



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024 – 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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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

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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.

TWENTY-FIFTH 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

Variations on *Nettleton*
Chorale Prelude on *Nettleton*

Undine S. Moore (1904-1989)
Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

The people stand.


HYMN 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton


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.

SONG OF PRAISE S-236

John 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. _____

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Lector A reading from the Book of Ruth.

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do." So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 127

Anglican Chant by C. Hylton Stewart

Sung by the Choir

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, *
 their labor is in vain who build it.
- 2 Unless the Lord watches over the city, *
 in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; *
 vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
 for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the Lord, *
 and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
 are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
 he shall not be put to shame
 when he contends with his enemies in the gate.
heard me *
 and saved me from all my troubles.

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

HYMN 53

Once he came in blessing

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

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

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

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

Mother Anne Michele Turner

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 II; BCP, p. 385

In the course of silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Bishops, Mark and Gayle; 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

A PRAYER FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

BCP, p. 823

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

The people kneel. Silence may be kept.

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

All 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEDGE INGATHERING

A PRAYER OF SELF DEDICATION BCP, p. 832
 Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM Except the Lord build the house Anthony Ceasar (1924-2018)

*Except the Lord build the house: their labour is but lost that build it.
 Behold now, praise the Lord: all ye servants of the Lord;
 Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord: even in the courts of the house of our God.
 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary: and praise the Lord.
 Alleluia. Amen*

The people stand and sing the hymn

HYMN 705 As those of old their first fruits brought Forest Green

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP, p. 361

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Lord be with you.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>People</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">And al - so with you.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>People</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">We lift them to the Lord.</p>

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; 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 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 -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 sing,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-owed 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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 364

Celebrant 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 to the altar rail 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, please let an usher know, and communion can be brought to you in your pew.

HYMN 656

Blest are the pure in heart

Franconia

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 among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All stand and sing the hymn.

CLOSING HYMN 595

God of grace and God of glory

Mannheim

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY “...Let His work your pleasure be...” from *Salem Sonata* Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

*At the end of liturgy today, one of the priests will be available at the Lady Altar for prayers for healing.
Please allow quiet and privacy for those seeking prayer.*

Music Notes

Undine S. Moore (1902–1989) was a pioneering African American composer and music educator, known for her significant contributions to classical music and choral literature. Born in Chesterfield, Virginia, she showed early promise as a musician, studying piano and voice. Moore later attended the New York College for Teachers and earned a degree from Columbia University.

Moore wrote only two solo works for organ, and they are both based on hymn tunes. *Organ Variations on There is a Fountain*, 1979 has been lost.⁴³ *Variations on Nettleton* (“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”), commissioned in 1976, offers our only example of Moore's work for this particular instrumentation. It is a short piece in the key of C major. It “begins with a variation based on the tune. The melodic line in the first variation is in the soprano voice and is accompanied by triplets in the left hand. A brief interlude follows, and the second and last variations present the melody in the pedal voice.” The brief interlude consists of chromaticism on the manuals followed by a *forte* pedal entrance, which gradually diminishes to a *piano* with large leaps in the manuals and pedals. The last four measures—*Allargando e maestoso*—are chromatic and the piece ends with four distinct chromatic jazz chords. – Carol Ritter

The setting of the hymn tune ‘Nettleton’ by American organist and composer **Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)** is light-hearted and has a lilting rhythm. The tune is played on a reed in different registers with a light accompaniment. As is the case in many of his organ arrangements of hymn tunes, Miller includes a ritournello (refrain) that occurs in the beginning, middle, and at the end of the piece.

Writing about his own anthem, Caesar offers the following: “The anthem begins in solemn vein with the Psalmist’s admonition for those engaged in the building trade and profession, but soon becomes a paean of praise on behalf of all those who worship the Lord. Later, the warning occurs once more before leading to the climax with the assurance of the Lord’s blessing. The melody for this is the same as for the admonition, but now pitched a triumphant seventh interval higher, as if to proclaim that all is well with the building.”

Anthony Caesar (1924 – 2018) was an English priest, organist and composer. Caesar was a boy chorister in the Winchester Cathedral Choir under Harold Rhodes, who directed choir rehearsals in the short street known as “Dome Alley”, the title later on of one of Caesar's hymn tunes.

Dan Locklair (b. 1949) is an American composer and educator known for his contributions to contemporary classical music. Born on November 18, 1949, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, he has made significant impacts through his compositions that often blend traditional techniques with innovative ideas. Locklair's work spans various genres, including orchestral, choral, and chamber music.

Salem Sonata was commissioned in 2003 to celebrate the completed restoration of the historic 1800 David Tannenberg pipe organ that was originally installed and dedicated in 1800 in the Moravian Church in Salem, North Carolina. The fourth movement (“...Let His work your pleasure be...”) is inspired by the hymn tune ‘Almsgiving,’ one of two hymn tunes sung at the last service in Home Church where the Tannenberg was played on 30 January 1910. Energetic and celebratory in nature, this movement brings *Salem Sonata* to a festive close. – Dan Locklair

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF NOVEMBER 10, 2024

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.

Email requests to announcements@gracealex.org.



The Altar Flowers for today are given to the glory of God, In Thanksgiving for the 95th birthday of Dr. Bob Powell by Sherryl Powell Dodd, and for Peace, Love, and Friendship by Rebecca Prosser!

Interested in dedicating Altar Flowers for a particular Sunday in loving memory of someone or in thanksgiving? Scan the QR Code in the header with your smart phone to access the form.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

JOIN US FOR ADVENT WREATH MAKING – DECEMBER 1ST

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, December 1st, from 9:30 to 10:20 am during formation time. Join us in the Merrow Hall Auditoriums 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 (choose “Designated-Other Fund” from the menu at the top and 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!



THANKSGIVING DAY EUCHARIST – NOVEMBER 28TH 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 28th at 10:00am.

FLOWER DONATIONS & DEDICATIONS

Except for Advent, the altar is adorned with beautiful flower arrangements each Sunday. These stunning arrangements, created by members of the Altar Guild, provide visual beauty that compliments the spiritual beauty of the altar. This ministry is funded entirely by donations and is a great way to honor a special day or person in their life or remember a loved one who has died. The dedications are printed in our bulletins, included in our Sunday Worship email, and are often featured in our Social Media. The suggested donation categories have remained at the current amounts for years. To keep up with the costs of these arrangements, the suggested donation amounts are increasing, see below.

- Flower Donation (Partial): \$60
- Flower Donation (Full): \$120
- Flower Donation (Funeral/Wedding): \$150

These new suggested amounts will be reflected on the online donation form beginning Wednesday, November 27. Thank you!

VETERANS DAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed on Monday, November 11th for the observance of Veterans Day. The office will reopen at 9:00 am on Tuesday, November 12th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR J2A COFFEE HOUR ON NOVEMBER 17

J2A will host a special coffee hour following the 10:30 Eucharist on November 17 to help raise funds for its 2025 Quebec pilgrimage. We invite you to purchase and partake in our French-themed brewed beverages, hot chocolate, and pastries to support our pilgrims. In addition, we again will offer the opportunity to "buy a mile" of the 600-mile journey from Alexandria to Quebec, and we will have special QR codes stationed in the auditorium containing links to do so.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

LOST & FOUND CLEAN OUT

Missing those cool shades? Perhaps you had a Cinderella moment and left a shoe behind on a Sunday? Check out the lost and found items located on the credenza outside of the church office this week. We are cleaning out the Lost & Found bins; all items not claimed today, Sunday, November 10, will be discarded.

WALK IN LOVE: FALL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN IS UNDERWAY!

Grace Church relies on the faithful support of parishioners. Each year, the Grace community offers up pledges of time, talent, and treasure for the coming year. These gifts enable the transformative worship, empowering ministries, and restorative fellowship that constitute the Grace Church we all know and love. This year's theme is "Walk in Love." We hear it said nearly every Sunday, but what does it actually look like in real life? Over the coming days you will hear from many individuals describing what it means for them to Walk in Love. Listen to their stories. Think about your own. Prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give and to do in 2025, and then make your pledge! We will celebrate the ingathering of pledges toady, but you can pledge any time by returning the pledge card you received in the mail, or online at gracealex.org/pledge.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Our Outreach Ministries, EYC 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 EYC shop for you. Scan the QR code for more information including access to the shopping list and to donate online. Thank you for your support.



ADULT FORUM FALL SCHEDULE

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

November 10: Grace at Work: 43 Years as a Scientist, by *Bill Eckel*

November 17: Grace at Work: Healing Therapy, by *Hannah Sternberg and Mindy Van Wart*

November 24: Creation Care: Next Steps at Grace, by *Eric Waskowicz*

December 1: Intergenerational Event (Advent Wreaths) in Merrow Hall – No separate Adult Forum

December 8: Christmas Away From Home, by *John Boris, Dan Pattarini, and Evan and Nancy Robinson*

December 15: Creches from Around the World at the Washington National Cathedral, by *Anne Clift Boris*

December 22-29: Christmas Break – No Adult Forum or Sunday School



November 6, 2024

Dear People of God in The Episcopal Church,

Early this morning, we learned that President Trump has been elected to another term as president of the United States. I pray that he will govern wisely and justly.

Regardless of our political allegiances, we must remember that God has called us in The Episcopal Church to seek and serve Christ in all persons. No matter the party in power, we are one church, and we will continue to fulfill our baptismal covenant by proclaiming in word and example the Good News of God in Christ, striving for justice and peace among all people, and protecting the dignity of every human being.

We commit to working with the new administration to advance policies that follow the teachings of Jesus by supporting the most vulnerable among us. Through Episcopal Migration Ministries, we abide by God's command to welcome the stranger, and since 1988, we have resettled more than 100,000 refugees through a bipartisan program with a strong record of success. We urge President Trump and members of Congress to exercise compassion toward the immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees we serve and to know that, at every turn, we will stand for the dignity and human rights of all of God's people.

We are Christians who support the dignity, safety, and equality of women and LGBTQ+ people as an expression of our faith. I pray that President Trump and his administration will do the same.

In the coming months, I ask us all to be agents of peace and reconciliation in our communities, both in person and online. As people of faith, we can work and pray for peace and unity among God's people whether we are joyful, hurting, or afraid. Especially now, when we know of efforts by domestic terrorists and foreign adversaries to undermine our trust in institutions and in one another, we can combat the misinformation and fear by which the Enemy seeks to divide us from one another.

I give thanks for all the ministries in dioceses and congregations across the church that are tangible expressions of our belief in a God of compassion and mercy. In every season, this is the work that God has set before us.

The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe
Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

A STATEMENT
ON THE ELECTION

**BISHOP MARK
STEVENSON**

November 6, 2024

Dear friends in Christ -

Emotion is running high this morning. Some are elated, some in despair. Depending on one's close circle, there is either a sense that all is lost or that all has been reclaimed. Who is right and who is wrong is for history to decide.

What is not up for judgement is the sure and certain knowledge that God is God. God did not lose, nor did God win, in this election. God is victory, and life, and love simply because God is God. And through the saving power of the sacrificial love of Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit who walks our journey with us, we are born anew - every single day - into that victory, life, and love.

I am mindful at this moment of two passages of Holy Scripture. The first is the opening of the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, a portion of which is on the Church Calendar for today. Regardless of whether we voted for the victor or the defeated in this election, regardless of how the person we find ourself communicating with today voted, we must remember that we were all created by the One who was, and is, and is to come; that darkness cannot overcome the light of Christ Jesus; and that God's gift to us is always going to be grace upon grace.

The second passage of which I am mindful is the final section of Matthew 25. Now, more than ever, we need to recognize and live into one of the clearest things Jesus ever said about how we interact with others - that how we treat the impoverished, the imprisoned, the malnourished, the one who differs from us - that how we treat "the other" speaks directly to how we treat the God who is love. Every human being is a child of God, and loved by Jesus. Therefore, we can do no less. Whether we are elated this morning over this earthly thing called an election, or in despair over it. We can do no less.

Emotion is running high today, my friends. And yet, God is still God.

May that very same God bless and keep us all, this day and unto ages of ages.

Yours in Christ,



The Right Reverend E. Mark Stevenson, Bishop of Virginia

Love Jesus. Embody justice. Be disciples.

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:** Virginia, Michael, Lisa, Lina, Mario, Tina, Hector, Wendy, Conway, Amorita, Caz & family, Debbie, Amber, Kelly, Elle, John, Carl, Jeannie, Sigrid, Ed, Larry, Susie, Otto, Anne, Charles, Cleveland, Colin, Jennifer, Barbara, Duke, Lisa, June, Igor, David & Joanie.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Clare, Elesa, Mary Ann, Cynthia, Reg, Don, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette.
- **Family & friends:** Barbara, Maggie, Joel, Anthony, Mark, Klaus, Charles, Nancy, Madison, Jack, Michael, Dave & Mimi, Sharon, Peter, Cyndy, Anne, Scott, Jean, Eileen & Dylan, Virginia, Christine, Elena, Al, Connie, Don, Leslie, Elizabeth, Ada, Don, Cooper, Marge, Elizabeth, Bert, Clare, Betsy, Chuck, Mike, Jim, Renee, Patrick, Ashby, Troy, Ada, Gen, Dick, Danny, Lew, Cathie, Cameron, Ellen, Patti & Joe, Claudia, Amy, Sam, Bill, Markita, Alma, Theresa, Will, Judy & Bryan, Dennis, Rob, Sherry.
- **Members of our staff:** Addie, Alain, Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, Kevin, Mary, Madeline, Pedro, Father Santiago.
- **Grace School:** Students & their families; for the staff, especially Amanda, interim head of school.
- **Outreach & Justice Partners:** ALIVE; Casa Chirilagua; Christ Church Refugee and Lazarus Ministries; Community Lodgings; Cristosal, El Salvador; Haiti Micah Project; Meade Memorial Lunch Program; Tanzania Mission; 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; and 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:** LCDR Claire S. Eudy, USN; SSgt Chip Fowler, USAF; 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 studying:** Chris & Melissa Reed; Owen Malone & Miles Malone.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** Bishop E. Mark Stevenson; Bishop Gayle E. Harris; Diocesan staff; St. Martin's, Richmond.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Church of South India (United); The Diocese of South Kerala, The Church of South India (United); The Diocese of Kericho, The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Khahlamba, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; The Diocese of Khartoum, The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; The Diocese of Kibondo, The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Kibungo, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.

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

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Monday, November 11	Amanda Fowler, Tony Madigan
Tuesday, November 12	Sherrie Arnold, Maxine Meeks, Anne Zuidema
Thursday, November 14	Jo-Anne Barnard
Friday, November 15	Jennifer Eckel, Jeff McQuilkin
Saturday, November 16	Doug Prince
Sunday, November 17	Denise Bean, Joanne Lukens



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, 11/10	7:30 am Holy Eucharist in English, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am Santa Eucaristía en español	Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	9:40 - 10:15 Sunday School and Adult Forum	Various Locations	
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave / Livestream	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday 11/11	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
	Inquirers Class - 7 pm	St. Mark Room	
	Women/girl's Bible Study - 7 pm	St. Luke Room	
Tuesday 11/12	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 11/13	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) - 2 - 4 pm	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, 11/14	Holy Eucharist Rite II, noon	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal - 6 pm	Malm Narthex	alain.truche@gracealex.org
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	alain.truche@gracealex.org
Friday, 11/15	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 11/16	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am		cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com
	Fisher Memorial & Inurnment - 12 pm	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1 - 3 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org