

Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”
~ James 4:7-8a

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 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 StoryMakers classroom is for ages 7-9. And we also offer Connect Youth sessions throughout the year for ages 10-13.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Please stand

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

HYMN 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation;
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation:
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song,
Sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord: over all things
He gloriously reigneth:
Borne as on eagle-wings
Safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy
shall ever attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for ever adore Him.

Celebrant

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

People

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

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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.

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

We start almost every Episcopal service with this prayer. It is succinct and powerful as it explores the depths of our hearts and our need before God. What better way to start a worship service than to tell God we are here for him, every aspect of our being, and want to become more like him because of our worship.

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.

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

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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.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

PROVERBS 31:10-31

Reader

A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.
She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.
She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.

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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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She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 1

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.

Reader

The psalm for today is Psalm 1, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
***nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!***

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

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Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

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

JAMES 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Reader

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

HYMN 707

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

THE GOSPEL

MARK 9:30-37

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who

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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was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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.

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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.

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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.

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.

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

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Please be seated

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Celebrant

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

I BELIEVE

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.

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...

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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.



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

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, 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

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:

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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.

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.

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

JUST AS I AM

HYMN 693

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God I come, I come.

Just as I am though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God I come, I come.

Just as I am thou wilt receive;
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God I come, I come.

Just as I am thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God I come, I come.

JESUS LOVER OF MY SOUL

HYMN 699

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,
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.

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

HYMN 397

Now thank we all our God,
with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us
one our way with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us!
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
eternal, Triune God,
who earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Please kneel as able

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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

JOYFUL, JOYFUL

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.

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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.

HYMN 376

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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.

**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

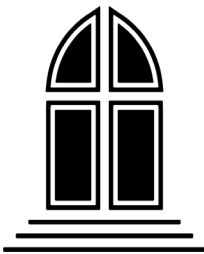
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
by John and Anne Dozier in memory of our dear friend Albert Peek.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

TO OUR BELOVED BAKERS AND COOKS:

At this year's ECW Holiday Bazaar November 8-9 we will be selling not only bakery items but also soups, casseroles, (pet treats, kid's treats, bridge mix) and an assortment of home-made goodies.

If you are planning to contribute to our sale, please let ECW know as soon as possible by contacting Jackie Blasucci at 352- 817-5942 so we can publish our "menu" of items for sale.

ECW will provide containers for soups and casseroles. There are pint and quart size soup containers and two sizes of foil pans for casseroles, plus stick-on labels.

All home-made items should be labelled with the following:

- Name of item and preparer ((Ex: Susie Smith's chicken casserole)
- Possible allergen ingredients (nuts, coconut, onions, etc.) or Gluten Free
- Special instructions or comments (warming, freezing, etc.)



Please bring your items to the Parish House from 9-2 Weds.-Fri. the week of the sale. Well-labeled frozen items can be left in the kitchen freezer any time.

Thank you in advance for your generous contributions. YOU make our bazaar the success it has always been! God bless you!

FALL OUTREACH PARTNERS DRIVE

September 29 - October 20

CASA
MARION
COMMUNITY ACTION STOPS ABUSE

October 27 - November 17



November 3 - November 17

IS **INTERFAITH**
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During the fall, Grace Church holds drives for three of our outreach partners. In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month our first fall drive will be from September 29 - October 20 for CASA Marion. In October we will collect shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child from October 27 - November 17; and we will close our fall partners drive with a holiday food pantry collection for Interfaith from November 3 - November 17. Look for the details of each drive in bulletin announcements and Grace to You as they are launched.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

6 Newcomers Celebration
13 Coffee Hour+
 8am: Coffee Hour Breakfast
 10am: Coffee Hour Brunch
20 Coffee Hour
24 Vestry Meeting
25 Pumpkins & Praise Night
27 Coffee Hour
 Operation Christmas Child
 (Shoeboxes) Starts

NOVEMBER

3 Coffee Hour+
 8am: Coffee Hour Breakfast
 10am: Coffee Hour Brunch
Interfaith Holiday Drive
Starts
8 ECW Bazaar
9 ECW Bazaar
10 Coffee Hour
17 Coffee Hour
21 Vestry Meeting
24 Coffee Hour
27 Thanksgiving/Office Closed

Next Week's Bible Readings

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

NEWCOMERS CELEBRATION LUNCH INVITATION

If you started attending Grace Church between 2022 and now, we invite you to a special Newcomers Celebration Lunch on Sunday, October 6, right after the 10:00 AM service. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow newcomers and connect with others in the Grace community over a delicious meal. We're excited to spend time together and celebrate your presence in our church family. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship— we can't wait to get to know you better!

Location: Parish House
RSVP by scanning the QR Code:



We look forward to seeing you there!

ECW WANTS YOUR HOLIDAY STUFF

At our annual holiday bazaar Nov. 8-9, ECW will be selling gently used holiday items. We're looking for collectible items, figurines, artificial trees, ornaments, table runners, etc. You can bring your items to the church anytime the office is open or on Sunday morning. Be prepared to unload your own car and put items in the designated space (the office staff is not available to do this.) You can also bring items to the Parish House early the week of the bazaar, e.g. Monday-Weds 11am-1pm. Questions, call or text Elaine Heitman, (704) 840-6897. As always, thanks for your support.

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Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church Ocala
Group Page: People of Grace



YouTube: [Grace Episcopal Church Ocala](#)



Website: www.graceocala.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, September 22 - Office Closed

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream
9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House
9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
9:15am: New Testament Bible Study, Grace Hall
9:45am: Wonder Kids (4-6), Sunshine Room
9:45am: StoryMakers (7-9), Wonder Room
10:00am: Connect (10-13), Grace Hall
10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream
11:30am: Coffee Hour, Parish House

Monday, September 23

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, September 24

12:00pm: Gospel Bible Study, Zoom

Wednesday, September 25

12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church
7:00pm: Psalm Bible Study, Zoom

Thursday, September 26

5:30pm: Vestry Meeting, Grace Hall

Friday, September 27- Office Closed

Saturday, September 28 - Office Closed

Sunday, September 29 - Office Closed

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream
9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House
9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
9:15am: New Testament Bible Study, Grace Hall
9:45am: Wonder Kids (4-6), Sunshine Room
9:45am: StoryMakers (7-9), Wonder Room
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BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

15 Reynaldo Gordon
17 George Moorehead
Donald McBath
18 Pam Hane
19 Joseph Hetzel
20 Cherry Stephens
21 Toni James
Elizabeth Hart
23 Roger Staley
Julie Shealy
Sharleen Annesi
JoAnne Dillard
24 Elaine Heitman
25 Marilyn Sibons
Josh Reed
27 Susan Pattie
28 Alexis Ashley
29 Matthew Merchant

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 or Fr. Brian 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: Priest-In-Charge

The Rev. Brian Stankich: Associate Rector

The Rev. Mary Delancey: Deacon

The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon

Josh Reed: Director of Ministry

Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator

Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

Dave Rubin: Verger

VESTRY

Greg Harrell - Senior Warden Michael Owen - Junior Warden Wayne Taylor - Treasurer

Carman Smith Michael Ashley Lise Kent Amy Robertson Sanjit Nirmalanandhan

Leslie Jones Stephen Ayres

MUSICIANS

Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Jessica Mongerio Jason Batosic

Cheryl Arnold Audrey Flechas David Freudenburg Jamille Brewster

Grace Choir

SERVERS

Usher: Stephen Ayres, Darlene Trowbridge

Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Erin van Santen

Reader, Second Reading/PoP: Russ McCann

Acolytes: Ryan Ashley, Susan McCann, Shealy Harrell

Chalice Minister: Stephanie Harrell

Prayer Team: Fr. Frans van Santen

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

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

VPOD: Greg Harrell

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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