



Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 31, 2025 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

“Friend, move up higher; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

~ Luke 14:10-11

Welcome to Grace Church

WELCOME!

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

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Rite One Service | 8:00am
Coffee Hour | 9:00am | Parish House
Nursery | 9:00am | Nursery
New Testament Bible Study | 9:15am | Grace Hall
WonderKids | 9:45am | Sunshine Room
StoryMakers | 9:45am | Wonder Room
Connect | 9:45am | Grace Hall
Rite Two Service | 10:00am
Coffee Hour | 11:15am | Parish House

WHO ARE WE?

In our reverent worship space, we warmly welcome people who are at all stages of faith, from those who are curious to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning, to those who are growing and maturing in their faith. Our sermons convey the truth of the gospel and offer practical applications to everyday life. Our desire is to grow in knowledge and love of God, and infuse His grace and truth into everything we do. Grace Episcopal Church is traditional and liturgical, and we care for our visitors by clearly explaining the heart and history behind our form of worship. We have found a family here, and we want this church to feel like a family for you, too.

OUR BELIEF & PRACTICES

The Episcopal Church has been called the “bridge church,” for we are Protestants who also honor our traditional Catholic heritage as well as contemporary worship. In addition to the Bible, our worship is led by the Book of Common Prayer, which has formed our historical thought and practice in its several editions since 1549. We are deeply sacramental, believing in the Baptism of children and that the Holy Eucharist (Communion) is the central act of worship. All baptized Christians may receive communion.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Rite One Service: Traditional Service without music at 8:00 am Sunday mornings
Rite Two Service: Contemporary Service with music at 10:00 am Sunday mornings. Nursery is open.
Midweek Service: Healing and Prayer Service at 12:05 pm on Wednesdays

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Your children are very welcome here! If you have babies or children, we have a nursery across the street in the Church Office building for children ages 0-3 years. We offer our WonderKids program for children ages 4-6 where we use the Jesus Storybook Bible curriculum. Our Story Makers classroom is for ages 7-9. And we also offer Connect Youth for ages 10-13.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL

HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.

I have made the stars of night.
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
If You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

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PROCESSION

We start our services with a procession of ministers and servers who have chosen to serve God and his people in their act of corporate worship. The procession is led by the cross, reminding those serving and those worshiping that our lives have been set apart by the sacrifice of Christ, on our behalf, for the glory of God.

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THE RECOGNITION OF THE FLAG

*Today we honor the flag,
recognizing Labor Day
and the dedication, hard
work, and achievements
of American workers who
shaped our nation's strength
and progress.*

THE RECOGNITION OF THE FLAG

HYMN 717 V.4

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, great God our King. Amen.

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.

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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.

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Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true
religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit
of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please Be Seated

THE FIRST READING

Reader

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of
the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became worthless
themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the LORD
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

This prayer is a moment to catch the theme of the service today. If you grasp it, your participation in worship will be enhanced, and you'll see God connecting the pieces of the gospel with your life.

JEREMIAH 2:4-13

THE FIRST READING

The First Reading is always an Old Testament passage. The OT forms a foundation for the New Testament and gives us many examples how God has led his people, displaying his essence and character.

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in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.
But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.
The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"
Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.
Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD,
and I accuse your children's children.
Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.
Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?
But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.
Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the LORD,

for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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THE PSALM

PSALM 81:1, 10-16

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Reader

The Psalm for today is from Psalm 81, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.

So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.

Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!

I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.

Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.

But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

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 PSALM

We read a psalm responsively each service as an expression of our emotions before the Lord. The Psalms contain all of our common emotions that derive from our day to day experiences. Read it recognizing that being honest before God, and each other, has great godly benefit.

THE SECOND READING

HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16

Reader

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GRADUAL HYMN

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son

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To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 14:1, 7-14

Deacon

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

People

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Deacon

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the

GOSPEL READING

Jesus is the Word of God made flesh, who made his dwelling among us. Reading his spoken words from the center of the congregation proclaims that grace and truth come through Jesus Christ.

When we make a little cross on our head, mouth and chest we are reminding ourselves that Jesus' gospel reforms our thinking, cleanses our speech and conforms our hearts to his truth and love.

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THE SERMON

God's Word is living and active, and cuts to the heart. That's why we read it, proclaim it, listen to it, meditate upon it, and take the time to make it understood.

THE NICENE CREED

If you are looking to unite around one set of beliefs for the Christian life, this would be it. It is broad enough to capture the essentials of our faith and narrow enough to be a definitive statement of biblical truth.

host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

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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.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray these established prayers to ensure that we cover important aspects of our lives and the world with corporate prayer. Listen to each prayer carefully, saying the words silently, so that your spoken Amen will ring true in your heart and be added to the prayers of the saints.

CONFESSION

We recognize our sins before God as a church body, recognizing our humanity and our weekly, daily, momentary need for the Lord and the cleansing blood of Christ. You will notice after some months of confession and absolution that you start to feel clean throughout the week, as if you've been washed and renewed. The 16th-century reformers thought the proper way to approach God was via confession.

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ABSOLUTION

Having heard the Word of God proclaimed, which has led us to confess our sins, it is now time to receive some assurance that God has forgiven the sins of those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ. It is Christ's power that forgives, embodied by the pronouncement of the priest, that makes tangible the truth that God has removed the barrier between him and us.

THE PEACE

Exchanging the peace is an ancient custom of God's people. We do it after Confession and Absolution which means we can give the same forgiveness to others that we have received from God. A demonstration that we have renewed relationships in Christ, it also prepares us to together receive Communion as the Body of Christ.

OFFERTORY

*What will you give to God?
The money he gave to you?
The time he has allotted for you today? The abilities with which you were born? Your next breath? Combine your offering with those around you, and see what God can do with and through our church.*



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

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

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.

YOU SAY

**I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough,
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up.
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?
Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know.**

Refrain:

**You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing.
You say I am strong when I think I am weak.
And you say I am held when I am falling short.
And when I don't belong, oh, You say I am Yours,
And I believe,
Oh, I believe.
What You say of me,
I believe.**

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The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me.
In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity.

Refrain

Taking all I have, and now I'm laying it at Your feet.
You have every failure, God; You have every victory.

Refrain

Please Stand

THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN 380, VERSE 3

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

COMMUNION

By taking Communion we obey the Lord's words to his disciples to remember his goodness to us and to proclaim that he is coming again. Jesus turns a simple earthy action - eating bread and drinking wine - into a magnificent celebration for his people. In Communion, Jesus is with us, and we are with each other. Sounds like a party!

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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

DUBAY

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.

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."

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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.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

When you pray this prayer, the one Jesus taught his disciples, and that all Christians everywhere pray, reflect on the words, recognizing you are actually talking to your Heavenly Father. Pray it afresh, as if for the first time.

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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.*

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.

CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

SHOUT TO THE LORD

**My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord there is none like You!
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength!
Let every breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You!**

Refrain:

**Shout to the Lord
All the earth, let us sing -
Power and majesty,
Praise to the King!
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You,
Forever I'll stand!
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You.**

Repeat

BEHOLD THE LAMB

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith**

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Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,
Torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

Jesus, Lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide,

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PRAYER TEAM

Praying with a friend or minister during Communion is a powerful way to experience the presence of Christ. Our clergy and prayer warriors invite you to ask for a breakthrough in your life. The Lord awaits the requests and prayers of his people.

HYMN 699

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till the storm of life be past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed;
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cleanse from every sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee:
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

O THE DEEP DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward,
to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones,
died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

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O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to thee.

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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and may the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand

RECESSIONAL

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

HYMN 657

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.

THE BLESSING

When you bless someone, you give them life-changing words. The priestly blessing will impact your day with heaven's power. Be sure to receive it with an open heart.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

LITURGICAL GUIDE

Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

THE DISMISSAL

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As if we haven't gotten the message yet from the rest of the service, the Deacon urges us to take our love for God and each other into the rest of the world. This can only happen if we walk through the red doors in the power of the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord.

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Marilyn Sibons in loving memory of her sister, Betty Turnbull.

PERSONAL NOTES

VISITOR INFORMATION FORM



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church *Visitor Information Card*

Please fill out this card and place in the offering plate or mail it back to us. We look forward to getting to know you.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about Grace Church (Check all that apply)

____ Friend/Family ____ Internet Search ____ Social Media

Other: _____

Your age group: (please circle) 18-34 35-59 60-up

____ First time visitor

Have ____ children school age
or younger (please circle)

____ New in community

Ages: 0-3 K-3 4-8 9-12

____ Would like clergy to call

Would you like to be signed-up for our Grace To You

Weekly Newsletter? ____ Yes ____ No

How may we contact you? ____ Phone ____ Text ____ Email

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Do you want to invest in building a better, stronger marriage? Join us and register for the Marriage Course! This course is designed for couples who are married or are thinking of getting married in the near future. It is based on Christian principles but crafted for couples with or without a Christian faith.

The Marriage Course runs over five sessions, and each session begins with sharing dinner as a couple, followed by a fun, insightful video covering topics that are relevant for every couple like The Art of Communication or Resolving Conflict.

You will:

- Learn practical tools to deepen your connection and keep the spark alive.
- Gain insights from interviews with leading psychologists and authors, as well as learning from your hosts, Fr. Frans and Erin van Santen.
- Enjoy private, intimate conversations as a couple giving you the space to engage openly and honestly throughout each session.

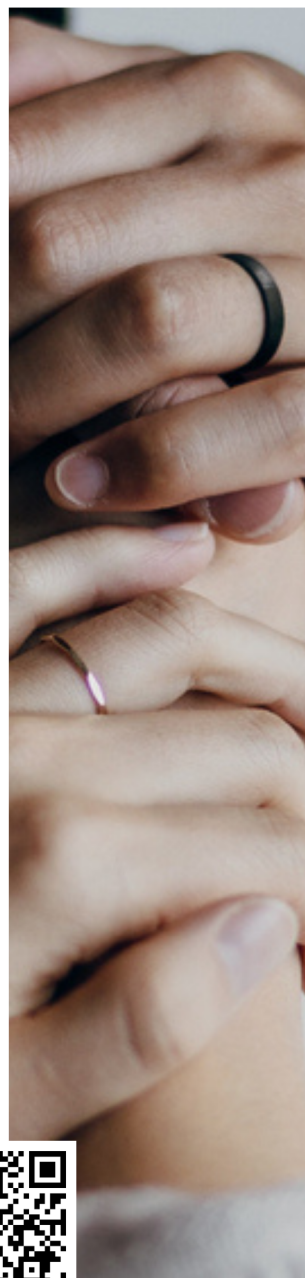
When: Wednesday nights from 5.30PM to 7.30PM, starting September 24 - October 22.

Where: Parish House, 503 SE Broadway Street, Ocala FL 34471

Costs: \$50 per couple or family

We are providing dinner as well as a Children's Program at the Church Office, ages 0-13.

Register now with the QR Code or at www.graceocala.org/opentable



RECIPES NEEDED FOR GRACE COOKBOOK!

Share Your Favorite Recipes!
Be part of the Grace Cookbook – Coming Soon!

We're collecting recipes for the upcoming Grace Cookbook, and we want yours! Whether it's a cherished family favorite, a holiday tradition, or your go-to weeknight meal — we want to hear the story behind it. Because every recipe tells a story.

Submission Deadline: September 30

The cookbook will be available for purchase at this year's Bazaar!

Submit as many recipes as you'd like
Don't forget to include why this recipe is meaningful to you!

Scan the QR code below to access the recipe template and submit your entry!





GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN INVITE YOU TO LUNCH WITH CORRIE TEN BOOM

Please join ECW on Saturday, September 13, at 11:30 in the Parish House for lunch and a delightfully entertaining and informative visit with Corrie Ten Boom. Local historian and actress Dee Collier will present a first-person characterization of the famous Dutch resistance figure whose family helped many Jewish people escape from the Nazis during the holocaust in World War II by hiding them in their home. She was eventually caught and sent to a concentration camp, which she survived. Her most famous book, *The Hiding Place*, recounts the story of her family's efforts.

This is not just for the ladies. Everyone is invited so bring your family and friends. Lunch will be catered and served promptly at 11:30. We need a head count for food so please RSVP with the QR Code or to the church office (352)622-7881 or Carolyn Ayres at (352) 286-8536 or mcdayres@gmail.com.

You don't want to miss this special treat!



CULTURES & CUISINE SEPTEMBER 20 | 5:30 PM | PARISH HOUSE

It's that time again—Culture and Cuisine is right around the corner, and we need your help! The event will be held on Saturday, September 20th, and we are looking for cooks to share their favorite dishes.

This year we will be highlighting four regions:

Italian
Greek
Indian
Mexican/Latin American



If you would like to bring a dish, please sign up on the sheet located outside the church.

All are invited to come and enjoy this wonderful evening of food and fellowship.

To RSVP to attend, please scan the QR code provided or call the church office (352) 622-7881.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

13 ECW Lunch with Corrie Ten Boom
14 Coffee Hour
20 Cultures & Cuisine
21 Coffee Hour
24 The Marriage Course
Open Table Kids
25 Vestry Meeting
28 Coffee Hour

OCTOBER

1 The Marriage Course
Open Table Kids
5 Coffee Hour+
DOK Meeting
8 The Marriage Course
Open Table Kids
12 Coffee Hour
15 The Marriage Course
Open Table Kids
16 TBRI Training with
The Pearl Project
19 Pumpkin Carving &
Corn Boil

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 9/7/25

Nursery:
Ligia Acosta & Sharon Romano

WonderKids:
Mollie Miranda & Alizon
Morales

Storymakers:
Catie Hourigan

Connect:

Next Week's Bible Readings

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

PINK SHEETS!

Pink Sheets will be available over the next two weeks! Whether you haven't filled one out yet or need to update your information, these forms help the church stay connected with our congregation, send out the weekly Grace To You Newsletter, and include you in our online directory.

Peggy Bourne will be available in the Parish House during coffee hour if you have any questions, would like help filling out the form, or want to learn more about the directory.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who gave to our Back-to-School collection! You raised \$970! Your generosity was able to provide the girls and boys in the group homes with the supplies they need for a successful school year.

We are also excited to begin our visits with the group homes again this year. Our first visit will be on Friday, September 19th. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Dianna Labeur at (352) 229-2717.

EPISCOGATORS DINNER VOLUNTEERS

We are excited to serve our college students again this fall through our Episcogators Dinners! We need volunteers to help prepare food items to take to the students on Sunday, September 21, October 19, and November 16. This is a wonderful way to share a warm meal and a warm welcome with our students away from home.

If you would like to help, please contact Lynn Nobles at patricia.nobles12@gmail.com.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, August 31 - Office Closed

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream
9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House
9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
9:15am: Josh's Bible Study, Grace Hall
9:45am: Wonder Kids (4-6), Sunshine Room
9:45am: StoryMakers (7-9), Wonder Room
9:45am: Connect (10-13), Grace Hall
10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream
11:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House

Monday, September 1 - Office Closed for Labor Day

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, September 2

12:00pm: Fr. Frans Bible Study, Zoom

Wednesday, September 3

12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

Thursday, September 4

5:30pm: Vestry Meeting, Grace Hall

Friday, September 5 - Office Closed

Saturday, September 6 - Office Closed

Sunday, September 7 - Office Closed

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream
9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House
9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
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11:00am: Coffee Hour+, Parish House
12:00pm: DOK Meeting, Grace Hall

BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

24 Betty Ann Wyman
25 Katie Miller
26 Caitlin Reed
28 Constance Beck

SEPTEMBER

2 Deborah Soukup
4 Karl Hop

If you would like to make a prayer request for either the weekly prayer list or the DOK private prayer list please email Deacon Susan at prayers@graceocala.org. And include which list you are requesting.

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

If you would like to meet or talk to our Children's Minister, Catie Hourigan, you can contact the church office at 352-622-7881; or by email at catie@graceocala.org

- Grace Church Leadership -

HEAD

Jesus Christ

BISHOP

The Right Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb

WORSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Rector
The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon
Josh Reed: Director of Ministry
Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator
Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

VESTRY

Greg Harrell - Senior Warden Michael Owen - Junior Warden Sanjit Nirmalanandhan - Treasurer
Cheryl Arnold Michael Ashley Stephen Ayres Todd Craig Kristin Dean
Lise Kent Amy Robertson

MUSICIANS

Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Jessica Mongerio Jason Bartosic
Cheryl Arnold Audrey Flechas Jamille Brewster

SERVERS

Ushers: Russ McCann, Frank Blasucci
Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Lynda Peek
Reader, Second Reading/PoP: Dave Rubin
Acolytes: Gail van Deusen, Talia Price, Will Rose
Chalice Ministers: Vivian Barone
Prayer Team: Carolyn Eckhart
Altar Guild: Lise Kent, Lynda Peek, James Perdue, Jeannie Piotrowski
Flower Guild: Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles, Heather Hetzel,
Molly Hetzel, Erin van Santen, Estella van Santen
VPOD: Amy Robertson

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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