



Grace Episcopal Church

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First Sunday after Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus

January 11, 2026 – 10:30 am

Festival Eucharist, Rite I



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We are pleased to welcome you to Grace Church. If you are joining us for the first time, please send us a message at welcome@gracealex.org, so we can get to know you. We can also add you to our mailing list by request. We're glad to have you join with us in worshipping God in the beauty of holiness, something which is central to our identity at Grace. We hope you will join with us in sharing the love of God with this world that needs healing. Assisted listening devices are available for use during worship. Please see an usher if you'd like to use one.



Please silence your cell phones during worship.

Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

through life-giving liturgical worship + joyful community + empowering others

Contacting Grace

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IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE?

Clergy and staff are available for pastoral care. Please call the church office at (703) 549-1980 if you're ill or need pastoral care. For emergencies after hours, please call the **After-hours Emergency Number: (703) 261-9079**, and the priest on call will assist you.

HOME COMMUNION

Home Communion is available upon request for parishioners who desire this service by Eucharistic Visitors every Sunday. Home Communion will be in one form, Bread only. To request Home Communion, parishioners are asked to contact the Parish Office by telephone at 703-549-1980 no later than 12 pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday on which they would like to receive Home Communion.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST, RITE I

Children 3 months until 3 years are welcome in the nursery. Please ask an usher to direct you.

Whenever we celebrate a baptism, we remember the indelible and life-changing identity given to us in the sacrament. During baptism, a candidate has water poured on their head in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The rite marks full initiation into the church, and we are adopted as inheritors of the kingdom. At the end of the service, the clergy will often sprinkle the people with holy water (a practice called the asperges) as a reminder of their baptism and the cleansing that baptism promises.

PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River
The people stand.

Richard Elliot

INTROIT

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; where fore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. My heart overfloweth with a good matter: I speaketh of the things which I have made concerning the King.

HYMN 381

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

Tony Bote

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant
Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.
People
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 323

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. 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.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP, p. 324

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Children ages 3 years – 3rd grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.

GLORIA S-202

Willan

1. Glo-ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee, we give

thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly

King, God the Fa-ther Al - might - y.

4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;

5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the

right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou

on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most

high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - - - - men.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1881-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung by the choir.

ANTIPHON**The voice of the Lord is up - on the wa-ters.**

Choir: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon; the voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

Choir: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore. The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

ALL REPEAT THE ANTIPHON

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

GRADUAL

Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel, which only doeth wondrous things. The mountains also shall bring peace, and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Alleluia. I have found David my servant. With my holy oil have I anointed him. Alleluia.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The people are seated.

SERMON

Mother Emma Brice

Silence is kept.

The people stand.

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, on this holy day, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced evil and all its works, and promised to serve God faithfully as the Body of Christ, the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISMAL VOWS

BCP, p. 292

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form VI; BCP, p. 389

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

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

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for Parishioner Elesa McFadden, mother of Anne McFadden and Chrissie Crosby; Joanne Andrews, friend of Parishioner Sherryl Dodd; Pearl Becht, niece of Parishioner Kirk McPike; and for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

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

Leader and 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, 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 The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The people are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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electronically via Tithe.ly by scanning this QR code.*



OFFERTORY PROPER

Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: we have wished you good luck, we that are of the house of the Lord. God is the Lord who hath showed us light, alleluia, alleluia.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

Neil A. Johnson

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine
All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine
All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

HYMN 529

In Christ there is no East or West

McKee

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP, p. 340

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

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; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our 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,

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.

He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in 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 has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-low-ed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en.

Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who tres-pass a- gainst us.

And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glo-ry,

For ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the eucharist. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

*A full communion is made with the bread alone, but if you choose to receive the wine,
you may either drink from the cup, or you may offer your wafer to the person holding the chalice,
who will dip the bread in the wine for you.*

*If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; simply ask the priest.
If you do not wish to receive communion at the altar, let an usher know, and communion can be brought to you in your pews.*

COMMUNION PROPER

As many of you who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, alleluia.

The people stand or kneel.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.

THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All stand and sing the hymn.

CLOSING HYMN 449

O love, how deep, how broad, how might (1-3, 6)

Deo gracias

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

VOLUNTARY

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

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The Rev. Dr. Anne Turner

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The Rev. Deacon Gabriel Oakes

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John Barker, Beth Yancey

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF JANUARY 11, 2026

The weekly announcement deadline is Monday at 12 pm.

Announcements arriving after that time will be held for the following week. Please limit submissions to 75 words. Announcements will be edited for content/length. Email requests to announcements@gracealex.org.

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

If you would like to dedicate Altar Flowers for an upcoming Sunday, scan the QR code to the right.



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

***** Headings for New Announcements Added This Week are Shaded. *****

CHRISTMASTIDE GRATITUDE

Many members of our parish worked hard to create beautiful worship for Christmas and in the days following. We are grateful to God for the work of our Altar Guild, eucharistic ministers, lectors, acolytes, ushers, choirs, Saint Isidore Guild, and others.

A THANK YOU FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

A big thank you to all who came to help the altar guild with the Christmas greening of the church and the take-down this past Sunday. It is truly appreciated. The many hands made for light(er) and fun work! We'll do it again in 12 months ~ mark your calendars!

LOVE, PROCLAIM, AND SERVE THE LORD WITH OUR CHOIR!

Ever used a 1982 hymnal? Or ever wanted to sit in the choir loft? Then (please) join Grace's choir! We are especially looking for **tenors** but everyone is welcome! Rehearsals (which are relatively short) are Thursdays, 7-9pm (but often end **at least** 30 minutes early), and Sundays at 9:45am for the 10:30am service! It's easygoing, but so meaningful to our liturgies! Contact Interim Music Director Josh Harrington (josh.harrington@gracealex.org) if you're interested!

ADULT FORUM HAS RESUMED

Adult forum is offered Sundays 9:40-10:15 in the St. Mark room (2nd floor) or virtually via Zoom link sent in the Sunday morning email. Tea and coffee are available just outside the St. Mark Room from 9:30. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

Schedule: January 11: *New Ways for a New Year*, by Mary Stewart

January 18: *Budget Presentation*, by Ramee Gentry

January 25: *Annual Meeting* – No Adult Forum

February 1: *Exploring Vocational Discernment*, by Fr. Jon Scarffe, Diocesan Discernment Facilitator

BABY SHOWER FOR BABY BRICE – JANUARY 11

You're Invited! Please join us for an afternoon tea to shower the mamas-to-be with love on Sunday, January 11 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Merrow Hall Auditorium. All are welcome, including little ones.

YOUTH NIGHT ICE SKATING - JANUARY 11, 6 - 8 P.M.

Come keep the winter festivities going with a night of ice skating! Weather-permitting we will be outside at Pentagon Row. If it is too cold or rainy, then we will shift to an indoor rink. Stay in the loop and help Mother Emma make reservations by completing the RSVP form (scan the QR code on the right). The estimated cost is \$20 per person, and financial aid is available as needed. This event is for 6th-12th graders. Dinner will not be provided, so eat before coming!



STAFF OFFSITE QUARTERLY PLANNING - JANUARY 13 & 14

The church staff will be offsite for quarterly planning on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 13 & 14 of this coming week. The church office will have minimal volunteer coverage on these days.

2026 BUDGET PRESENTATION ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

As listed in the Adult Forum announcement, this year's Annual Budget Presentation by Ramee Gentry, Treasurer, will be held during the Sunday, January 18th Adult Forum in the Saint Mark's room at 9:40 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

ANNUAL MEETING & BRUNCH ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

On Sunday, January 25, we will hold our annual meeting with a combined Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am. Other than our La Gracia service in Spanish at 8:45, this will be our only service held on the 25th. We hope you will plan to attend in person if able as we celebrate the previous year together. There will be no livestream on this day. There will be a potluck brunch to follow. Please plan to bring your favorite breakfast casserole, baked goods, fruit or other savory delight to share.

THE 30TH ANNUAL CHILI BOWL ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Mark your calendars! The 30th Annual Chili Bowl is on Sunday, February 1 starting at 5:30 pm. If you are interested in participating, please scan the QR code on the right to register your group/ministry so we can be sure to have a table reserved for you. If you are not part of a ministry, but would like to enter a chili, sign up under "Looking for Sponsors!" We will match you with a ministry that needs chili! If you have questions or need additional information, or equally importantly, would like to help, please contact anne.berry@gracealex.org or eleanor.reed@gracealex.org.



BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Monday, Jan. 12	Elizabeth Thompson
Wednesday, Jan. 14	Mary Glass, Margaret McQuilkin, Betty Mills
Thursday, Jan. 15	Luis Odria, Peter Spencer
Friday, Jan. 16	William Bombo
Saturday, Jan. 17	Caroline Legere
Sunday, Jan 18	Anne C. David



Parishioner birthdays are listed weekly based on records from Breeze, our church database. For birthdays missing or listed on an incorrect date, please contact the church office to update your record. **Thank you!**

EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday 1/11	7:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am La Gracia Santa Eucarist	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Auditorium	
	Formation for all ages - 9:40 am	Various rooms	
	Adult Forum - 9:40 am	St. Mark Room	
	10:30 am Festival Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
	Youth Council/Adult Advisory Meeting - 12pm		
	5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday, 1/12	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday, 1/13	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Executive Committee Meeting - 7pm		
Wednesday, 1/14	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 1/15	12:00 pm Midweek Eucharist	Lady Altar	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm	Malm Narthex	
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm	St. Cecilia/Nave	
Friday, 1/16	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 pm		Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Saturday, 1/17	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am	Zoom	cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com

PRAYER @ GRACE THIS WEEK

We continue praying for all those in need of healing of mind, body, or spirit. We also pray for wisdom and strength for our communities, our elected officials, and our leaders as they make difficult and important decisions. As we join in common prayer this weekend, let us remember those who are in any need or trouble.

- **Parishioners:** Hector, Amorita, Debbie, Kelly, Ed, Colin, Jennifer, Joanie, Jean, Linda, John & Anne, Ismael, Wendy, Stephen, Lisa, Priscilla & Paul; Liz; Anne; Claire; Don; Doug, Lesley, Charles.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Marilyn, Don, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette, Cynthia, Elly.
- **Family & friends:** Klaus, Nancy, Michael, Sharon, Ashby, Troy, Cathie, Cameron, Patti & Joe, Amy, Bill, Theresa, Rob, Sherry, Heather, Jack, Eileen, Charlotte, Deanna, Allen, Leslie, Fielding, Lit & Mary Carol; Jeannine; Sam; Lisa; Margianne; Courtney; Gina; Joanne; Victoria; Erin; Marc; Annelie; Charlotte, Jim, Theresa; Ron, Gwendolyn.
- **Members of our staff:** Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Gabriel, Ginny, Jane, Father Jon, Josh, Kevin, Kris, Mary, Miranda, Pedro, Seth.
- **Grace School:** Students & their families; for the staff, especially Amanda, head of school.
- **Outreach & Justice Partners:** ALIVE; Casa Chirilagua; Christ Church Refugee and Lazarus Ministries; Community Lodgings; Haiti Micah Project; Health Tanzania; Meade Memorial Lunch Program; Tenants and Workers; V.O.I.C.E.; Kathleen and Eddie Arthur Hearts of Love Fund.
- **Those who have died:** Parishioner Elesa McFadden, mother of Anne McFadden and Chrissie Crosby; Joanne Andrews, friend of Parishioner Sherryl Dodd; Pearl Becht, niece of Parishioner Kirk McPike; those who have died from illnesses and natural disasters; all those killed in acts of terror, violence, and war around the world.
- **Those serving our country in the Armed Forces and State Department overseas:** Karen & Eric Coulson; Erika Olander; for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war; and for physical and mental well-being of all veterans.
- **Others who are overseas serving the Church or our nation or teaching or studying abroad:** Chris & Melissa Reed, Virginia Robinson, Julie Mills Cizek & Theo Halliwell; the Epifanovskaya family.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Messiah, Fredericksburg; Epiphany, Oak Hill, Herndon.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; Diocese of Sodor and Man, Church of England; Diocese of Sokoto – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Diocese of Central Solomons, Anglican Church of Melanesia; Diocese of Soroti, Church of the Province of Uganda; Diocese of Southwark, Church of England; Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, Church of England.

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