



Grace Episcopal Church

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First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025– 10:30 am
Choral Eucharist, Rite I



Today is the first Sunday in Advent. Advent (which means “coming”) is the season of four weeks before Christmas. During this time, the church prepares for the coming of Christ—not only the birth of the baby Jesus at Bethlehem, but also the second coming. Advent is not a penitential season but rather a time of quiet, solemnity, and waiting. Our liturgy reflects this expectation. Purple vestments symbolize royalty and our hope for the heir of David. The tone of our liturgy is reflective—for example, instead of singing the Gloria in Excelsis we use the Trisagion, acknowledging God’s power and asking for mercy.

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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, 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.

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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 OF ADVENT
CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE I

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

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Genevan 42"

David Lasky

The people stand.

HYMN 57

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

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

TRISAGION (Sung three times)

Hymnal S-102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

Tone VIII



Cantor 1 I was glad when they | said tome, *

All Sing "Let us go to the | house of the Lord."

2 Now our feet are | standing *
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a | city *
that is at u- | nity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes | of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the | Name of the Lord.

5 For there are the thrones of | judgment, *
the thrones of the | house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem: *
"May they pros- | per who love you.

7 Peace be with- | in your walls *
and quietness with- | in your towers.

8 For my brethren and com- | panions' sake, *
I pray for | your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the | Lord our God, *
I will | seek to do you good."

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:11-14

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

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the Gospel Procession and sing the hymn.

HYMN LEVAS II - 12

Come, we that love the Lord

Loury

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Father Santiago Rodriguez

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 V; BCP, p. 389

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, for E. Mark Stevenson, Gayle E. Harris, and Mark Allen Bourlakas, our Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, 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 ANTHEM

Jesus Christ The Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit and always green:
The tree of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ the apple tree.
His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree.
For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly have I bought:
I missed of all: but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.
I'm weary with my former toil. Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

The people stand and sing the hymn

HYMN 68

Rejoice! Rejoice believers

Llangloffan

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-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

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.

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

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 ANTHEM

In Remembrance of Me

Red, Douglas

In remembrance of Me eat this bread, In remembrance of Me drink this wine

In remembrance of Me pray for the time, When God's own will is done

In remembrance of me heal the sick, In remembrance of me feed the poor

In remembrance of me open the door, And let your brother in, let him in

Take eat and be comforted, Drink and remember too

That this is my body and precious blood, Shed for you, shed for you

In remembrance of me search for truth, In remembrance of me always love

In remembrance of me don't look above, But in your heart, in your heart, Look in your heart for God

Do this in remembrance of Me, Do this in remembrance of Me, In remembrance of Me

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 the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; 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 59

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Postlude on 'Gloria'

Jason Payne

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant

The Rev. Dr. Anne M. Turner

Deacon & Preacher

The Rev. Santiago Rodriguez

Subdeacon

The Rev. Emma Brice

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Matt Williams, Alex Willson

Children's Chapel

Gabriel Oakes

Lector

Teresa Preston

Intercessor

June Huber

Interim Music Director

Josh Harrington

Altar Guild Crew Leaders

Kristine Hesse, Sarah Schultz

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Brad Bergmann, Mike Crane, John Hall, Laura Weidenfeld

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 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 Greens on the Altar are given to the Glory of God.

Help decorate the nave for Christmas! See the announcement with more details.
Scan the QR Code in the header with your smart phone to access the donation form.



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.

JOIN US FOR ADVENT WREATH MAKING TODAY – 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!



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 30: Intergenerational Event in the Merrow Hall Auditorium – 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

December 28: No Adult Forum. Forum will resume January 4.

FATHER SANTIAGO FAREWELL – TODAY, 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.ly (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.



MORNING PRAYER TAKES A BREAK

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

ADVENT CARD SIGNING – DECEMBER 7

Advent Card Signing has been moved to Sunday, December 7 in the Merrow Hall Auditorium. Please come sign cards for college students, clergy/staff, parishioners abroad, and those on our pastoral care list. A limited coffee hour will be available upstairs to tempt your participation. If you know of any changes to the list, or are able to help with setup on Saturday, December 6, please contact Nancy @ nancy.robinson@gracealex.org or 703-283-4227.

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.



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. Please use the QR code to RSVP 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!



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.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

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

Sunday, Nov. 30	Todd Egaas, Liz Myers
Monday, Dec. 01	Lucy Humphries
Tuesday, Dec. 02	JB Serke
Thursday, Dec. 04	Clara "Glory" Shriner, Nicholas Shriner



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 11/30	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Lady Altar	
	8:45 am La Santa Eucaristía	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Auditorium	
	9:40 am Intergenerational Advent Wreath Event	Auditorium	
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite I (Livestreamed)	Nave	
	Farewell for Father Santiago Rodriguez - 12 noon	Auditorium	
	5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday, 12/1	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday, 12/2	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 12/3	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, 12/4	Midweek Eucharist - 12 pm	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Handbell Rehearsal - 6 pm	Malm Narthex	
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	
Friday, 12/5	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Saturday, 12/6	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; Alan; Jerry.
- **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:** 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:** In thanksgiving for God's Creation and those who care for it.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Anglican Church of Australia; The Diocese of Ruaha - The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Rumbek - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Rumonge - The Anglican Church of Burundi; The Diocese of Rupert's Land - The Anglican Church of Canada; The Diocese of Rutana - The Anglican Church of Burundi; The Diocese of Ruvuma - The Anglican Church of Tanzania

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

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Join us for Advent &
Christmas @ Grace



Special Events & Services

In addition to our regular service offerings, we invite you to experience the seasons of Advent and Christmas here at Grace Church with special events and services, outlined below.

* **Childcare provided**

LIVE = Livestreamed on our YouTube Channel

Sunday, November 30, Advent I

9:30 am- Intergenerational Wreath Making Event

Sunday, December 7, Advent II

8:45, 9, & 10:30 am- Saint Nicholas visits these services*

5 pm- Advent Lessons & Carols with Choral Eucharist **LIVE**

6 pm- Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14, Advent III

5 pm- Youth & Children's Christmas Pageant

A reception follows in the Auditorium.

Sunday, December 21, Advent IV

6 pm- Greening of the Church

Join us as we decorate the nave for Christmas Services!

Tuesday, December 23

7 pm- Las Posadas & Santa Eucaristía, Rito II
Servicio en español

Sunday, December 29

10:30 am- Christmas Lessons & Carols* **LIVE**

8:45 am Spanish Service & 9 am Little Church held as usual.

No 7:30 am or 5 pm services.

Thursday, January 1, Feast of the Holy Name

Noon- Festival Eucharist **LIVE**

Sunday, January 4

5 pm- Bilingual Festival Eucharist for Epiphany (transferred) **LIVE**

7:30, 9, & 10:30 am Services held as normal, no 8:45 am service.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services

Held in the nave

Christmas Eve, 3 pm, Rite II *

Little Church Service with Holy Eucharist

Christmas Eve, 5 pm, Rite II *

Festival Eucharist, with procession to the Creche **LIVE**

Music Prelude starts at 4:30 pm

Christmas Eve, 7:30 pm, Rite I

Festival Eucharist

Christmas Eve, 11 pm, Rite I

Festival Eucharist **LIVE**

Music Prelude starts at 10:30 pm

Christmas Day, 12 pm, Rite I

Festival Eucharist **LIVE**



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