



Grace Episcopal Church

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025 – 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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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

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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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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

PRELUDE

Allegro Vivace from Symphonie no. 1

Louis Vierne (1870 – 1937)

The people stand.

HYMN 680

O God, our help in ages past

St. Anne

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.**

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

GLORIA S-236

Rutter

1. Glo-ry to you, Lord

God of our fa-thers; you are wor-thy of praise;

glo-ry to you. 2. Glo-ry to you

— for the ra-di-ance of your ho-ly Name; we will

praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.

3. Glo-ry to you in the splen-dor of your

tem-ple; on the throne of your ma-jes-ty, glo-ry to

you. 4. Glo-ry to you, seat-ed bet-

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of

depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,

you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Sirach 35:12-17

Lector A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84:1-6

Anglican Chant by H.H. Parry

Sung by the choir.

- 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

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

Lector A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

HYMN 570

All who love and serve your city

Birabus

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

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Seminarian Seth Wise Buck

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. 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.**

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

We invite you to give to the work of the church electronically via [Tithe.ly](https://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

Fear not, O land
The people stand.

Edward Elgar (1857 – 1934)

Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things.
Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring,
for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.
Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God.
The floors shall be full of wheat.
And ye shall eat in plenty, and praise the Name of the Lord your God.
that hath dealt wondrously with you.
Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN 665

All my hope on God is founded

Michael

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP, p. 361

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues.

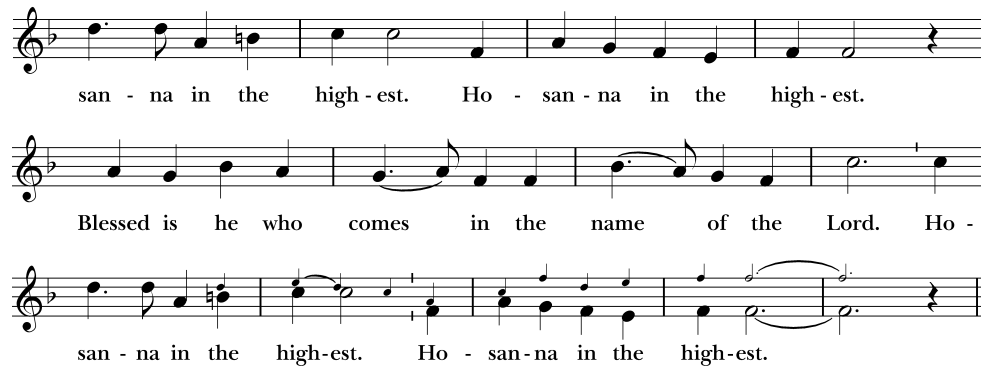
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

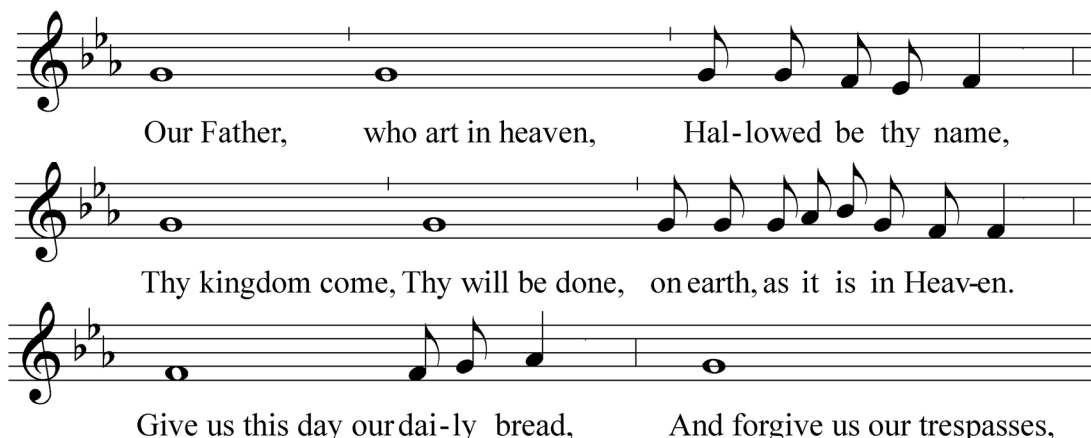
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant



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

WLP 876

Antiphon
Cantor, then all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing -

— of the bread.

Fine Verses

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -

2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon

ia, is the com - mun-ion of the Bod - y of Christ.

ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

Music: Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946). Copyright © 1986 Jack Warren Burnam.

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 HYMN 641

Lord Jesus, think on me

Southwell

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

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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 637

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Lyons

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Final from Symphonie no. 1

Louis Vierne

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Father Santiago Rodriguez
<i>Preacher</i>	Seth Wise Buck
<i>Assisting & Children's Chapel</i>	Mother Anne Turner
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Miranda Peters, Noah Woodiwiss
<i>Lector</i>	June Huber
<i>Intercessor</i>	Mary Hix
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Alain Truche
<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Kristine Hesse, Kemp Williams
<i>Livestream Crew</i>	Alison Campbell
<i>Ushers</i>	Colleen McArdelle, John Hall, Laura Weidenfeld, Mary Hix

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 26, 2025

The weekly announcement deadline is Monday at 12 pm. Announcements arriving after that time will be held for the following week. Please limit announcements to 75 words. Announcements will be edited for content and length. Email requests to announcements@gracealex.org.

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

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

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

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 IS GATHERING AGAIN

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

October 27: Grace at Work: The Banquet Table, by *Erin White*

November 2: Grace Church 1855-2125: Stewardship Funded our Start and Ensures Our Future, by *Barry Joyner and Elizabeth Legere*

November 9: Poetry for Compassion and Shelter, by *Mother Anne Michele Turner*

November 16: Atonement Without Violence, by *Father Santiago Rodriguez*

November 23: Graceful Memories, by *Grace Church parishioners*

November 30: Intergenerational Event in Merrow Hall

FESTIVE FELLOWSHIP HOUR – TODAY, OCTOBER 26

Please join us for a festive fellowship hour today, October 26 after the 10:30 am service. We will be celebrating Dr. Alain Truche and wishing him well as he departs Grace for a new adventure.

IT'S SPOOKY SEASON! TRUNK OR TREAT TODAY– OCTOBER 26

Join us on Sunday, October 26, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Start dreaming up your most creative car trunk theme and get ready for a celebration packed with costumes, candy, face painting, games, crafts, music, and more. We're partnering again with Emmanuel Church and Grace Episcopal School for an epic neighborhood event. All ages are welcome. Scan the QR code to sign up to host a decorated trunk or to help with setup and cleanup, or simply come and enjoy the fun. Questions? Email Father Santiago Rodriguez at santiago.rodriquez@gracealex.org.



OFFSITE STAFF PLANNING TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 & 29

The staff will be offsite for planning on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, October 28 & 29. The office will have limited volunteer coverage in the mornings and will close at 1:00 p.m. on these two days.

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

On Tuesday, October 28 at 7:30 am, we will hold a Saints' Simon & Jude Eucharist. On Saturday, November 1 at 8:30 am, we'll hold an All Saints Day Eucharist. Both services will be held at the Lady Altar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL PUMPKIN PATCH

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill on Seminary Road will be hosting its 32nd annual Pumpkin Patch October 4-31. The Patch offers beautiful pumpkins and gourds grown by Navajo Nation farmers, delicious home-made soups, baked goods, and autumn-Halloween-themed crafts. 100% of Patch profits support over 25 local, national, and international charities, including our own Grace Church Food Pantry. The pumpkin patch is open weekdays 12 noon to 6 pm and weekends/holidays 10 am to 6 pm. Scan the QR code to learn more.



ROOTED AND GROWING: FALL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION – NOVEMBER 2

The theme of this year's campaign, "Growing in Love, Rooted in Grace," is a response to our great collective work as a parish over the past year to articulate our core values (roots) and vision for the future (growth). The health of our roots and the direction and strength of our growth depend on each one of you sharing your gifts, and that will be a focus of the messaging you hear in the coming weeks. How will you respond? We invite you to prayerfully consider a pledge of financial support for Grace in 2026. Stewardship letters and pledge cards were mailed to the parish last week, so please be on the lookout for your green envelope. If you did not receive it, you can find a pledge card in your pews, contact Sarah Schultz, Senior Warden, or scan the QR code. We will hold our annual ingathering celebration on Sunday, November 2, but you can pledge any time online or by returning a pledge card in the mail, or by giving online.



REQUIEM EUCHARIST FOR ALL SOULS – NOVEMBER 2 AT 5 PM

On Sunday, November 2, the 5:00 pm service will be a Requiem Eucharist for the Feast of All Souls. We will also remember all those who have died, especially those who have died in the past year. The service will include a reading of the names of the dead. If you have a name that you would like to have read aloud, please email the name to announcements@gracealex.org by today, October 26 to make sure it is included. All are welcome at the service.

ELECTION DAY PRAYERS – NOVEMBER 4

On Election Day (November 4 - Virginia Local Elections), we invite you to join us for Morning Prayer at 9:00 am in the Nave. You are welcome to light a candle and join us in a special morning prayer for our country and the Commonwealth.

GRACE FRIENDSGIVING & BAKE-OFF FUNDRAISER – NOVEMBER 15

Get ready for our Grace Friendsgiving & Cookie Competition on Saturday, November 15th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. It will be an evening of good food, fun, and fellowship. Bring your favorite dish to share and show off your baking skills in the Grace Bake-Off. There will be sweet bragging rights up for grabs across multiple categories. Stick around for the Dessert Auction Fundraiser, where you can bid on heavenly homemade treats (and support Grace while satisfying your sweet tooth). Mark your calendars and start preheating those ovens! For more details and to sign up for the Cookie Competition and/or Dessert Auction, use the QR Code. Email gracebakeoff@gracealex.org with any questions or if you want to help out. On Election Day (November 4 - Virginia Local Elections), we invite you to join us for Morning Prayer at 9:00 am in the Nave. You are welcome to light a candle and join us in a special morning prayer for our country and the Commonwealth.



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

REGIONAL K-5TH GRADE CHILDREN'S RETREAT – NOVEMBER 15

Join us for a morning of hands-on activities, new friends, and lots of fun as children from Grace Church join together with other Episcopal kids from Northern Virginia churches. Through the excitement of biblical storytelling, STEAM exploration, acting, and more, children in grades K-5 will have the opportunity to dive deeper into scripture and grow in their understanding of God's story and their place in it. Mother Emma is working with other children & youth ministers from the area to organize this event. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions! Location is the Fall Church Episcopal (115 E Fairfax St, Falls Church, VA 22046) Cost \$25/child, Max Cost \$75 per family. Please pay in full at the time of registration. Financial aid is available for those needing it. Scan the QR code to register.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Our Outreach Ministries, Youth, and La Gracia need your support in donating gifts of food baskets, money, and/or time to make this year's Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive a success! You can use our shopping list as a guide to create a basket, or make a monetary donation and let the youth shop for you. Scan the QR code for more information and to access the shopping list. Thank you for your support.



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 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. 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).



THIRD QUARTER GRACE GIVING STATEMENTS

Grace Church emailed Third Quarter 2025 Giving Statements on Friday, October 10. If you requested a printed copy, it has been mailed. Your 3rd quarter statement includes all gifts received by September 30, 2025. If you have any questions about your giving statement please contact giving@gracealex.org. Thank you for your continuing support for Grace Church and all of our ministries!

BROWN BAG LUNCH AT MEADE MEMORIAL CHURCH

Daily, throughout the year, Brown Bag lunch is served free of charge at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church in Old Town. Grace joins with other churches in Alexandria in the schedule to prepare and serve the lunches to the homeless, the hungry, the lonely. When Grace is scheduled to provide the bag lunches, parishioners make sandwiches at home and place the sandwiches in a freezer at Grace. Others pack the lunches with sandwiches, chips, fruit and a treat and deliver the bag lunches to Meade. As winter approaches, hot soup will also be served.

Food insecurity continues to be an enormous challenge for many in Alexandria and the Brown Bag Lunch Program is a response to the efforts to alleviate hunger in our community. The need is great. Will you join in the effort by volunteering to make sandwiches or to assemble and deliver the lunches? Please contact Mary Hix at maryhix@gmail.com for more information and to volunteer.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Monday, Oct. 27	Paul Hanley, Bill Malone
Wednesday, Oct. 29	Christine Harris, Ted Prosser, Willem Schultz
Thursday, Oct. 30	Benjamin Kong
Friday, Oct. 31	Pedro Hernandez
Saturday, Nov. 1	Kathie Burgess, Phoebe Humphries



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 10/26	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 Choral Eucharist Rite II (Livestreamed)	Nave	
	Lay Support Team - 12 - 2 pm	St. Mark Room	
	Trunk or Treat - 3 - 5 pm	Parking Lot	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday, 10/27	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Tuesday, 10/28	Saints Simon and Jude Eucharist - 7:30 - 8 am	Nave	
	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Brown Bag Lunch Support - 11 am	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 10/29	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	Brown Bag Lunch Support - 11 am	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@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, 10/30	Morning Prayer - 9 am	Malm Narthex	
	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	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	Alain.truche@gracealex.org
Friday, 10/31	Diocesan High School Retreat - Day 1/3	Shrine Mont	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 11/1	Diocesan High School Retreat - Day 2/3	Shrine Mont	
	All Saints' Day Eucharist	Nave	
	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, Wendy, John & Anne, Ismael, Wendy, Stephen, Lisa, Priscilla & Paul; Liz; Anne; Lorna; Claire.
- **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, Santos, Don, Ashby, Troy, Dick, Cathie, Cameron, Patti & Joe, Amy, Bill, Theresa, Rob, Sherry, Pearl, Heather, Jack, Eileen, Frank, Charlotte, Lucy, Sarah, Katherine, Deanna, Allen, Leslie, Fielding, Lit & Mary Carol; Jeannine; Sam; Lisa; Margianne; Courtney; Gina; Joanne; Victoria; Erin; Marc; Annelie.
- **Members of our staff:** Alain, Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, 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.
- **Traveling:** Christina Baggott, family of parishioner Lisa Bellantoni.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Grace, Kilmarnock; St. Mary's Fleeton, Reedville; All Souls-Atlee, Mechanicsville.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop-Elect of Canterbury; Church in Wales; Diocese of Northern Philippines, Episcopal Church in the Philippines; Diocese of Southern Philippines, Episcopal Church in the Philippines; Diocese of Phulbani, Church of North India (United); Diocese of Pittsburgh, Episcopal Church; Diocese of Polynesia, Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; Diocese of Popondota, Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

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