



# Grace

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY | JANUARY 18, 2026 | 8:00 AM SERVICE

*“John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared,  
‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.’”*  
~ John 1:29

# 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

Annual Meeting | 9:00am | Parish House

Nursery | 9:00am | Nursery

New Testament Bible Study | 9:15am | Grace Hall

WonderKids | 9:45am | Sunshine Room

StoryMakers | 9:45am | Wonder Room

Connect | 9:45am | Grace Hall

Rite Two Service | 10:00am

Coffee Hour | 11:15am | Parish House

## WHO ARE WE?

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

## OUR BELIEF & PRACTICES

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

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Rite One Service: Traditional Service without music at 8:00 am Sunday mornings

Rite Two Service: Contemporary Service with music at 10:00 am Sunday mornings. Nursery is open.

Midweek Service: Healing and Prayer Service at 12:05 pm on Wednesdays

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## 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

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."

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

*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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE FIRST READING

**ISAIAH 49:1-7**

### 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.*

Reader

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God."

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And now the LORD says,  
    who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
    and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
    and my God has become my strength--  
he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
    to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
    and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
    that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD,  
    the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
    the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up,  
    princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
    the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

## THE PSALM

## PSALM 40:1-12

Reader

The Psalm for today is from Psalm 40, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

I waited patiently upon the LORD; \*  
***he stooped to me and heard my cry.***

He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*  
***he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.***

## 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.*

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He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God; \*  
***many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the LORD.***

Happy are they who trust in the **LORD**! \*  
***they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.***

Great things are they that you have done, O **LORD** my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
***there is none who can be compared with you.***

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
***but they are more than I can count.***

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
***(you have given me ears to hear you);***

Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
***and so I said, "Behold, I come.***

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
***'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.'***

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
***behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O **LORD**, you know.***

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
***I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great  
congregation.***

You are the **LORD**;  
do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
***let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.***

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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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

## 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

Reader

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

*Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand*

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### 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.*

### 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 GOSPEL

Deacon

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

People

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Deacon

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

**Praise to thee, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## JOHN 1:29-42

FR. FRANS VAN SANTEM

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## 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 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.

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### 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.

### 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.

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### CONFESsION

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

### ABSOLUTiON

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

### THE PEACE

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

### Reader

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.

### 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.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

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

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,*

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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 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.***

*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.

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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 beseeching 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 beseeching 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 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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### 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 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,

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.*

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## 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*

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

### THE BLESSING

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

## THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

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

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### THE DISMISSAL

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

# MLK MARCH

## MONDAY, JANUARY 19

### 9:00 AM | PARISH HOUSE

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

## 2026 Altar Flowers



If you would like to place flowers on the altar during the coming year please scan the QR Code to fill the form out online. Weekly arrangements are made by the Flower Guild at a cost of \$65. You may send your check with "altar flowers" written on the memo line into the church office.

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 18 - April 4), and only greens are used during Advent (November 29 - December 20)

If you have questions or need additional information please call Carolyn Ayres at, [mcdayres@gmail.com](mailto:mcdayres@gmail.com) or (352) 286-8536 (cell)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## OPEN TABLE

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

\$30 PER FAMILY

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



## FRESH FIRE

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

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

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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

## COMING EVENTS

### JANUARY

28 Open Table  
31 Fresh Fire Event

### FEBRUARY

1 Coffee Hour+  
4 Open Table  
8 Coffee Hour  
DOK Meeting  
17 Shrove Tuesday Panackes & Talent Show  
18 Ash Wednesday  
7:00 AM  
12:00 PM  
6:00 PM  
22 Coffee Hour

### MARCH

1 Coffee Hour+  
DOK Meeting  
6 Healing Conference  
7 Healing Conference  
8 Healing Conference  
Coffee Hour

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 1/25/25

Nursery:  
Ligia Acosta & Sharon Romano  
  
WonderKids:  
Mollie Miranda, Alizon Morales  
  
Storymakers:  
Catie Hourigan, Geralyn Murphy  
  
Connect:  
Garrett Bryden, Clare Redrick

## **CHAPEL HOUSE DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Would you like to help serve our college students at the Chapel House on the UF campus? We are looking for volunteers to assist with Chapel House dinners on Sunday, January 25 or Sunday, April 26. Help is needed with cooking and with going to the Chapel House to serve the meal. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Lynn Nobles at (352) 895-5887.

## **GRACE CARD MINISTRY**

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

## **REALM**

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

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



Facebook

Grace Episcopal Church Ocala  
Group Page: People of Grace



Instagram

[grace\\_church\\_ocala](https://www.instagram.com/grace_church_ocala)



YouTube

Grace Episcopal Church Ocala



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

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

Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1, 5-13  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## IN THE COMING WEEK

### Sunday, January 18 - Office Closed

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

### Monday, January 19 - MLK Day - Office Closed

- 8:00am: MLK March, Downtown Ocala
- 12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

### Tuesday, January 20

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

### Wednesday, January 21

- 12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

### Thursday, January 22

- 5:30pm: Vestry Meeting, Grace Hall

### Friday, January 23 - Office Closed

### Saturday, January 24 - Office Closed

### Sunday, January 25 - New Vestry Member Installation - Office Closed

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

## BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY

12	Lana Kuhn
13	Jaye Baillie
	Lexie Hourigan
	Desi Kuhn
14	Ed Reinhardt
15	Whitney Rauba
16	Sanjit Nirmalanandhan
19	Anya Bryniarski
	John Baker
20	Carolyn Eckhart
21	Christine Halsall
23	Ellie Clements
24	Carol Drouillard
	Aaron Crawford
	Susan McCann

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

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

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

## **- Grace Church Leadership -**

**HEAD**  
Jesus Christ

**BISHOP**  
The Right Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb

### **WORSHIP TEAM**

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Rector

The Rev. Josh Reed: Associate Rector

The Rev. Carlos Cabrera: Deacon

The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon

Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator

Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

### **VESTRY**

Greg Harrell - Senior Warden Michael Owen - Junior Warden Sanjit Nirmalanandhan - Treasurer

Cheryl Arnold Michael Ashley Stephen Ayres Todd Craig Kristin Dean

Lise Kent Amy Robertson

### **TODAY'S SERVERS**

**Usher:** Cookie Zeuch

**Reader:** Elizabeth Grant

**Chalice Minister:** James Perdue

**Prayer Team:** Deacon Susan Moorehead

**Altar Guild:** Lise Kent, Lynda Peek, Jeannie Piotrowski, James Perdue

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

Molly Hetzel, Erin van Santen, Estella van Santen

**VPOD:** Amy Robertson

### **Weekly Services on Our Campus**

**Sunday 8:00am—Rite I**

**Sunday 10:00am—Rite II with music**

**Wednesday 12:05pm—Midweek at Grace**

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