

Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | **NOVEMBER 29, 2026** | 10:00 AM SERVICE

"Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." ~ Mark 13: 35-37

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
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 | 11:00am | 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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PRELUDE

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.***

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

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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."

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Celebrant
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT OF PURITY

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

SONG OF PRAISE

GLORIA

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

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant
The Lord be with you.
People
And also with you.
Celebrant
Let us pray.
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Please Be Seated

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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.

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THE FIRST READING
The First Reading is usually 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.

THE FIRST READING — ISAIAH 64:1-9

Reader
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader
The Word of the Lord.
People
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM — PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

Reader
The Psalm for today is from Psalm 80, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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 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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THE SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Reader

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.

GRADUAL HYMN

O COME O COME EMMANUEL

O Come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O Come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

THE GOSPEL MARK 13:24-37

Deacon
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.
People
Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Deacon
Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Deacon
The Gospel of the Lord.
People
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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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.

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.

SERMON — FR. FRANS VAN SANTEN

THE NICENE CREED

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

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please kneel or be seated as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader
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.

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.

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

You may add your own thanksgivings

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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
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.***

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.

ADVENT HYMN

Christ whose glory fills the skies
Christ the everlasting light
Son of righteousness arise
And triumph o'er these chains of mine

Come thou long awaited One
In the fullness of Your love
And loose this heart bound up by shame
And I will never be the same

Refrain:
So here I wait in hope of You
All my soul's longing through and through
Dayspring from on high be near
And Daystar in my heart appear

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Until Your love in me is born
And joyless is the evening song
Until Emmanuel has come

Refrain

Please Stand

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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.

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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.

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!

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, including who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

DUBAY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.
Lord, we sing Your praise.

Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we sing Your praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we sing Your praise.

Please kneel as able

Celebrant

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,

People

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

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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

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.

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.

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.

CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

CANVAS AND CLAY

In my mother's womb,
You formed me with Your hands.
Known and loved by You
Before I took a breath.
When I doubt it, Lord, remind me
I'm wonderfully made.
You're an artist and a potter;
I'm the canvas and the clay.

Refrain:
You make all things work together
For my future and for my good.
You make all things work together
For Your glory and for Your name.

There's a healing light
Just beyond the clouds.
Though I've walked through fire,
I see clearly now.
I know nothing has been wasted,
No failure or mistake.
You're an artist and a potter;
I'm the canvas and the clay.

Refrain x2

When I doubt it, Lord, remind me
I'm wonderfully made.
You're an artist and a potter;
I'm the canvas and the clay.
And I know nothing has been wasted,
No failure or mistake.
You're an artist and a potter;
I'm the canvas and the clay.

Refrain

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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.

LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

**Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
Thousand, thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold Him, robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced, and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of His passion still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation to His ransomed worshipers;
With what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory;
Claim the Kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.**

AT THE NAME OF JESUS HYMN 435

**At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him King of Glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**Humbled for a season, to receive a Name
From the lips of sinners, unto whom He came,
Faithfully He bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious, when from death He passed;**

**Bore it up triumphant, with its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.**

Name Him, Christians, name Him, with love strong as death,
Name with awe and wonder and with bated breath;
He is God the Savior, He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

Please kneel as able

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

People

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

THE BLESSING

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.

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

EVEN SO COME

All of creation, all of the Earth
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord;
Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame;
Jesus is coming soon.

Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.

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Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.

There will be justice, all will be new.
Your name forever, faithful and true;
Jesus is coming soon.

So we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait; You're coming soon.
So we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait You're coming soon.

Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

THE DISMISSAL

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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.

Deacon
Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People
Thanks be to God.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Advent greens on the altar today are given to the glory of God by the Loveland family in celebration of the lives of Denver, Ed, and Pumpkin Loveland.



UNDECORATE THE TREE



Please check out the Christmas tree in Parish House for Coffee Hour for the collection for the teen group homes. You can put cash or check with the tag in the collection plate on Sundays or return to the Church Office by December 13.
(Make checks out to Grace Church with "Group Homes" in the memo line.)

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER
29 Advent Wreath Workshop

DECEMBER
5 Lessons and Carols 7pm
6 Coffee Hour+
DOK meeting
13 Coffee Hour
20 Coffee Hour
Connect Christmas Party
24 Christmas Eve Services
6pm & 10pm
25 Christmas Day Morning
Prayer 10am
27 Coffee Hour
28- Jan 1 Office Closed

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 12/06/26

Nursery:
Ligia Acosta, Alizon Morales

WonderKids:
Catie Hourigan, Mollie Miranda

Storymakers:
Julie Kesselring, Volunteer Needed

Connect:
Garrett Bryden, Volunteer Needed

Next Week's Bible Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

GLITTER GIRLS STOCKINGS

The Glitter Girls still have a few sequined Christmas stockings left. If you missed the bazaar there is still an opportunity for you to purchase one. They will be on display at coffee hour after church, or you may contact Carolyn Ayres at (352) 286-8536 to see the selection.

Don't miss this opportunity to own a beautiful 2026 Grace Glitter Girls stocking!

COFFEE HOUR+

Next week is Coffee Hour+ please bring a dish to share after the 10am service!

PLEDGE CARDS

Please return your pledge cards by December 31st

Facebook
Grace Episcopal Church Ocala
Group Page: People of Grace

Instagram
grace_church_ocala

YouTube
Grace Episcopal Church Ocala

www.graceocala.org

IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, November 29- Office Closed
8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream
8:45am: Advent Wreath Workshop, Parish House
9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House
9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
9:15am: 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, November 30
12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, December 1
12:00pm: Fr. Frans Bible Study, Zoom

Wednesday, December 2
12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

Thursday, December 3
7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal, Church

Friday, December 4- Office Closed

Saturday, December 5- Office Closed
7:00pm: Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 6 - Office Closed -
8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream
9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House
9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
9:15am: 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

NOVEMBER
29 Theodore Smith
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
Cynthia Colebrook
6 Larry Davis
7 Pae Barberie
Evan Allison
8 Robert McGhee
Grayson Gray
9 Ryan Ashley
10 Collin Turner
Margaret McCann
11 Deacon Mary Delancey
12 Nate Penuel
Sami Burns

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, Fr. Josh or Fr. Carlos please contact Aubrey Pryor at 352-622-7881 or aubrey@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. Joshua Reed: Associate Rector
The Rev. Carlos Cabrera: Resident Priest
The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon
Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator
Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

VESTRY
Sanjit Nirmalanandhan - Senior Warden/Treasurer Michael Owen - Junior Warden
Cheryl Arnold Michael Ashley Chandler Sandy Todd Craig Kristin Dean
John Dozier Amy Robertson Leslie Jones

MUSICIANS
Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Jessica Mongerio Cheryl Arnold Audrey Flechas Liz Jarrett

SERVERS
Ushers: John Baker, Noreen Baker
Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Dave Rubin
Reader, Second Reading/PoP: Jim Henningsen
Acolytes: Will Rose, Gail van Deusen
Chalice Minister:
Prayer Team: Vivian Barone
Altar Guild: Pae Barberie, Marylin Corsiglia, Tammy Flanagan, Lynn Nobles, Amy Robertson
Flower Guild: Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles, Heather Hetzel, Molly Hetzel, Erin van Santen, Estella van Santen
VPOD: Chandler Sandy

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS
Nursery: Ligia Acosta, Alizon Morales
Wonderkids: Catie Hourigan
Storymakers: Anissa Cunjie
Connect: Garrett Bryden, Tina Phillips

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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