



# *Grace*

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY | JANUARY 11, 2026 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

*“And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’”*

*~ Matthew 3:16-17*

# Welcome to Grace Church

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## 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

### GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER

HYMN 690

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim though this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand;  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through;  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer.  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

Celebrant

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

*People*

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

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

*You are invited to voluntarily make the sign of the cross on your body - to cross yourself - as a means to tell God again, and remind yourself, that you belong to him. You can do this at any time it seems meaningful to you. Often we sign ourselves when the names of the Trinity are used, in reference to the resurrection of the dead, and when saying "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."*

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### COLLECT OF PURITY

Celebrant

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### SONG OF PRAISE

### GLORIA

S280

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 you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
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.  
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, Amen.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**People**

*And also with you.*

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Celebrant

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

## THE FIRST READING

Reader

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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.*

## ISAIAH 42:1-9

### 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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### 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.*

I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

***Thanks be to God.***

### THE PSALM

### PSALM 29

Reader

The Psalm for today is Psalm 29, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
***ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.***

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
***worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.***

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
***the LORD is upon the mighty waters.***

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
***the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.***

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
***the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;***

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
***and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.***

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The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
*the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
*and strips the forests bare.*

And in the temple of the LORD \*  
*all are crying, "Glory!"*

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
*the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.*

The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
*the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

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

## ACTS 10:34-43

Reader

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained

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by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

*Thanks be to God.*

*Please Stand*

## GRADUAL HYMN

## O SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall fresh on me.  
Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me,  
Fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall fresh on me.

## THE GOSPEL

## MATTHEW 3:13-17

Deacon

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

**People**

*Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Deacon

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

## 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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Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## SERMON

**FR. FRANS VAN SANTEN**

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Father?

**People**

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People**

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People**

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Celebrant

Do you believe you are a beloved child of God?

**People**

*I do.*

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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.

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Celebrant

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People**

*I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People**

*I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People**

*I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People**

*I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People**

*I will, with God's help.*

*Please kneel as able*

## 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.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Reader

For all the people in their daily life and work;

**People**

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

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Reader

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People**

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Reader

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People**

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Reader

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People**

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Reader

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People**

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

Reader

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; and Justin, our Bishop; and for all  
bishops and other ministers;

**People**

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

Reader

For those who are unable to be present and who join in our worship  
from home;

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation;  
And for all those we name from our hearts.

*You may add your own petitions*

Reader

Hear us, Lord;

**People**

*For your mercy is great.*

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### 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.*

### 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.*

Reader

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*You may add your own thanksgivings*

Reader

We will exalt you, O God, our King;

**People**

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

Reader

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*You may add your own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People**

***Who put their trust in you.***

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**People**

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**

***And also with you.***

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*Please be seated*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY

Celebrant

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## THE LORD CAME DOWN TO THE RIVER CHORAL ANTHEM

*Please Stand*

### THE DOXOLOGY

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.

### HYMN 380, VERSE 3

## 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.

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### 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 of-  
fering with those around you,  
and see what God can do with  
and through our church.*



### 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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*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

**S125**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!

*Please kneel as able*

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

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## People

*We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.*

## Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever. **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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### 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.*

### 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.*

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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**

### **DOWN IN THE RIVER TO PRAY**

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown  
Good Lord, show me the way

O sisters, let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
O sisters, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown  
Good Lord, show me the way

O brothers, let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
Come on, brothers, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown  
Good Lord, show me the way

O fathers, let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
O fathers, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown  
Good Lord, show me the way



O mothers, let's go down  
Come on down, don't you wanna go down?  
Come on, mothers, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown  
Good Lord, show me the way

O sinners, let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
O sinners, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown  
Good Lord, show me the way

## COME HOLY SPIRIT, HEAVENLY DOVE

HYMN 509

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with all thy quickening powers;  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
in these cold hearts of ours.

See how we trifle here below,  
fond of these earthly toys:  
our souls, how heavily they go,  
to reach eternal joys.

In vain we tune our formal songs,  
in vain we strive to rise:  
hosannas languish on our tongues,  
and our devotion dies.

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with all thy quickening powers;  
come, shed abroad a Savior's love,  
and that shall kindle ours.

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## LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVES SONG

HYMN 513

Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind's rush,  
like the new flame's eager might:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's Body,  
to the branches of the Vine,  
to the Church in faith assembled,  
to her midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

*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*

## 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.*

## RECESSIONAL

### JOYFUL, JOYFUL

HYMN 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

### 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!*

### THE DISMISSAL

*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.*



# **ANNUAL MEETING**

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**

### **9:00 AM | PARISH HOUSE**

Join us for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 18 between services in the Parish House. Fr. Frans will present the yearly report, and we'll be electing new vestry members. Your presence is valuable, and all are invited to attend this important gathering in our community.

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# **MLK MARCH**

## **MONDAY, JANUARY 19**

### **9:00 AM | PARISH HOUSE**

For many years the members of Grace Church have joined with our community to walk in the Martin Luther King, Jr, Commemorative March. We will gather at the Downtown Square between 8 - 8:30am on Monday, January 19 to march to the Martin Luther King Jr Recreation Complex. Bring your family and friends and be part of the march.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## OPEN TABLE

The Story of God's Grace  
(our identity, our story + Jesus)

WEDNESDAYS  
JANUARY 21, 28 & FEBRUARY 4  
6:00 - 8:00 PM | PARISH HOUSE  
DINNER PROVIDED

OPEN TABLE KIDS | AGES 0-13  
6:30 - 8:00 PM | CHURCH OFFICE BUILDING

\$30 PER FAMILY

REGISTER NOW WITH THE QR CODE OR BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE (352) 622-7881



## FRESH FIRE

January 31, 2026  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Jim & Jeanne Henningsen will lead us through a meaningful, engaging, and fun process as we begin 2026. Together, we will seek God's presence, ignite our faith, and step boldly into the purpose He has prepared for us this year.

Wine and Appetizers will be served.  
Please scan the QR code or call the Grace Church office to register 352-622-7881.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## COMING EVENTS

### JANUARY

19 MLK March  
Office Closed  
21 Open Table  
22 Vestry Meeting  
25 Coffee Hour  
28 Open Table  
31 Fresh Fire Event

### FEBRUARY

1 Coffee Hour+  
DOK Meeting  
4 Open Table  
8 Coffee Hour  
17 Shrove Tuesday Panackes  
& Talent Show  
18 Ash Wednesday

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 1/18/25

Nursery:  
Ligia Acosta & Sharon Romano

WonderKids:  
Mollie Miranda, Alizon Morales

Storymakers:  
Catie Hourigan, Volunteer  
Needed

Connect:  
Garrett Bryden, Matt  
Merchant

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God  
by the Dean Family in loving memory of Linda Dean

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## GRACE CARD MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who would like to receive a card from the Card Ministry, please contact Noreen Baker (631-793-9542) or Gail Velten (352-231-6883) or Joan Croye (352-804-5809). The card ministry sends cards to those who are home-bound, who are listed in the weekly Prayer List, or those over 75 years of age celebrating birthdays.

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## REALM

Did you know that you can access our on-line directory on your phone using the RealmConnect app OR by simply logging into the Realm website? Click the QR code for quick access to the website and don't forget to add it to your favorites!

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Peggy at [peggy@graceocala.org](mailto:peggy@graceocala.org).

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[www.graceocala.org](http://www.graceocala.org)

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### Next Week's Bible Readings

Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 40:1-12  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## IN THE COMING WEEK

**Sunday, January 11 - 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  
3:00pm: ECW Meeting, Grace Hall

**Monday, January 12**

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

**Tuesday, January 13**

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

**Wednesday, January 14**

12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

**Thursday, January 15**

**Friday, January 16 - Office Closed**

**Saturday, January 17 - Office Closed**

**Sunday, January 18 - Office Closed**

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream  
9:00am: Annual Meeting, Parish House  
9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery  
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

## BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY

5 Susan Moorehead  
Betty Anne Ayers  
8 Lise Kent  
9 Frank Owings  
DJ Jenkins  
Mila Nirmalanandhan  
12 Lana Kuhn  
13 Jaye Baillie  
Lexie Hourigan  
Desi Kuhn  
14 Ed Reinhardt  
15 Whitney Rauba  
16 Sanjit Nirmalanandhan

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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](mailto:prayers@graceocala.org). And include which list you are requesting.

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

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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](mailto: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. Josh Reed: Associate Rector

The Rev. Carlos Cabrera: Deacon

The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon

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

**TODAY'S SERVERS**

**Ushers:** Russ McCann, Paul Corrad

**Reader, First Reading/Psalm:** Matt Merchant

**Reader, Second Reading/PoP:** Greg Harrell

**Acolytes:** Michael Ashley, Elizabeth Hart, Will Rose

**Chalice Minister:** Stephanie Harrell

**Prayer Team:** Vivian Barone, Carlos Cabrera

**Altar Guild:** Pae Barberie, Tammy Flanagan, Marilyn Corsiglia, Lynn Nobles, Amy Robertson

**Flower Guild:** Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles, Heather Hetzel,

Molly Hetzel, Erin van Santen, Estella van Santen

**VPOD:** Michael Ashley

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS**

**Nursery:** Alizon Morales, Erin van Santen

**Wonderkids:** Mollie Miranda, Nina Johnston

**Storymakers:** Tina Phillips, Anissa Cunjie

**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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