

# Grace

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE HOLY NAME | JANUARY 1, 2023 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

*“When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’”*

*~ Luke 2:15*

# Welcome to Grace Church

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

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

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

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

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

If you have any questions or would like to contact someone about your family or children, please don't hesitate to connect with Catie Hourigan at [catie@graceocala.org](mailto:catie@graceocala.org).

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

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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## PRELUDE

## PROCESSIONAL

*Please stand*

## O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him, born the King of angels;

*Refrain:*

O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest;

*Refrain*

Child, for us sinners  
poor and in the manger,  
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;  
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

*Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### PROCESSION

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

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

### **COLLECT OF PURITY**

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

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People**

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

## **COLLECT OF PURITY**

Celebrant

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

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

### **GLORIA**

*Refrain:*

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

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

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

**Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**People**

***And also with you.***

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE FIRST READING

Reader

### NUMBERS 6:22-27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

***Thanks be to God.***

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

## THE RESPONSE

## PSALM 8

### THE PSALM

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

Reader

The Psalm for today is Psalm 8, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

O LORD our Governor,\*  
***how exalted is your Name in all the world!***

Out of the mouths of infants and children\*  
***your majesty is praised above the heavens.***

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,\*  
***to quell the enemy and the avenger.***

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,\*  
***the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,***

What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
***the son of man that you should seek him out?***

You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
***you adorn him with glory and honor;***

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
***you put all things under his feet:***

All sheep and oxen,\*  
***even the wild beasts of the field,***

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,\*  
***and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.***

O LORD our Governor,\*  
***how exalted is your Name in all the world!***

Reader

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

**People**

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

## THE SECOND READING

Reader

**GALATIANS 4:4-7**

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand*

## GRADUAL HYMN

### AWAY IN A MANGER

**Away in a manger  
No crib for His bed  
The little Lord Jesus  
Lay down His sweet head  
The stars in the bright sky  
Look down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay**

**The cattle are lowing  
The poor Baby wakes  
But little Lord Jesus  
No crying He makes  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus  
Look down from the sky  
And stay by my side  
'Til morning is nigh**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### GOSPEL READING

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

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

### THE SERMON

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

**Be near me, Lord Jesus  
I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever  
And love me, I pray  
Bless all the dear children  
In Thy tender care  
And take us to Heaven  
To live with Thee there**

### THE GOSPEL

**LUKE 2:15-21**

Deacon

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

**People**

***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Deacon

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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.*

*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 NICENE CREED

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

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### CONFESSION

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

### ABSOLUTION

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

### THE PEACE

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

### OFFERTORY

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

## 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*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY

Celebrant

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

## HOW MANY KINGS

Follow the star to a place unexpected  
Would you believe, after all we've projected  
A child in a manger?  
Lowly and small, the weakest of all  
Unlikeliest hero, wrapped in his mother's shawl  
Just a child  
Is this who we've waited for?

'Cause how many kings step down from their thrones  
How many lords have abandoned their homes?  
How many greats have become the least for me?  
And how many gods have poured out their hearts  
To romance a world that is torn all apart?  
How many fathers gave up their sons for me?

Bringing our gifts for the newborn Savior  
All that we have, whether costly or meek  
Because we believe  
Gold for his honor, and frankincense for his pleasure  
And myrrh for the cross He will suffer  
Do you believe?  
Is this who we've waited for?

How many kings step down from their thrones?  
How many lords have abandoned their homes?  
How many greats have become the least for me?  
And how many gods have poured out their hearts  
To romance a world that is torn all apart?  
How many fathers gave up their sons for me?  
Only one did that for me

Oh, all for me, oh  
All for me, all for you  
All for me, all for you  
All for me, all for you  
All for me, all for you

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

How many kings step down from their thrones?  
How many lords have abandoned their homes?  
How many greats have become the least?  
How many gods have poured out their hearts  
To romance a world that is torn all apart?  
How many fathers gave up their sons for me?  
Only one did that for me  
All for me, all for you

*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

### COMMUNION

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

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...*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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."

### REAL PRESENCE

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

*Hymn 322, John Donne.*

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

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,

### **EPICLESIS**

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

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

### **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.***

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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.

## CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

### O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

**O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary,  
and, gathered all above  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King  
and peace to all the earth.**

**How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.**

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### EUCCHARIST 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.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### PRAYER TEAM

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

**O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray,  
cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Immanuel!**

## IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

**In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind made moan;  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter  
Long ago.**

**Our God, heaven cannot hold Him  
Nor earth sustain,  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter  
A stable-place sufficed  
The Lord God incarnate  
Jesus Christ.**

**Angels and Archangels  
May have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Thronged the air;  
But His mother only,  
In her maiden bliss  
Worshipped the Beloved  
With a kiss.**



**What can I give Him,  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a Shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man  
I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give Him,  
Give my heart.**

*Please kneel as able*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*People*

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

## THE BLESSING

Celebrant

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

*Please stand*

## RECESSIONAL

## ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high,  
singing sweetly through the night,  
And the mountains in reply  
echoing their brave delight.

*Refrain:*

**Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

## THE BLESSING

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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**Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see?  
What glad tidings did you hear?**

*Refrain*

**Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.**

*Refrain*

**See him in a manger laid  
whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while we raise our hearts in love.**

*Refrain*

## **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**

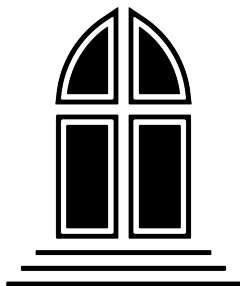
*The Deacon reminds us  
that as followers of Christ  
we are empowered to go into  
the world, now that we have  
worshipped God and been  
filled with the Holy Spirit.  
And with God in us, we are  
to go and serve.*

# *PERSONAL NOTES*

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# GRACE CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

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## *Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church*

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:

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Name:

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Address:

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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

New in community

Would like clergy to call

Would like an appointment with clergy

Have  children school age or younger (please circle)

Ages: 0-3    K-3    4-8    9-12

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

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## 2023 ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to place flowers on the altar during the coming year, please fill out a Flower Request Form and return it to the church office. Weekly arrangements are made by the Flower Guild at a cost of \$50. You may send your check along with the form with "altar flowers" written on the memo line.

We have no control over events that arise during the year causing another donor to request your same date. If this happens, you will be contacted and arrangements will be made to share the date or find an alternate date acceptable for both donors. We always appreciate donors willing to take any open date where flowers are needed.

This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones, celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions, or just give thanks and praise God.

No flowers are placed on the altar during Lent (February 22 - April 2), and only greens are used during Advent (December 3 - December 24)

If you have questions or need additional information please call Carolyn Ayres at (352) 629-1148 (home), or (352) 286-8536 (cell)

## ALTAR FLOWER DATE REQUEST

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Home  
\_\_\_\_\_ Work/daytime

DATE(S) REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE : \_\_\_\_\_

MESSAGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## COMING EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 12 ECW Meeting
- 15 Annual Meeting
  - Flower Guild Demo Meeting
- 16 MLK Day March
- 22 Installation of new Vestry members
- 26 Vestry Meeting

## **SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH**

January 2023 is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. As we have done for several years, Grace Church will take time this month to educate ourselves and others about human trafficking and to learn what we can do to end it in our life time. Throughout January, look for articles and social media posts to learn more. In recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Day (January 11) on January 8, Grace will participate in a Red Sand project here on our campus after each service to honor and pray for victims and survivors of human trafficking. There will be a video in the Parish House after the 10am service. Join us to hear from a survivor and the hope she has that together we can see the end of modern day slavery..

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## **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

We will have our Annual meeting on Sunday, January 15 at 9:00am in the Parish House. Fr. Jonathan will present the yearly report and we will elect new Vestry members. We encourage everyone to be apart of this meeting.

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## **GRACE FLOWER GUILD LOOKING FOR MEMBERS**

Flowers are God's perfect creation and the flower guild is a ministry that helps us to praise, worship and give thanks to the glory of God. The Grace Flower Guild provides the flower arrangements you see on the altar each Sunday. They also decorate the church for holidays and special events. We are looking for additional members. If you have ever thought about working with flowers and would like to learn more about this group please join us on Sunday, January 15 after the 10:00am Service in the Parish House. There will be a mini demonstration of floral basics. Whether you have floral experience or would just love to learn and work with flowers we encourage you to attend this meeting.

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## **Next Week's Bible Readings**

First Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Second Reading:

Acts 10:34-43

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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## **JANUARY ECW MEETING**

ECW will hold its first meeting of the new year on Thursday, January 12. We will meet in the Parish House at 11:30 am for a brown bag lunch. We will be reviewing the annual bazaar and making plans for the coming year. All Grace ladies are ECW members and are encouraged to attend.

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## IN THE COMING WEEK

**Sunday, January 1 - Office Closed**

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

**11:15am: Baptism Prep Class, Grace Hall**

**Monday, January 2 - Office Closed**

**12:00pm: Bulletin Deadline**

**Wednesday, January 4**

**12:05pm: Mid-Week Service, Church**

**7:00pm: Worship Team Rehearsal, Church**

**Thursday, January 5**

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

**Friday, January 6 - Office Closed**

**Saturday, January 7 - Office Closed**

**Sunday, January 8 Baptism - Office Closed**

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

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

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

**10:00am: Connect Youth, Grace Hall**

**11:15am: Red Sand Project, Church Campus**

## BIRTHDAYS

### DECEMBER

25 Carolyn Smith

26 Bill Recio

Liam Sanchez

Samuel Olguin-Wilson

30 Bethany Crawford

31 Mike Dean

Joan Mathis

### JANUARY

2 Janie Rubin

Judith Feldman

Catie Hourigan

5 Susan Moorehead

Betty Anne Ayres

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



YouTube: Grace Episcopal Church Ocala



Website: [graceocala.org](#)

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

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

## **- Grace Church Leadership -**

### **HEAD**

Jesus Christ

### **BISHOP**

The Right Rev. Gregory O. Brewer

### **WORSHIP TEAM**

The Rev. Jonathan French: Rector

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Associate Rector

The Rev. Mary Delancey: Deacon

The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon

Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator

Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

Dave Rubin: Verger

### **VESTRY**

Tim McCourt - Senior Warden      Michael Owen - Junior Warden

Wayne Taylor- Treasurer   Heather Hetzel   Drick Heitman   Amy Robertson

Carman Smith   Sharyn Pliska   Leslie Jones

### **Today's Servers**

**Ushers:** Drick Heitman, Stephen Ayres

**Reader, First Reading/Psalm:** Frank Blasucci

**Reader, Second Reading/Prayers of the People:** Dave Rubin

**Acolytes:** Michael Ashley, Deb Robinson, Gail van Deusen

**Chalice Minister:** Darlene Trowbridge

#### **Prayer Team:**

**Altar Guild:** Pae Barberie, Tammy Flanagan, Marylin Corsiglia,

Lynn Nobles, Amy Robertson

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

**Musicians:** Adam Pryor, Porter Johnson, Shane Bass, Jessica Mongerio,

Jason Bartosic, Cheryl Arnold, Audrey Flechas

**VPOD:** Carman Smith

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### **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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