



# Grace Episcopal Church

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## Second Sunday after Christmas

January 4, 2026 – 10:30 am

Festival Eucharist, Rite I



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## WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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](mailto: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

Please feel free to contact our staff.

Our office hours are Monday to Thursday 9 am – 3 pm, and 9 am – 12 pm on Fridays.

*(Mother Anne is out of the office on Mondays & Mother Emma is out of the office on Fridays)*

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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.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

### FESTIVAL EUCHARIST, RITE I

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

#### PRELUDE

*The people stand.*

#### INTROIT ANTIPHON (CHOIR):

*Unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his Name shall be called Angel of mighty Counsel.*

*O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvelous things. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his Name shall be called Angel of mighty Counsel.*


#### HYMN 109

The first Nowell  
(verses 1, 2, 4, 6)

The first Nowell

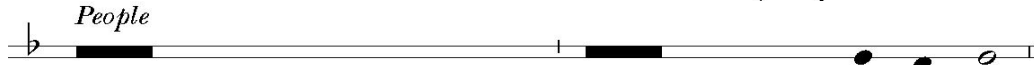
#### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*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

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.**

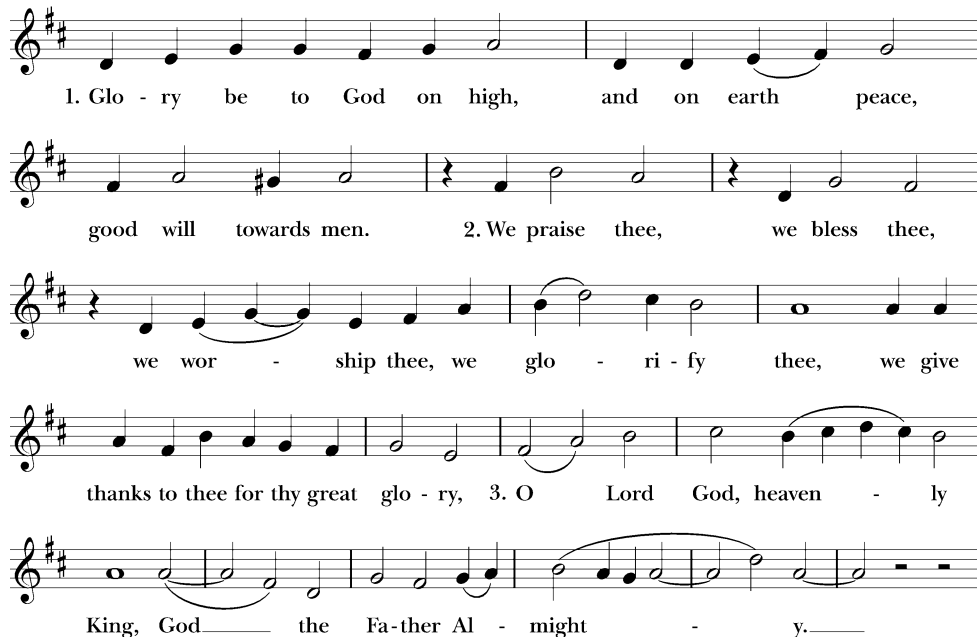
#### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

*Lector*            A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O Lord, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."  
See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.  
With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.  
Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."  
For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.  
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the Lord.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Sung by all.*Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)

- 1     How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of | hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living | God.
- 2     The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her | young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my | God.
- 3     Happy are they who dwell in your | house! \*  
they will always be praising | you.
- 4     Happy are the people whose strength is in | you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' | way.
- 5     Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of | springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of | water.
- 6     They will climb from height to | height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in | Zion.
- 7     LORD God of hosts, hear my | prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of | Jacob.
- 8     Behold our defender, O | God; \*  
and look upon the face of your a- | noointed.

*Lector* A reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand for the Gospel Procession.*

ALLELUIA (CHOIR):

*Alleluia. A hallowed day that dawned upon the earth; come, ye nations and worship the Lord: for on this day a great light hath descended upon the earth. Alleluia.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

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

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

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people are seated.*

SERMON

The Rev. Jon Scarffe

*Silence is kept.*

NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 326

**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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form I; BCP, p. 383

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**



For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.  
**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 331

*Deacon*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*All*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. 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.**

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 332

*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 We invite you to give to the work of the church electronically via Tithe.ly by scanning this QR code.

If you give electronically, please place the tag in your pew in the offering so that your gift can be blessed.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (CHOIR):

*The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; thou hast laid the foundations of the round world and all that therein is: righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Nata Lux

Edmund Jolliffe

O nata lux de lumine,

Jesu redemptor saeculi

Web ring to you our praise and prayer,

And ask your blessing on us here.

You who once came down from on high,

Showing forgiveness to us all,

Grant, blessed Jesus, that we may be

Forevermore at one with thee.

O nata lux de lumine,

O nata lux.

*The people stand and sing the hymn.*

HYMN 92

On this day, earth shall ring

Personet Hodie

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.

*The Celebrant continues.*

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 thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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.

*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 hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-lowed 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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

BCP, p. 364

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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 ANTIPHON (CHOIR):

*Be joyful O daughter of Sion, sing praises, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy king cometh; he is righteous and having salvation.*

COMMUNION HYMN 247

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child

Coventry Carol

THE SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Celebrant** In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**People** **We who are many are one body, because we share in one bread, one cup.**

*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. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; 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 119

As of gladness men of old

Dix

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 339

**Deacon** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

VOLUNTARY

**SERVING @ GRACE TODAY**

*Celebrant*

The Rev. Emma Brice

*Deacon*

The Rev. Dr. Anne Turner

*Assisting & Preacher*

The Rev. Jon Scarffe

*Subdeacon*

Seth Wise Buck

*Lector*

Rushad Thomas

*Intercessor*

June Huber

*Interim Music Director*

Josh Harrington

*Livestream Crew*

Eleanor Reed, Stephen Lovell

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Sarah Schultz, Laura Weidenfeld, Brad Bergmann, June Huber

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF JANUARY 4, 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](mailto: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.

### OVERFLOW PARKING

The property management company that oversees the Food Star lot has asked that when we are using the lot for overflow parking, we will not take up more than half of the lot. If the lot is more than half full when you arrive, please seek street parking.

### ELEVATOR UPDATE & FELLOWSHIP (COFFEE) HOUR LOCATION REMINDER

Work is finishing this week to establish a connection between the modernized elevator and the fire panel. Once complete, our vendor can schedule the inspection required for permitting. Our Fellowship Hour (Coffee Hour) returned to the Auditorium last week at the request of many in our parish. You can help make Fellowship Hour a great way for our parish to connect by volunteering to host, provide food donations, and help with cleanup after fellowship hour. If you and/or your family enjoy having refreshments and snacks, please consider signing up. To volunteer, use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or fill out the hard copy signup sheet located on the snack table. Please note, refreshments and snacks will only be available during a fellowship hour when someone has volunteered to host to perform setup and food donations are provided. Have questions? Please reach out to Mother Emma at [emma.brice@gracealex.org](mailto:emma.brice@gracealex.org).



### ADULT FORUM WILL RESUME TODAY, JANUARY 4

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 4:** Diocesan Convention Report, by *Rushad Thomas and other delegates*

**January 11:** TBD

**January 18:** Budget Presentation, by *Ramee Gentry*

**January 25:** ANNUAL MEETING - No Adult Forum

### 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 at Merrow Hall. All are welcome, including little ones. Please use the QR code to RSVP by Jan 2 and sign up to bring a treat from the list - or surprise us with something delightful! Let's raise our teacups to Mother Emma and Crichelle's upcoming arrival!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

### FOYER GROUP- SIGNUPS OPEN FOR SHORTER SPRING SEASON OF SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP

Want to get to know fellow parishioners in a smaller, offsite setting? Do you crave home cooking or trying new restaurants and want some good company? If so, Foyer Groups are for you! Please register using the QR code so we can randomly assign you to a group of 6 people who will meet for three relaxed, fun meals that will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time in the January through June timeframe. Each group will have a convener who reaches out to the group to find a time for the first meal, and then each couple (singles will have a partner to collaborate with) will take turns hosting the meal. New this year is a "foodies foyer" which is for people who want to meet at a restaurant for a "dutch treat" meal instead of cooking at home - this is designed as a "lighter lift" for those who don't have time or space to host at home. If you have any questions, or would like to help explore ideas for a kid-friendly option, please email Cricket at [cb9@verizon.net](mailto:cb9@verizon.net). Register by Sunday January 4, 2026 so we can kick off the next round of Foyers that second week of the new year.



### 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!



### BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 4	Carlos Martinez
Wednesday, Jan. 7	Breen Byrnes
Friday, Jan. 9	Kevin Hernandez
Saturday, Jan. 10	Sara Waskowicz



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 1/4	7:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Auditorium	
	Formation for all ages - 9:40 am	St. Mark Room	
	10:30 am Festival Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	5:00 pm Bilingual Festival Eucharist for Epiphany	Nave	
Monday, 1/5	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Tuesday, 1/6	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Wednesday, 1/7	Evening Prayer - 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed - 703.842.3121
	Bible Study - 7:30 pm	Zoom	<a href="mailto:Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org">Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org</a>
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 1/8	12:00 pm Midweek Eucharist	Lady Altar	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm	Malm Narthex	
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm	St. Cecilia/Nave	
Friday, 1/9	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 pm		<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Saturday, 1/10	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	

## 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, Elesa, Marilyn, Don, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette, Cynthia.
- **Family & friends:** Klaus, Nancy, Michael, Sharon, Ashby, Troy, Cathie, Cameron, Patti & Joe, Amy, Bill, Theresa, Rob, Sherry, Pearl, 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, Josh, Jon, 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:** 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; Ace Crane.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** St. Philip's, Richmond; Vauters, Loretto.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Church of the Province of Central Africa; Diocese of Upper Shire, Church of the Province of Central Africa; Diocese of Shyira, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; Diocese of Shyogwe – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; Diocese of Sialkot – Church of Pakistan (United); Diocese of Singapore – Church of the Province of South East Asia; Diocese of Sittwe – Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

You can fill out a Prayer Request Form on our website or email your request to [prayers@gracealex.org](mailto:prayers@gracealex.org)