

# *Grace*

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | NOVEMBER 30, 2025 | 8:00 AM SERVICE

*"Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."  
~ Matthew 24:44*

# 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  
Advent Wreath Workshop | 8:45am | Parish House  
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

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light:

**People**

*On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.*

Celebrant

John the Baptist called out in the wilderness: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

**People**

*Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.*

Celebrant

Christ himself has given us the power for repentance. By his holy life and innocent death he has conquered Satan and sin and is able to help us when we are tempted.

**People**

*He reigns in our lives with his grace and brings us to eternal life*

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your holy Word has called us to repent of sin and walk in your path of righteousness. For the sake of Jesus Christ, you have not quickly judged the world for sin, but have given all a time of grace, and a call to turn from evil ways. By the power of your Spirit, turn our hearts to you. Make us grow in our obedience to your Word. In Jesus, you have revealed to us your holy love. Move us to love one another as he has loved us, and to serve one another as if we were serving you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PROCESSION

*Please stand*

Celebrant

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

**People**

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

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### ADVENT WREATH

*The lighting of the Advent Wreath is a tradition rich in symbolism. Most importantly, it reminds us of the Light of Christ: "...in him was life, and the life was the light of all people." (John 1:4)*

### PROCESSION

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

### THE WORD OF GOD

*You are invited to voluntarily make the sign of the cross on your body - to cross yourself - as a means to tell God again, and remind yourself, that you belong to him. You can do this at any time it seems meaningful to you. Often we sign ourselves when the names of the Trinity are used, in reference to the resurrection of the dead, and when saying "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."*

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### COLLECT 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.***

***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.***

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**People**

***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE FIRST READING

## ISAIAH 2:1-5

Reader

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

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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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nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

***Thanks be to God.***

## THE PSALM

## PSALM 122

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*We read a psalm responsively each service as an expression of our emotions before the Lord. The Psalms contain all of our common emotions that derive from our day to day experiences. Read it recognizing that being honest before God, and each other, has great godly benefit.*

Reader

The Psalm for today is Psalm 122, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

I was glad when they said to me, \*  
***"Let us go to the house of the LORD."***

Now our feet are standing \*  
***within your gates, O Jerusalem.***

Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
***that is at unity with itself;***

To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD, \*  
***the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.***

For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
***the thrones of the house of David.***

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
***"May they prosper who love you.***

Peace be within your walls \*  
***and quietness within your towers.***

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For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
*I pray for your prosperity.*

Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
*I will seek to do you good."*

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

## ROMANS 13:11-14

Reader

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

*Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand*

## THE GOSPEL

## MATTHEW 24:36-44

Deacon

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

**People**

*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Deacon

When Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the

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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.*

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### THE SERMON

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

### THE NICENE CREED

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

Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

*Praise to thee, O Christ.*

## SERMON

FR. CARLOS CABRERA

## 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.***



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*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.

**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*

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We pray these established prayers to ensure that we cover important aspects of our lives and the world with corporate prayer. Listen to each prayer carefully, saying the words silently, so that your spoken Amen will ring true in your heart and be added to the prayers of the saints.*

### CONFESSION

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

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### 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.*

### 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.*



*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.*

### 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.*

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## 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.***

*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.

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### 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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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 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

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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,

**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.***

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### 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 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.*

*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*

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*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 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 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

*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.*



## *Christmas Services*

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

DECEMBER 21, 2025, 12:00PM

### **CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24, 2025**

6:00PM - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
WITHOUT INCENSE (NURSERY  
PROVIDED)

10:00PM - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
WITH INCENSE

### **CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025**

10:00AM - MORNING PRAYER  
LEAD BY DEACON SUSAN MOOREHEAD



## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

# LESSONS AND CAROLS

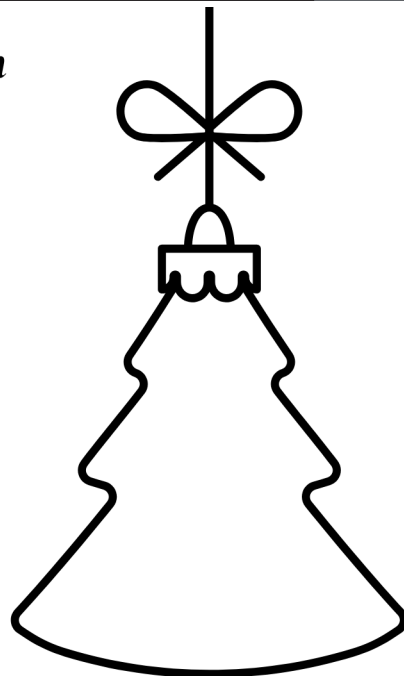
Join us as we celebrate the season with our annual Lessons and Carols service. Dinner will be served in the Parish House at 5:30pm and we will gather in the church for the service at 7:00 PM. We hope you'll join us for this cherished tradition and a joyful night of worship and fellowship together! You do not need to RSVP for the Service but if you are joining us for dinner please scan the QR code or call the Church Office at (352) 622-7881.



### *Teen Group Homes Christmas Collection*

Grace Church has collected money for many years during the holiday season so the girls and boys at the Arnette House group homes are able to enjoy outings and activities during the Christmas break. Without our help they would not be able to do things like go to the movies , out to lunch or for ice cream, SkyZone, painting, and many other activities, they would not normally be able to do!

Please mark envelopes with cash or checks "Group Home Project." These can be put in the collection basket at church or dropped off at the office. The deadline is December 14th.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## COMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

13 ECW Christmas Luncheon  
14 Coffee Hour  
20 Children's Pageant Rehearsal  
21 Children's Christmas Pageant  
24 Christmas Eve  
    No Midweek Service  
    6:00pm Service  
    10:00pm Service  
25 Christmas Day - Office Closed  
28 Coffee Hour  
29 Church Office Closed  
30 Church Office Closed  
31 Church Office Closed  
    No Midweek Service

### JANUARY

1 New Years - Office Closed  
4 Coffee Hour+  
11 Baptisms  
    Coffee Hour  
18 Annual Meeting  
21 Open Table  
22 Vestry Meeting  
25 Coffee Hour  
28 Open Table

### CHILDREN'S

### MINISTRY 12/7/25

Nursery:  
Alizon Morales & Sharon Romano

WonderKids:  
Mollie Miranda & Alexis Johnston

Storymakers:  
Catie Hourigan & Liz Jarrett

Connect:  
Tina Phillips & Clare Redrick

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### Next Week's Bible Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

## **ECW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - DECEMBER 13!**

All ladies of Grace: Please join us on Saturday, December 13, for the annual ECW Christmas luncheon. We will gather in the Parish House at noon to celebrate the season in our festive red and green apparel. Lunch will be covered dish, with ham provided. Please bring your favorite vegetable, salad or dessert to share. Invite another Grace lady to join you or bring a special friend to share our fellowship.

Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament for our fun gift exchange. Please limit the cost to \$10 or less. Better yet, bring something hand-crafted or make your own. Feel free to re-gift, find something at a thrift shop or pass along a pre-loved treasure. Please include a Christmas wish for the recipient (it's anonymous).

We will be presenting checks to Interfaith Emergency Services and The Ocala Farm Ministry from the monies we raised at the Bazaar. Please come to meet and help honor the representatives from these wonderful organizations.

You are asked to RSVP to Carolyn Ayres at 352-286-8536 or mcdayres@gmail.com so that we will know how many to plan for. We look forward to seeing lots of merry faces as this special celebration!

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## **COOKBOOKS ARE HERE!**

If you pre-ordered a copy of the Let's Say Grace cookbook, you may pick it up during Coffee Hour with Peggy Bourne. Didn't pre-order? No problem—additional copies are available for purchase at Coffee Hour as well!

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## **COFFEE HOUR+**

Coffee Hour+ is two weeks away! Don't forget to bring your favorite dish to share on Sunday, December 7 after the 10:00am service!



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## IN THE COMING WEEK

**Sunday, November 30 - Office Closed**

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream  
8:45am: Advent Wreath Workshop  
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

**Monday, December 1**

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

**Tuesday, December 2**

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

**Wednesday, December 3**

12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

**Thursday, December 4 - Office Closed**

**Friday, December 5 - Office Closed**

**Saturday, December 6 - Office Closed**

5:30pm: Dinner, Parish House  
7:00pm: Lessons and Carols, Church, Livestream

**Sunday, December 7 - 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  
12:00pm: DOK Meeting, Grace Hall

## BIRTHDAYS

### NOVEMBER

23 Michael Hart  
25 Darlene Trowbridge  
26 Marilyn Corsiglia  
Arlo Burns  
27 Justin Turner  
Pat Parsons  
Amy Robertson  
Kristen Rose  
Sandi McCann  
28 Dawson Turner  
29 Allison Hart  
30 Moses van Santen  
Jackie Wright

### DECEMBER

1 Will Whitehouse  
2 Leigh Manning  
3 Ron McCreary  
4 John Sullivan  
Milda Kolesar  
5 Sharon Guenther  
6 Larry Davis

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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**

**Advent Wreath Lighters:** Jeannie Piotrowski

**Usher:** Cookie Zeuch

**Reader:** Sherri White

**Chalice Minister:** Carlos Cabrera

**Prayer Team:** Michelle Curry

**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:** Cheryl Arnold

### **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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