENT HYMN

**Christ whose glory fills the skies
Christ the everlasting light
Son of righteousness arise
And triumph o'er these chains of mine**

**Come thou long awaited One
In the fullness of Your love
And loose this heart bound up by shame
And I will never be the same**

Refrain:

**So here I wait in hope of You
All my soul's longing through and through
Dayspring from on high be near
And Daystar in my heart appear**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn
Until Your love in me is born
And joyless is the evening song
Until Emmanuel has come**

Refrain

GOD WITH US

**You are matchless in grace and mercy
There is nowhere we can hide from Your love
You are steadfast never-failing
You are faithful
All creation is in awe of who You are**

**You're the healer of the sick and the broken
You are comfort for ev'ry heart that mourns
Our King and our Savior forever
For eternity we will sing of all You've done
For eternity we will sing of all You've done**

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Refrain:

**(We sing) God with us God for us
Nothing can come against
No one can stand between us
God with us God for us
Nothing can come against
No one can stand between us**

**Your heart it moves with compassion
There is life there is healing in Your love
You're the Father the Son the Holy Spirit
For eternity we will sing of all You've done**

Refrain

**Where there was death
You brought life Lord
Where there was fear You brought courage
When I was afraid You were with me
And You're lifting me up
And You're lifting me up**

Please kneel as able

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

People

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

May the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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PRAYER TEAM

During communion, you have the opportunity to receive prayer. We have a prayer team in the back of the church who are delighted to lift you up in prayer. Simply walk up to them and share your request.

THE BLESSING

This pronouncement is a blessing from God to His people. This is not a prayer to God, but a blessing from God. Be encouraged! As we leave this family gathering, God is going with us into the world.

RECESSIONAL

BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE

Come set Your rule, and reign
In our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray.
Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
Like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.
We are Your church;
We need Your pow'r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first.
We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives,
For You're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released;
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are Your church;
We pray, revive this earth.

Refrain:

Build Your kingdom here.
Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand.
Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire.
Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere.
Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r,
Reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this;

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**Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church;
We are the hope on earth.**

Refrain x 2

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ADVENT GREENS

The Advent Greens on the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Pae Barberie in thanksgiving for His many blessings.

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THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon reminds us that as followers of Christ we are empowered to go into the world, now that we have worshipped God and been filled with the Holy Spirit. And with God in us, we are to go and serve.



Advent & Christmas Events

**11.27.22 - Advent Wreath Workshop
Undecorate the Tree**

12.4.22 - Undecorate the Tree

12.11.22 - Undecorate the Tree

12.17.22 - Lessons and Carols, 7:00pm

12.18.22 - Undecorate the Tree

**12.24.22 - Christmas Eve Services
4:30pm - Children's Christmas Pageant
6:00pm - without Incense
10:00pm - with Incense**

12.25.22 - Christmas Day Service, Morning Prayer 10:00am

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & WREATHS



It is time to order Christmas Poinsettias and Wreaths. If you would like to sponsor these decorations, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate, or bring or send it to the Church Office by December 19.

Please include payment. The poinsettias and wreaths are \$20 each.

Name: _____

(As you wish it to appear in the bulletin - ie: Mr. and Mrs. John Doe, John and Jane Doe, the Doe Family, etc.)

Number of Poinsettias / Wreaths: _____ \$20 each

Total Paid: _____

Please make check out to Grace Episcopal Church and note "Poinsettias / Wreaths" on the memo line.

Message (E.g., "In memory of...", "In honor of:...")

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

8 ECW Christmas Luncheon
11 Undecorate the Tree
17 Lessons & Carols
18 Undecorate the Tree
24 Children's Christmas Pageant
 Christmas Eve Services
25 Christmas Day
 Morning Prayer Service
26-27 Church Office Closed
28-29 Church Office Open
 By Appointment Only

JANUARY

1 10:00am Service Only
 Baptism Prep Class
2 Church Office Closed
4 Alpha Starts
8 Baptism

UNDECORATE THE TREE

Advent begins today, November 27, and once again we will be collecting funds for the Boys' and Girls' Group Homes during the four weeks of Advent. We call it Undecorate the Tree because you will be able to select an ornament or ornaments with an activity and the cost of that activity for one teen. This is a reminder to bring in or send in your donation. Together, we provide activities for these teens which create meaningful memories during the holidays. A few years ago, a teen boy wrote us a note saying Christmas had always been a sad time for him. He was writing to tell us that he had just had the best Christmas ever!

ECW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 8

ECW will hold its annual Christmas luncheon at noon on Thursday, December 8th at the Hidden Village Clubhouse. The address is 2700 SE 27th Loop in Ocala. Luncheon will be potluck with meat and drink provided. Please bring your most delicious salad, side or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Carolyn Ayres at 286-8536 to let her know you will be attending so that we can plan accordingly.

ECW BAZAAR

Thank you to our ECW Ladies who put on a great Holiday Bazaar this year! Over \$6,300.00 was raised to help local women and children!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to everyone who brought in shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Because of your generosity 103 shoe boxes were filled. That's 103 children who will experience God's love and have the opportunity to hear the Gospel, many for the first time.

PIES IN THE PARISH HOUSE FOR LESSONS & CAROLS!

Its that time of year again! Our Worship Coordinator Adam Pryor has planned a wonderful night of Lessons and Carols for Saturday, December 17 at 7:00 PM. After the Service we invite everyone to bring a pie to share in the Parish House! This will be a great time of fellowship prior to the busy week of Christmas!

Next Week's Bible Readings

First Reading:
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Second Reading:
Romans 15:4-13
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, November 27 Undecorate The Tree - Office Closed

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, YouTube and Facebook

8:45am: Advent Wreath Workshop, Parish House

9:45am: Children's Church, WonderKids Room

10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, YouTube and Facebook

11:15am: Hanging of the Greens, Church

Monday, November 28

12:00pm: Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, November 30

12:05pm: Mid-Week Service, Church

7:00pm: Worship Team Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, December 1

12:00pm: Fr. Jonathan's Bible Study, Zoom

Friday, December 2 Office Closed

Saturday, December 3 Office Closed

Sunday, December 4 Undecorate The Tree - Office Closed

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream

9:45am: Children's Church, WonderKids Room

10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, YouTube and Facebook

10:00am: Connect Youth, Grace Hall

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BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

21 Wendy Gordon

23 Michael Hart

25 Darlene Trowbridge

26 Marilyn Corsiglia

27 Justin Turner

Pat Parsons

Amy Robertson

Kristen Rose

28 Dawson Turner

30 Moses van Santen

DECEMBER

2 Leigh Manning

3 Fr. Jonathan French

If you would like to meet with Fr. Jonathan or Fr. Frans, please contact Rosemary Grooms or Catie Hourigan at 352-622-7881; rosemary@graceocala.org or catie@graceocala.org

If you would like to meet or talk to our Children's Minister Erin van Santen you can contact the church office at 352-622-7881; or by email at erin@graceocala.org

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BISHOP

The Right Rev. Gregory O. Brewer

WORSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Jonathan French: Rector

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Associate Rector

The Rev. Mary Delancey: Deacon

The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon

Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator

Erin van Santen: Children's Ministry Coordinator

Dave Rubin: Verger

VESTRY

Tim McCourt - Senior Warden Michael Owen - Junior Warden

Wayne Taylor- Treasurer Heather Hetzel Drick Heitman Amy Robertson

Carman Smith Sharyn Pliska Leslie Jones

Today's Servers

Advent Wreath: The Dotson Family

Ushers: Wayne & Diane Taylor

Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Maurica French

Reader, Second Reading/Prayers of the People: Lynda Peek

Acolytes: Gail van Deusen, Walker Harrell, Shealy Harrell, Vivian Rauba

Chalice Minister: Lana Kuhn

Prayer Team:

Altar Guild: Lise Kent, Lynda Peek, Paulette Johnson,

Carman Smith, Jeannie Piotrowski

Flower Guild: Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles, Maurica French

Musicians: Adam Pryor, Shane Bass, Jessica Mongerio,

Jason Bartosic, Cheryl Arnold, Audrey Flechas

VPOD: Wayne Taylor

Weekly Services on Our Campus

Sunday 8:00am—Rite I

Sunday 10:00am—Rite II with music

Wednesday 12:05pm—Midweek at Grace

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