

Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | NOVEMBER 27, 2022 | 8:00 AM SERVICE

“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 Son of Man. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

~ Matthew 24:36-37, 44

Welcome to Grace Church

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

Masks are optional during the service and are available at the back of the church if you wish to wear one.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Your children are very welcome here! If you have babies or children, we have a nursery across the street from children ages 0-3 years, and a special program called WonderKids for children ages 4-12.

In WonderKids, we use The Jesus Storybook Bible curriculum which engages elementary school aged children with stories from the Bible and teaches that God is the hero of every story. Your children will bring a take it home page with them so that you can continue to discuss what they are learning. We also provide a small snack and restroom opportunity just before we come into the sanctuary at the Passing of the Peace. We want the children to be ready to enjoy family time together in Church!

For children in 5th-8th grades, we offer a special teaching unit just for them: Connect! This curriculum is designed just for preteens and uses humor and interesting Bible content to connect to them where they are at. Connect is meeting every other week in Grace Hall.

If you have any questions or would like to contact someone about your family or children, please don't hesitate to connect with Erin van Santen at erin@graceocala.org.

The Nursery is open during the the entire 10am Service for children ages 0-3.

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

Our Savior Jesus said, "You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

People

All will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant

Christ himself has given apostles, prophets, pastors and teachers to make God's people ready for works of service.

People

He will strengthen our hands to do his work and open our lips to declare his praise.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you strengthen us that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. With Word and Sacrament, make ready our hearts. Make us ready to receive your Word and live by it daily. Make us ready to live our faith through love and service. And finally, make us ready to meet you face to face on the day your Son comes to judge the living and the dead; 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

The liturgy of the Eucharist is best understood as a journey or procession. It is our entrance into the presence of Christ, and this presence allows us to see the ultimate reality of life, the way God sees it. In the procession, we are called to come together in one place, to be more than what we were: a new community with a new life.

Making the sign of the cross is a tangible way to mark ourselves as Christ's. Crossing yourself is an act of sanctification, a physical reminder that you are set apart as holy for Christ. Because it is often done at the mention of the Trinity ("Father, Son, and Holy Spirit"), the sign of the cross is also a physical reminder of belief in the Triune God. Many find it a helpful expression of their faith, although it is not mandatory.

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COLLECT OF PURITY

This collect (prayer) is a deeply personal prayer of need. Even though we attempt to hide, the Lord sees the secret desires of our hearts. It is only by the moving of His Spirit in our hearts that we are enabled to overcome our fallen nature of sin and death.

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

Reader

ISAIAH 2:1-5

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;

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

This prayer is centered on the readings of the day. As we prepare to receive the food of God's Word, our Celebrant (lead pastor) prays this prayer to focus our hearts and minds on God's Word.

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THE PSALM

The Psalms represent experiences of men and women, written down as poetic prayers. By reading them, we encounter God, others, and ourselves in life's joys and sorrows, tragedies, and triumphs.

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
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 RESPONSE

PSALM 122

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.

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

Reader

ROMANS 13:11-14

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

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GOSPEL READING

As God's Word comes down the aisle to literally "dwell among us," we stand for this Gospel reading to show the particular importance we place on the words and actions of Jesus.

The "little" sign of the cross is used at the beginning of the reading of the Gospel, when the Deacon says: "The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ." It is the marking of small crosses, using the thumb, on the forehead, mouth, and heart. It's meant to signify the sanctification of our thoughts, speech, and affections for God.

THE SERMON

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

THE GOSPEL

Deacon

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

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Deacon

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 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. FRANS VAN SANTEN

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;

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

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

Please kneel as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader

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

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

Reader

Lord, in Thy mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

Reader

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

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THE NICENE CREED

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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CONFESSION

Confession and repentance go hand in hand. Confession of sin is a large element of our corporate worship because we recognize how much we need forgiveness.

ABSOLUTION

The celebrant, absolving our sins, is acting as a representative of our heavenly Father, who "is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Psalm 145:8

THE PEACE

When we say "God's peace" to each other, we do two things. First, we acknowledge the dignity and acceptance of the other, no matter who they happen to be. Second, we signify together that the Church community is reconciled and can approach the Lord's Table in good conscience.

CHRISMONS

Chrismons are ancient symbols of Christ. They have been used by Christ's followers since Biblical times and are the heritage of all Christians. The word chrismon in a combination of the words Christ and monogram.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

People

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

Celebrant

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

Celebrant

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

THE PEACE AND CHRISMONS

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The people are invited to offer their gifts to God.

Celebrant

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

Please stand

Celebrant

All things come of thee, O Lord.

People

Of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks unto our Lord, God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

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

The Celebrant offers a Preface, and concludes saying,

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OFFERTORY

In giving our gifts of time, talent and treasure, we pray that God, the maker of all things, would take our offering and turn it into something greater.

COMMUNION

In communion we share one bread and one cup to be bound together with those with whom the cup and bread are shared, to express one's faith, and to reaffirm one's commitment to God and the community. All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive communion.

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REAL PRESENCE

“He was the Word that spake it, he took bread and brake it, and what that Word did make it, I do believe and take it.”

Hymn 322, John Donne

The elements of the Eucharist of bread and wine are not mere signs or symbols. Christ’s body and blood really become present and are really given. They are present so that, in receiving them, believers may be united in communion with Christ the Lord.

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

Celebrant and People

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

Please kneel as able

Celebrant

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

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

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

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

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

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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EPICLESIS

At this moment, the priest invokes the active presence of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharistic prayer so that the bread and wine may become the body and blood of Christ. The term is based on the Greek word that means "to call upon," "to invoke."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray the prayer Jesus taught, together with one voice. As a family we acknowledge our needs, our lackings, our desires and God's solution.

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant

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

People

Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant

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

People

Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant

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

People

Grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

People

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

Celebrant

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

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

This is a prayer for the worthy reception of communion. This prayer first appeared in the 1548 Order of Holy Communion, the first communion service in English. In it, we proclaim that we cannot merit salvation and our union with Christ in the Eucharist, and we put our trust in God's mercy and grace.

PRAYER TEAM

During communion, you have the opportunity to receive prayer. We have a prayer team in the back of the church who are delighted to lift you up in prayer. Simply walk up to them and share your request.

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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 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.

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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.

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THE BLESSING

This pronouncement is a blessing from God to His people. This is not a prayer to God, but a blessing from God. Be encouraged! As we leave this family gathering, God is going with us into the world.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon reminds us that as followers of Christ we are empowered to go into the world, now that we have worshipped God and been filled with the Holy Spirit. And with God in us, we are to go and serve.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

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

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

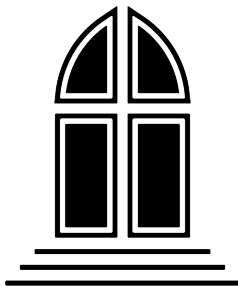
ADVENT GREENS

The Advent Greens on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Pae Barberie in thanksgiving for His many blessings.

PERSONAL NOTES

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GRACE CONTACT INFORMATION FORM



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

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

New in community

Would like clergy to call

Would like an appointment with clergy

Have children school age or younger (please circle)

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

Would you like to be signed-up for our Grace To You Weekly Newsletter? Yes No

How may we contact you? Phone Text Email



Advent & Christmas Events

**11.27.22 - Advent Wreath Workshop
Undecorate the Tree**

12.4.22 - Undecorate the Tree

12.11.22 - Undecorate the Tree

12.17.22 - Lessons and Carols, 7:00pm

12.18.22 - Undecorate the Tree

**12.24.22 - Christmas Eve Services
4:30pm - Children's Christmas Pageant
6:00pm - without Incense
10:00pm - with Incense**

12.25.22 - Christmas Day Service, Morning Prayer 10:00am

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & WREATHS



It is time to order Christmas Poinsettias and Wreaths. If you would like to sponsor these decorations, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate, or bring or send it to the Church Office by December 19.

Please include payment. The poinsettias and wreaths are \$20 each.

Name: _____

(As you wish it to appear in the bulletin – ie: Mr. and Mrs. John Doe, John and Jane Doe, the Doe Family, etc.)

Number of Poinsettias / Wreaths: _____ \$20 each

Total Paid: _____

Please make check out to Grace Episcopal Church and note “Poinsettias / Wreaths” on the memo line.

Message (E.g., “In memory of...”, “In honor of:...”)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 8 ECW Christmas Luncheon
- 11 Undecorate the Tree
- 17 Lessons & Carols
- 18 Undecorate the Tree
- 24 Children's Christmas Pageant
- Christmas Eve Services
- 25 Christmas Day
- Morning Prayer Service
- 26-27 Church Office Closed
- 28-29 Church Office Open
- By Appointment Only

JANUARY

- 1 10:00am Service Only
- Baptism Prep Class
- 2 Church Office Closed
- 4 Alpha Starts
- 8 Baptism

UNDECORATE THE TREE

Advent begins today, November 27, and once again we will be collecting funds for the Boys' and Girls' Group Homes during the four weeks of Advent. We call it Undecorate the Tree because you will be able to select an ornament or ornaments with an activity and the cost of that activity for one teen. This is a reminder to bring in or send in your donation. Together, we provide activities for these teens which create meaningful memories during the holidays. A few years ago, a teen boy wrote us a note saying Christmas had always been a sad time for him. He was writing to tell us that he had just had the best Christmas ever!

ECW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 8

ECW will hold its annual Christmas luncheon at noon on Thursday, December 8th at the Hidden Village Clubhouse. The address is 2700 SE 27th Loop in Ocala. Luncheon will be potluck with meat and drink provided. Please bring your most delicious salad, side or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Carolyn Ayres at 286-8536 to let her know you will be attending so that we can plan accordingly.

ECW BAZAAR

Thank you to our ECW Ladies who put on a great Holiday Bazaar this year! Over \$6,300.00 was raised to help local women and children!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to everyone who brought in shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Because of your generosity 103 shoe boxes were filled. That's 103 children who will experience God's love and have the opportunity to hear the Gospel, many for the first time.

PIES IN THE PARISH HOUSE FOR LESSONS & CAROLS!

Its that time of year again! Our Worship Coordinator Adam Pryor has planned a wonderful night of Lessons and Carols for Saturday, December 17 at 7:00 PM. After the Service we invite everyone to bring a pie to share in the Parish House! This will be a great time of fellowship prior to the busy week of Christmas!

Next Week's Bible Readings

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, November 27 Undecorate The Tree - Office Closed

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, YouTube and Facebook

8:45am: Advent Wreath Workshop, Parish House

9:45am: Children's Church, WonderKids Room

10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, YouTube and Facebook

11:15am: Hanging of the Greens, Church

Monday, November 28

12:00pm: Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, November 30

12:05pm: Mid-Week Service, Church

7:00pm: Worship Team Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, December 1

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

Friday, December 2 Office Closed

Saturday, December 3 Office Closed

Sunday, December 4 Undecorate The Tree - Office Closed

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

9:45am: Children's Church, WonderKids Room

10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, YouTube and Facebook

10:00am: Connect Youth, Grace Hall

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BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

21 Wendy Gordon

23 Michael Hart

25 Darlene Trowbridge

26 Marilyn Corsiglia

27 Justin Turner

Pat Parsons

Amy Robertson

Kristen Rose

28 Dawson Turner

30 Moses van Santen

DECEMBER

2 Leigh Manning

3 Fr. Jonathan French

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Fr. Frans please contact
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Catie Hourigan
at 352-622-7881 or
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If you would like to meet or talk
to our Children's Minister
Erin van Santen you can contact
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- Grace Church Leadership -

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Jesus Christ

BISHOP

The Right Rev. Gregory O. Brewer

WORSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Jonathan French: Rector

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Associate Rector

The Rev. Mary Delancey: Deacon

The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon

Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator

Erin van Santen: Children's Ministry Coordinator

Dave Rubin: Verger

VESTRY

Tim McCourt - Senior Warden Michael Owen - Junior Warden

Wayne Taylor- Treasurer Heather Hetzel Drick Heitman Amy Robertson

Carman Smith Sharyn Pliska Leslie Jones

Today's Servers

Advent Wreath: Robin & Marylin Corsiglia

Usher: Cookie Zeuch

Reader: Tammy Flanagan

Chalice Minister: Carman Smith

Prayer Team: Patti Gilman, Ruth Kraan

Altar Guild: Lise Kent, Lynda Peek, Paulette Johnson,
Carman Smith, Jeannie Piotrowski

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

VPOD: Wayne Taylor

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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