

# Grace

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 | 8:00 AM SERVICE

*“To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.”*

*~ Philippians 1:21-24*

# 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

WonderKids | 9:45am | Wonder Room

Nursery | 9:45am | Nursery

Rite Two Service | 10:00am

Connect Youth | 10:00am | Grace Hall

## 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 4-12 where we use the Jesus Storybook Bible curriculum. We also offer Connect Youth sessions throughout the year for ages 10-14.

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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE PROCESSION

*Please stand*

Celebrant

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

**People**

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

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

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

## THE KYRIE ELEISON

Celebrant

Lord have mercy upon us.

**People**

*Christ have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant

Lord have mercy upon us.

## THE GLORIA

*Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace,  
good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,*

*we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,*

*O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;*

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,*

*that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.*

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.*

## 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.*

*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.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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.*

***For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**People**

***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### THE FIRST READING

### EXODUS 16:2-15

Reader

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning,

because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

*Thanks be to God.*

## THE PSALM

## PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

Reader

The psalm for today is from Psalm 105, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
*make known his deeds among the peoples.*

Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
*and speak of all his marvelous works.*

Glory in his holy Name; \*  
*let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.*

## 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.*

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Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
*continually seek his face.*

Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
*his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,*

O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
*O children of Jacob his chosen.*

He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
*in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.*

Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
*because they were afraid of them.*

He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
*and a fire to give light in the night season.*

They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
*and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.*

He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
*so the river ran in the dry places.*

For God remembered his holy word \*  
*and Abraham his servant.*

So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
*his chosen with shouts of joy.*

He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
*and they took the fruit of others' toil,*

That they might keep his statutes \*  
*and observe his laws.*  
*Hallelujah!*

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

**PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30**

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Reader

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

*Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand*

## THE GOSPEL

**MATTHEW 20:1-16**

Deacon

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

**People**

*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Deacon

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his

## GOSPEL READING

*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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### THE SERMON

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

### THE NICENE CREED

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

vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

***Praise to thee, O Christ.***

## SERMON

**FR. BRIAN STANKICH**

## THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant

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

***I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;***

***And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very***



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

*Please kneel as able*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*The reader leads the people in a series of prayers to which the people respond.*

Reader

Lord, in thy mercy

**People**

*Hear our prayer.*

Reader

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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### 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.*



### People

***Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### Celebrant

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Celebrant

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him...

### THE PEACE

### Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

### People

***And with thy spirit.***

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

*The people are invited to offer their gifts to God.*

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Celebrant

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

*Please stand*

Celebrant

All things come of thee, O Lord.

**People**

*Of thine own have we given thee.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**People**

*And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

**People**

*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant

Let us give thanks unto our Lord, God.

**People**

*It is meet and right so to do.*

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*The Celebrant offers a Preface, and concludes saying,*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Celebrant and People**

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

## 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.*

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### REAL PRESENCE

*"He was the Word that spoke 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.*

### 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."*

*Please kneel as able*

### Celebrant

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly

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beseeking thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeking thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.*

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People**

***Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

Celebrant

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

## 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.*

## 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.*

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### **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.*

### **People**

*Have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

### **People**

*Have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

### **People**

*Grant us thy peace.*

## **THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

### **People**

*We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

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 SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING COMMUNION**

*Be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*

## **THE SILENT PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION**

*O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of your passion: Grant us, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of your redemption; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

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*Please kneel as able*

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## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

**People**

*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

Celebrant

The blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## 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!*

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Scooter Chappellie in thanksgiving or being able to “let go and let God” his one, only, and true father in this world and the next.

## 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 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.*

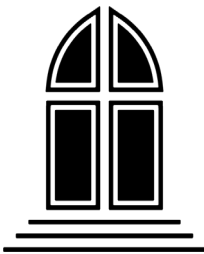
# *PERSONAL NOTES*

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# VISITOR INFORMATION FORM

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## *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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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

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## COMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- 9 Women's Bible Study
- 12 ECW Luncheon
- 26 Vestry Meeting
- 29 Fr. Frans Residency  
Closure Interview  
Church Picnic
- 31 Office Closed for Staff  
Retreat

### NOVEMBER

- 4 Church Workday with the  
Handy Helper's
- 11 ECW Event
- 13 Women's Bible Study
- 23 Thanksgiving - Office  
Closed
- 30 Vestry Meeting

## **ECW ANNOUNCEMENT**

Grace ECW will not be holding the Holiday Bazaar or Yard Sale this year. It has been decided that due to the small number of active members and absence of evolving leadership we will step back for now and focus on growing, redefining our format, and enjoying being a group of Christian women. We plan to continue gathering for fellowship, food and FUN as we seek spiritual growth and serve our church family and our community.

Fr. Frans spoke in last week's "Grace to You" of growing together as a church family by setting aside time for a little FUN. ECW will be doing just that for all the ladies of Grace with a very special event on November 11. Mark your calendars as you don't want to miss this! Watch for details in upcoming bulletins and newsletters. And remember, all women of Grace are members of ECW. Plan to activate your membership and join us as we grow together.

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## **STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR CONGREGATION ONLINE**

Have you visited our online church directory? It is designed to help you stay in touch with our church community effortlessly. Whether you're a long-time member or a newcomer, this tool is for you! With our online directory, you can:

- Easily update your contact information.
- Upload your photos to help others put a face to your name.
- Choose which personal details you'd like to share.

For those without directory access, please fill out a pink sheet available at our church office or in the bulletins today. You can also contact the church office for assistance, and we'll ensure you're part of our online community too. Let's strengthen our bonds and continue to grow in faith together!

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## **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who donated to IES Food Pantry, Deacon Mary was able to fill the back of her car with peanut butter, jelly and cereal!

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

- First Reading:  
Exodus 17:1-7
- Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
- Second Reading:  
Philippians 2:1-13
- Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## IN THE COMING WEEK

**Sunday, September 24 - Office Closed**

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

9:45am: WonderKids, Wonder Room

10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream

10:00am: Connect Youth, Grace Hall

**Monday, September 25**

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

1:00pm: Women's Bible Study, Grace Hall

**Wednesday, September 27**

12:00 Noon: Wednesday Prayer Service, Church

**Thursday, September 28**

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

7:00pm: Vestry Meeting, Grace Hall

**Friday, September 29 - Office Closed**

**Saturday, September 30 - Office Closed**

**Sunday, October 1 - Office Closed**

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

9:45am: WonderKids, Wonder Room

10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream

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## DO YOU FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA?



Instagram: [grace\\_church\\_ocala](#)



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



YouTube: Grace Episcopal Church Ocala



Website: [graceocala.org](#)

## BIRTHDAYS

### SEPTEMBER

- 17 George Moorehead
- 18 Pam Hane  
Brianna Zubieta
- 19 Joseph Hetzel  
Brian Fitzpatrick
- 21 Toni James  
Elizabeth Hart
- 23 Roger Staley  
Julie Shealy
- 24 Elaine Heitman
- 25 Benjamin Baines  
Marilyn Sibons  
Sadie Fitzpatrick
- 28 Alexis Ashley
- 29 Matthew Merchant
- 30 Emily Penuel  
Roberto Zubieta

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Want to visit our website? Scan the QR Code below:



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

## **- Grace Church Leadership -**

### **HEAD**

Jesus Christ

### **BISHOP**

The Right Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb

### **WORSHIP TEAM**

The Rev. Jonathan French: Rector

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Associate Rector

The Rev. Brian Stankich: 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**

Leslie Jones- Senior Warden Stephen Ayres - Junior Warden Carman Smith- Treasurer

Heather Hetzel Drick Heitman Lise Kent Greg Harrell Carolyn Eckhart

### **Today's Servers**

**Usher:** Carman Smith

**Reader:** Peg Hamilton

**Chalice Minister:** Leslie Jones

**Prayer Team:** Fr. Brian Stankich

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

Lynn Nobles, Amy Robertson

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

**VPOD:** Heather Hetzel

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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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