



Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 24, 2025 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

“For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young. I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother’s womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.”

Psalm 71:5-6

Welcome to Grace Church

WELCOME!

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

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Rite One Service | 8:00am
Coffee Hour | 9:00am | Parish House
Nursery | 9:00am | Nursery
New Testament Bible Study | 9:15am | Grace Hall
WonderKids | 9:45am | Sunshine Room
StoryMakers | 9:45am | Wonder Room
Connect | 9:45am | Grace Hall
Rite Two Service | 10:00am
Coffee Hour | 11:15am | Parish House

WHO ARE WE?

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

OUR BELIEF & PRACTICES

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

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Rite One Service: Traditional Service without music at 8:00 am Sunday mornings
Rite Two Service: Contemporary Service with music at 10:00 am Sunday mornings. Nursery is open.
Midweek Service: Healing and Prayer Service at 12:05 pm on Wednesdays

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL

I COME WITH JOY TO MEET MY LORD

HYMN 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall,
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known,
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

Celebrant

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

People

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

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PROCESSION

We start our services with a procession of ministers and servers who have chosen to serve God and his people in their act of corporate worship. The procession is led by the cross, reminding those serving and those worshipping that our lives have been set apart by the sacrifice of Christ, on our behalf, for the glory of God.

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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

S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

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Celebrant

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please Be Seated

THE FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 1:4-10

Reader

The word of the Lord came to me saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you,
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,

says the Lord.”

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

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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.

THE FIRST READING

The First Reading is always an Old Testament passage. The OT forms a foundation for the New Testament and gives us many examples how God has led his people, displaying his essence and character.

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Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 71:1-6

Reader

The Psalm for today is from Psalm 71, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord God, *
my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.

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.

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THE SECOND READING

HEBREWS 12:18-29

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Reader

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

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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GRADUAL HYMN

SANCTUARY

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 13:10-17

Deacon

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

People

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Deacon

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL READING

Jesus is the Word of God made flesh, who made his dwelling among us. Reading his spoken words from the center of the congregation proclaims that grace and truth come through Jesus Christ.

When we make a little cross on our head, mouth and chest we are reminding ourselves that Jesus' gospel reforms our thinking, cleanses our speech and conforms our hearts to his truth and love.

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SERMON

JOSH REED

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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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Reader

For all the people in their daily life and work;

People

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

THE SERMON

God's Word is living and active, and cuts to the heart. That's why we read it, proclaim it, listen to it, meditate upon it, and take the time to make it understood.

THE NICENE CREED

If you are looking to unite around one set of beliefs for the Christian life, this would be it. It is broad enough to capture the essentials of our faith and narrow enough to be a definitive statement of biblical truth.

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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Reader

For this community, the nation, and the world;

People

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

Reader

For the just and proper use of your creation;

People

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

Reader

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

People

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

Reader

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People

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

Reader

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

People

For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader

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

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

You may add your own petitions

Reader

Hear us, Lord;

People

For your mercy is great.

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Reader

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

You may add your own thanksgivings

Reader

We will exalt you, O God, our King;

People

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader

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

You may add your own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People

Who put their trust in you.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon

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

People

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

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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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.

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THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

*What will you give to God?
The money he gave to you?
The time he has allotted for you today? The abilities with which you were born? Your next breath? Combine your offering with those around you, and see what God can do with and through our church.*



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

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

THE SON OF GOD, OUR CHRIST

The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way, shared human life and toiled throughout the day; from common folk He called the twelve to be coworkers in His sacred ministry.

In ev'ry test, in trials manifold,
these servants witnessed, by their faith made bold;
and with the gifts and talents which they brought
the church was founded and God's message taught.

Today, as then, Christ summons us to dare
to follow boldly and His work to share,
to help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,
declaring to the world His holy name.

In city street, in town, or on the soil,
may each serve Christ in faithful daily toil,
and in each thought and kindly word and deed,
obey Christ's call and go where He shall lead.

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Where'er we find our witness should be made,
whate'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,
that we may gladly give for thee our best
and find each task divinely sent and blest.

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

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...

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:

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!

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

Please kneel as able

Celebrant

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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

Celebrant

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

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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

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EUCHARIST INSTRUCTIONS

*Please follow these
instructions when you go up
to receive communion:*

- 1. The ushers will dismiss
each row, one at a time.*
- 2. Walk up the center aisle.*
- 3. When it is your turn to
receive the Eucharist, kneel
down or stand at the altar
rail and extend your hands
together, palm up. The priest
will place a wafer into your
hand.*
- 4. The Chalice Minister will
then come to you. You have
two options; (1) drink from
the chalice or (2) have your
wafer intincted with wine. If
you choose option 2, leave
your wafer in hand so that
Chalice Minister can place
it back in the palm of your
hand to consume. You may
consume at the rail.*
- 5. Return to your seat by the
side aisle closest to you.*

*If you cannot come to the rail
to receive notify an usher to
have communion brought to
you in the pew.*

CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

HEALER OF MY SOUL

Healer of my soul
Keep me at even
Keep me at morning
Keep me at noon
Healer of my soul

Keeper of my soul
On rough course faring
Help and safeguard my means this night
Keeper of my soul

I am tired, astray, and stumbling
Shield my soul from the snare of sin

Healer of my soul
Heal me at even
Heal me at morning
Heal me at noon
Healer of my soul

JESUS CALLS US; O'ER THE TUMULT

HYMN 550

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his clear voice soundeth,
saying "Christian, follow me!"

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

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Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, help us hear thy call;
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all!

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

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

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

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

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

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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.

HYMN 397

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THE BLESSING

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

you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

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

Please stand

RECESSIONAL

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

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

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

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

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

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Ellis and Lynn Nobles in loving memory of their son, Stephen.
May he continue to rest in peace.

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THE DISMISSAL

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

PERSONAL NOTES

VISITOR INFORMATION FORM



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church *Visitor Information Card*

Please fill out this card and place in the offering plate or mail it back to us. We look forward to getting to know you.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about Grace Church (Check all that apply)

____ Friend/Family ____ Internet Search ____ Social Media

Other: _____

Your age group: (please circle) 18-34 35-59 60-up

____ First time visitor

Have ____ children school age
or younger (please circle)

____ New in community

Ages: 0-3 K-3 4-8 9-12

____ Would like clergy to call

Would you like to be signed-up for our Grace To You

Weekly Newsletter? ____ Yes ____ No

How may we contact you? ____ Phone ____ Text ____ Email

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Do you want to invest in building a better, stronger marriage? Join us and register for the Marriage Course! This course is designed for couples who are married or are thinking of getting married in the near future. It is based on Christian principles but crafted for couples with or without a Christian faith.

The Marriage Course runs over five sessions, and each session begins with sharing dinner as a couple, followed by a fun, insightful video covering topics that are relevant for every couple like The Art of Communication or Resolving Conflict.

You will:

- Learn practical tools to deepen your connection and keep the spark alive.
- Gain insights from interviews with leading psychologists and authors, as well as learning from your hosts, Fr. Frans and Erin van Santen.
- Enjoy private, intimate conversations as a couple giving you the space to engage openly and honestly throughout each session.

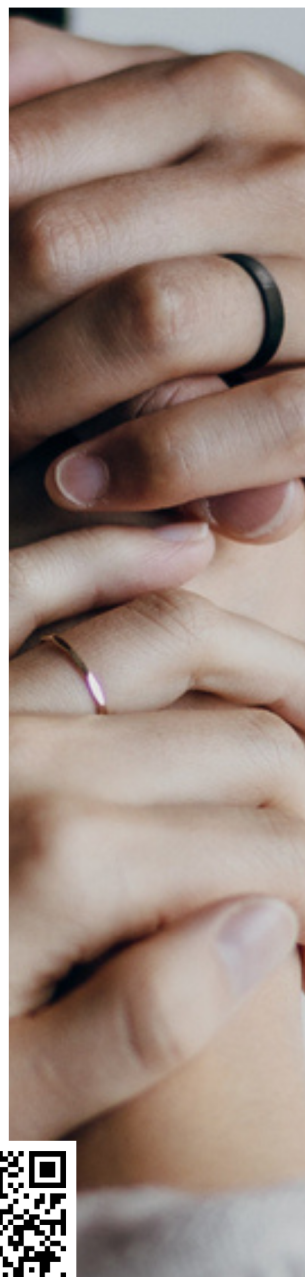
When: Wednesday nights from 5.30PM to 7.30PM, starting September 24 - October 22.

Where: Parish House, 503 SE Broadway Street, Ocala FL 34471

Costs: \$50 per couple or family

We are providing dinner as well as a Children's Program at the Church Office, ages 0-13.

Register now with the QR Code or at www.graceocala.org/opentable



RECIPES NEEDED FOR GRACE COOKBOOK!

Share Your Favorite Recipes!
Be part of the Grace Cookbook – Coming Soon!

We're collecting recipes for the upcoming Grace Cookbook, and we want yours! Whether it's a cherished family favorite, a holiday tradition, or your go-to weeknight meal — we want to hear the story behind it. Because every recipe tells a story.

Submission Deadline: September 30

The cookbook will be available for purchase at this year's Bazaar!

Submit as many recipes as you'd like
Don't forget to include why this recipe is meaningful to you!

Scan the QR code below to access the recipe template and submit your entry!



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS



Sundaes on Sunday

WE'RE "SCOOPER" HAPPY TO HOST THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL YOU KNOW AND LOVE! CLASSIC STAPLES ARE A MUST, BUT THIS YEAR WE'RE SEEKING A FEW BRAVE VOLUNTEERS TO PUT THEIR TASTE BUDS TO THE TEST! BREAK THROUGH THE HARD CHOCOLATE SHELL AND EMBARK ON A BLIND TASTE BATTLE FOR THE GOLDEN SCOOP!!!

TODAY AFTER THE 10:00AM SERVICE



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN INVITE YOU TO LUNCH WITH CORRIE TEN BOOM

Please join ECW on Saturday, September 13, at 11:30 in the Parish House for lunch and a delightfully entertaining and informative visit with Corrie Ten Boom. Local historian and actress Dee Collier will present a first-person characterization of the famous Dutch resistance figure whose family helped many Jewish people escape from the Nazis during the holocaust in World War II by hiding them in their home. She was eventually caught and sent to a concentration camp, which she survived. Her most famous book, *The Hiding Place*, recounts the story of her family's efforts.

This is not just for the ladies. Everyone is invited so bring your family and friends. Lunch will be catered and served promptly at 11:30. We need a head count for food so please RSVP with the QR Code or to the church office (352)622-7881 or Carolyn Ayres at (352) 286-8536 or mcdayres@gmail.com.

You don't want to miss this special treat!



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who gave to our Back-to-School collection! You raised \$970! Your generosity was able to provide the girls and boys in the group homes with the supplies they need for a successful school year.

We are also excited to begin our visits with the group homes again this year. Our first visit will be on Friday, September 20th. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Dianna Labeur at (352) 229-2717.

PINK SHEETS!

Pink Sheets will be available over the next three weeks! Whether you haven't filled one out yet or need to update your information, these forms help the church stay connected with our congregation, send out the weekly Grace To You Newsletter, and include you in our online directory.

Peggy Bourne will be available in the Parish House during coffee hour if you have any questions, would like help filling out the form, or want to learn more about the directory.

SAVE THE DATE - CULTURES & CUISINE EVENT!

It's that time again—our annual Culture & Cuisine event is coming up on Friday, September 20, and we need your help to make it a success! This year we are celebrating flavors from Italy, Greece, India, and Mexico/Latin America.

A sign-up sheet will also be available outside the church next Sunday.

All are invited to come and enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and fun!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

1 Labor Day - Office Closed
7 Coffee Hour+
DOK Meeting
13 ECW Lunch with Corrie Ten Boom
14 Coffee Hour
20 Cultures & Cuisine
21 Coffee Hour
24 The Marriage Course
Open Table Kids
25 Vestry Meeting
28 Coffee Hour

OCTOBER

1 The Marriage Course
Open Table Kids
5 Coffee Hour+
DOK Meeting
8 The Marriage Course
Open Table Kids
12 Coffee Hour
15 The Marriage Course
Open Table Kids

CHILDREN'S **MINISTRY 8/31/25**

Nursery:
Ligia Acosta & Sharon Romano

WonderKids:
Catie Hourigan, Mollie Miranda
& Alizon Morales

Storymakers:
Sami Burns & Liz Jarrett

Connect:
Josh Reed

Next Week's Bible Readings

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

GRACE CARD MINISTRY

Did you know that Grace has a Card Ministry? The volunteers for this ministry have been working hard behind the scenes for over a year now, sending cards out to many Gracers. These volunteers include Noreen Baker, Joan Croye and Gail Velten. Every month, they send cards, with handwritten notes, to those on the prayer list, the homebound and the Octogenarians plus celebrating birthdays. Currently they send out about 46 cards each month and they hope that those who received them have enjoyed this heartfelt greeting from a fellow parishioner. If you know of anyone who might like to receive a card please reach out to Noreen at (631) 793-9542 or norjohn49@gmail.com. May God continue to bless us all!

VESTRY MINUTES ON THE WEBSITE

The Vestry minutes are now available on the Grace website and are protected by a password. If you would like access to view this year's minutes, please contact the church office at (352) 622-7881 or email Sami Burns at Samantha@graceocala.org.

EPISCOGATORS DINNER VOLUNTEERS

We are excited to serve our college students again this fall through our Episcogators Dinners! We need volunteers to help prepare food items to take to the students on Sunday, September 21, October 19, and November 16. This is a wonderful way to share a warm meal and a warm welcome with our students away from home.

If you would like to help, please contact Lynn Nobles at patricia.nobles12@gmail.com.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, August 24 - 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: Sundaes on Sunday, Parish House
12:00pm: Connect Pool Party, The Rectory

Monday, August 25

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, August 26

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

Wednesday, August 27

12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

Thursday, August 28

5:30pm: Vestry Meeting, Grace Hall

Friday, August 29 - Office Closed

Saturday, August 30 - Office Closed

Sunday, August 31 - 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
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11:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House

BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

17 Joe Robertson
18 Tommy Peek
19 Joan Croye
20 Karen Jorgensen
22 Martha Anne Williamson
Mary Stewart Lewis
23 Jim Selman
24 Betty Ann Wyman
25 Katie Miller
26 Caitlin Reed
28 Constance Beck

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

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

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

- Grace Church Leadership -

HEAD

Jesus Christ

BISHOP

The Right Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb

WORSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Rector
The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon
Josh Reed: Director of Ministry
Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator
Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

VESTRY

Greg Harrell - Senior Warden Michael Owen - Junior Warden Sanjit Nirmalanandhan - Treasurer
Cheryl Arnold Michael Ashley Stephen Ayres Todd Craig Kristin Dean
Lise Kent Amy Robertson

MUSICIANS

Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Jessica Mongerio Jason Bartosic
Cheryl Arnold Audrey Flechas Jamille Brewster

SERVERS

Ushers: John Baker, Paul Corrad
Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Frank Blasucci
Reader, Second Reading/PoP: Dave Rubin
Acolytes: Gail van Deusen, Elizabeth Hart, Vivian Rauba, Whitney Rauba
Chalice Ministers: Darryl Dotson
Prayer Team: Susan Pattie
Altar Guild: Pae Barberie, Tammy Flanagan, Marilyn Corsiglia, Lynn Nobles, Amy Robertson
Flower Guild: Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles, Heather Hetzel,
Molly Hetzel, Erin van Santen, Estella van Santen
VPOD: Michael Owen

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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