



Grace Episcopal Church

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Christ the King

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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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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.

CHRIST THE KING

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST, RITE I

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

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Jason Payne

The people stand.

INTROIT ANTIPHON (choir) *Dignus est*

Plainsong, Tone VII

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor: to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Give the King thy judgments, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's son.
(Revelation 5:12; 1:6; Psalm 72)

HYMN 494

Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

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. 355

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

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Lector A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

Sung by all

Simplified Chant, S-411



Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

- 1 God is our refuge and | strength, *
a very present help in | trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be | moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the | sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and | foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its | tumult.
- 4 The Lord of hosts is with | us; *
the God of Jacob is our | stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of | God, *
the holy habitation of the | Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be | overthrown; *
God shall help her at the | break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are | shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.
- 8 The Lord of hosts is | with us; *
the God of Jacob is our | stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the | Lord, *
what awesome things he has done on | earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the | world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with | fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am | God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the | earth."
- 12 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our | stronghold.

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

GRADUAL

His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other, and from the river unto the world's end.

All kings shall fall down before him, and all nations shall do him service.

ALLELUIA & VERSE

The Alleluia is introduced by the Choir, sung by all, then sung again after the verse.



*Verse: His dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away;
and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. [Alleluia].*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Ricardo Sheppard

*Silence is kept.
The people stand.*

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

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 II; BCP, p. 385

The Leader prays.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; and our Bishops Mark, Gayle, and Mark; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Lewis Fulwiler, brother of parishioners Cathy David and Cynthia Puskar. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

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. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 330

The people kneel. Silence may be kept.

Deacon

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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

Sung by the choir

Desire of me, and I shall give thee the nations for thine inheritance; and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

King of Glory

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

*King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee;
and that love may never cease, I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.*

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.

Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n, I will praise Thee;
in my heart, though not in heav'n, I can raise Thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll Thee:
e'en eternity's too short to extol Thee.

The people stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN 435

At the name of Jesus

King's Weston

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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-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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

HYMNAL S-158

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 ANTIPHON (sung by the choir)

The Lord remaineth a king forever. The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

COMMUNION HYMN 170

To mock your reign, O dearest Lord

The Third Tune

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

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

CLOSING HYMN 483

The head that once was crowned with thorns

St. Magnus

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

He is King of Kings

Charles Callahan

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant

Mother Emma Brice

Deacon

Father Santiago Rodriguez

Subdeacon

Seth Wise Buck

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The Rev. Canon Ricardo Sheppard

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Chris Kupczyk. Gabriel Oakes

Children's Chapel

Gabriel Oakes

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Eleanor Reed, Stephen Lovell

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John Boris, Cindy MacIntyre, Colleen McArdelle, Evan Robinson

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF NOVEMBER 23, 2025

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 by Frank Hicks in thanksgiving for blessings received.

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. *****

FRONT ELEVATOR & COFFEE HOUR LOCATION CHANGE

The front elevator (outside of the church office) is undergoing a planned modernization. To ensure all parishioners are able to participate during this time, a simplified version of Fellowship Hour will be held in the Malm Narthex after the 10:30 am service instead of the Merrow Hall Auditorium. Water and lemonade will be served along with a simple snack option, which is more suitable for our temporary location. Thank you for your patience during this necessary update.

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

Adult forum is offered Sundays 9:40 -10:15 am 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 am. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required.

Fall Schedule

November 23: Graceful Memories, by Grace Church parishioners, moderated by Mary Stewart

November 30: Intergenerational Event in Merrow Hall – Advent Wreaths

December 7: Turn, Turn, Turn: Navigating Change Spiritually, by Tracy Enger

December 14: Answering Children's Questions About God, by Mother Emma Brice

December 21: Advent Art: Watching for the Light, by Anne Boris

MORNING PRAYER TAKES A BREAK

In this time of clergy transition, Morning Prayer will not be read beginning this week and continuing through Advent and Christmas.

THANKSGIVING DAY EUCHARIST – NOVEMBER 27 AT 10:00 AM

Thanksgiving Day gives thanks to God for the fruits of the earth and for the blessings God bestows upon us. Join us for a Festival Eucharist, Rite I, on Thursday, November 27 at 10:00am.

THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will close on Thursday and Friday, November 27th & 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

JOIN US FOR ADVENT WREATH MAKING – NOVEMBER 30

Celebrate a cherished tradition with us at Grace Episcopal Church! Our annual Advent Wreath Making event is coming up on the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, from 9:30 to 10:20 am during formation time. Join us in the Merrow Hall Auditorium to create your own Advent wreath—supplies will be provided! Enjoy festive cookies and hot coffee as we craft and celebrate the beginning of Advent together. Would you like to help cover the cost of this event? A suggested donation of \$20 per family will help defray the cost of materials. You can scan the QR Code above to access our secure giving portal (add "Advent Wreath" in the memo) or you can give cash at the collection box on December 1st. We look forward to welcoming the Advent season with you!



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

FATHER SANTIAGO FAREWELL – NOVEMBER 30

Father Santiago Rodriguez will conclude his time at Grace on Sunday, November 30. To thank Father Santiago for his service at Grace, we will be presenting him with a purse. If you would like to do so, please scan the QR code to the right to contribute via tithe (be sure to cover your fees!) or by sending a check to the parish office with "Father Santiago Purse" in the memo line. Gifts to the purse are not tax-deductible. We will also celebrate him with a festive coffee hour after the 10:30 a.m. service that day in the Auditorium. Please sign up to bring a sweet or savory treat to share using the QR code under the "Fellowship Hour Support" Announcement.



ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS WITH EUCHARIST – DECEMBER 7, 5:00 PM

As we prepare for the spiritual birth of Jesus at Christmas, join us on Sunday, December 7 at 5:00 pm for our Advent Lessons & Carols Service with Eucharist. This popular seasonal service includes readings from scripture paired with choral music. Invite a family member or friend! The special reception after the service will welcome and celebrate all newcomers to Grace.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT– DECEMBER 14

It is time to start preparing for the annual Grace Christmas Pageant! This year the pageant is on Sunday, December 14 at 5pm, and it will be followed by a festive cookie party. All ages of children and youth are invited to participate (pre-school through 12th grade). Scan the QR code for the sign-up form.



FELLOWSHIP HOUR SUPPORT

Grace is requesting volunteers 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 the hard copy sign-up 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. With your gift of volunteering our fellowship hours will continue to be a success!

Please Note: During the temporary relocation of Fellowship Hour to the Malm Narthex, only small, prepared snacks such as cookies or crackers (nothing with nuts and nothing needing slicing or require a fork or spoon) and only cold drinks will be available (for example, water and/or lemonade).



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS (*Deadline is December 14!*)

It's time for Christmas Flower and Greens donations. The Altar Guild invites you to help make Grace Church beautiful with seasonal decoration. Scan the QR code on the right if you wish to contribute electronically to the Christmas decoration fund.



If you wish to donate via physical check, fill out the form below, cut out, and enclose a donation of \$60. These forms may be dropped in the Sunday offering or sent directly to the church office. Please note 'Christmas Flowers' on the check memo line. If you wish to have your dedication in the Christmas bulletin, the office must receive this form and payment **by 4 pm on Sunday, December 14.**

Questions? Contact Chad Eckles, Altar Guild Flower Chair, at cke1986@gmail.com. Please consider making a donation this year as the flower fund is at a low and our Christmas donations can help increase the fund for 2025.



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Check one and write dedication below: ____ "In loving memory of" ____ "In thanksgiving for"

Given by (print the name or names of the donors below exactly as you want them to appear): _____

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Monday, Nov. 24	Holly Bray, Susan Saffelle, Anna Stanchak, Elly Vogtmann
Tuesday, Nov. 25	Christina Iovino
Wednesday, Nov. 26	Lisle Bean
Thursday, Nov. 27	Sean Harris
Friday, Nov. 28	Joey Portillo
Sunday, Nov. 30	Todd Egaas, Liz Myers



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 11/23	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Lady Altar	
	8:45 am La Santa Eucaristía	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	9:40 am Formation Hour <i>Adult Forum / Sunday School</i>	Various Rooms	
	10:30 am Festival Eucharist, Rite I (Livestreamed)	Nave	
	5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday, 11/24	Brown Bag Lunch Support - 11 am - 12 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Mary.Hix@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday, 11/25	Brown Bag Lunch Support - 11 am - 12 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Mary.Hix@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 pm	1 st floor Lobby	
Wednesday, 11/26	Brown Bag Lunch Support - 11 am - 12 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Mary.Hix@gracealex.org
	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, 11/27	Thanksgiving Day - Church Office Closed	Church Office	
	Thanksgiving Day Eucharist - 10 am	Nave	
Friday, 11/28	Thanksgiving Holiday - Church Office Closed	Church Office	
Saturday, 11/29	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, Charles, Colin, Jennifer, Joanie, Jean, Linda, John & Anne, Ismael, Wendy, Stephen, Lisa, Priscilla & Paul; Liz; Anne; Claire; Don; Doug, Lesley.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Eles, 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; Matt; Charlotte, Jim, Theresa; Ron, Gwendolyn.
- **Members of our staff:** Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Ginny, Jane, Josh, Kevin, Kalli, Mary, Pedro, Father Santiago.
- **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:** Lewis Fulwiler, brother of parishioners Cathy David and Cynthia Puskar; 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:** All Saints / Sharon Chapel, Alexandria; Aquia, Stafford; Our Savior, Montpelier.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop-Elect of Canterbury; The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; The Diocese of Riverina – The Anglican Church of Australia; The Diocese of Rochester (England) – The Church of England; The Diocese of Rochester (USA) – The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Rockhampton – The Anglican Church of Australia; The Diocese of Rokon – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Rorya – The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

You can fill out a Prayer Request Form on our website or email your request to prayers@gracealex.org