



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2024 – 10:30 am
Choral Eucharist with Holy Baptism, 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

Contacting Grace

Please feel free to contact our staff.

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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-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHORAL EUCHARIST WITH HOLY BAPTISM, RITE II

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

PRELUDE

Fantasia

William Byrd (1540-1623)

The people stand.

HYMN 48

O day of radiant gladness

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 1:4-20

Lector A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight."

Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE: 1 SAMUEL 2:1-10

George Emblom

Sung by the Choir

- 1 My heart exults in you, O God;
 my triumph song is lifted in you.
- 2 My mouth derides my enemies,
 for I rejoice in your salvation.
- 3 There is none holy like you,
 nor any rock to be compared to you, our God.
- 4 Do not heap up prideful words, or speak in arrogance;
 only God is knowing and weighs all actions.
- 5 The bows of the mighty are broken,
 but the weak are clothed in strength.
- 6 Those once full now labor for bread,
 those who hungered now are well fed.
- 7 The childless woman has borne sevenfold,
 while the mother of many is forlorn.
- 8 God destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up;
 gives wealth or takes it away, humbles and dignifies.
- 9 God raises the poor from the dust;
 and lifts the needy from the ash heap
- 10 To make them sit with the rulers
 and inherit a place of honor.
- 11 For the pillars of the earth are God's
 on which the whole earth is founded.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:11-25

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with them who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

- Celebrant* Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
- Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
- People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

- Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
- People* **And also with you.**
- Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
- Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

- Priest* *Eleanor*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism, saying

- Celebrant* *Eleanor*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Priest *Chance*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism, saying

Celebrant *Chance*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus

William Byrd

Ave, verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, Fili Mariae. Miserere mei. Amen.

Translation: Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death. O sweet, O gentle, O Jesu, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

The people stand and sing the hymn

HYMN 665

All my hope on God is founded

Michael

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 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 570

All who love and serve your city

Birabus

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 607

O God of every nation

Llangloffan

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Postlude on *Llangloffan*

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

*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

Without exaggeration **William Byrd** can be considered one of the greatest composers of keyboard music in history. In English history he is second to none. The Fantasias from his pen is an impressive demonstration of his skills as a composer for the keyboard. Which instrument is the best way of performing them is largely a matter of preference. Some Fantasias could probably be performed at the organ, harpsichord, and the virginal is also a good alternative.

From the 16th century until well into the 18th the Fantasia was a popular genre in keyboard music. It has no fixed form and finds its origin in improvisation which was a basic skill of all keyboard players. This explains that Fantasias can strongly differ from one composer to the other, but also within the oeuvre of a single composer. What they have largely in common is that they comprise various sections of contrasting character. Byrd's Fantasias usually begin with a fugal episode. After that we hear homophonic sections, episodes of imitative polyphony and virtuosic passagework. (Johan van Veen)

The Ave Verum Corpus is a short Eucharistic hymn that dates to the 14th century and has sometimes been attributed to Pope Innocent VI (d 1362). **William Byrd's** setting of this text was written to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, which had been outlawed in England in 1548 following the Reformation. But Roman Catholics still surviving in England still celebrated the feast secretly, sometimes more brazenly.

Kerry McCarthy (in her book Byrd) writes that Corpus Christi had been an especially festive holy day before the clamp-down on popish rituals commenced. "Medieval parishes had celebrated it with lavish floral displays and elaborate outdoor processions [of the Blessed Sacrament], and this sort of activity continued even after Catholic worship became illegal in England." Byrd wrote a dozen pieces for this festival, Ave verum corpus being the best-known. (Canticasacra.org)

True to his compositional style, American composer and organist **Aaron David Miller** set the tune 'Llangloffan' (today's closing hymn) as a march-like fantasy alternating with a pedal jagged motif. A quieter middle section gives way to the opening jagged motif played in the left hand and the opening march. The piece ends with the jagged motif in the pedal.

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF NOVEMBER 17, 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...

by Eugene Alford in loving memory of my dearest son Andrew on his 20th birthday.

His smile and laughter will forever be a precious gift to all of us,

Meredith Hudson & Cord Dannen in celebration and thanksgiving of the baptism of their children, Eleanor Rosemary and Chance Leo,

and Diana Jarrett in thanksgiving for granddaughter Jae's fifth birthday on Thursday,

and as we leave for our new home in North Carolina this week,

in thanksgiving for the blessing of having Grace as my spiritual home for forty-five years.

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

SUPPORT GRACE J2A YOUTH ON THEIR 2025 PILGRIMAGE!

Poinsettias are back, just in time for Advent! Add some beauty to your life or get a gorgeous gift for someone else by purchasing some poinsettias supporting youth at Grace! Order deadline December 3rd; pickup, Malm Narthex, December 8th. To place an order by check or with cash, reach out to sarahschultz9@gmail.com. Order online via the QR code to the right!



YOUTH NIGHT TONIGHT – NOVEMBER 17TH

Games. Games! GAMES!! Join us tonight for lots of games and fun. Middle school youth will gather from 5:30-7:30pm, and high school youth will gather from 7-9pm. Dinner will be all together at 7pm. Rumor has it that walkie talkies will be available for an epic round of Walkie Talkie Tag! Friends are welcome!

VOICE LISTENING CAMPAIGN REPORT OUT – NOVEMBER 21ST

The Grace VOICE team invites you to join us as we host the Alexandria regional listening campaign report out on Thursday, November 21st from 7-9pm in the Merrow Hall auditorium! The first hour will allow us to connect with other Alexandria faith communities, and the second hour will be a time for planning and prioritizing where to focus our collective energy through VOICE in Alexandria. Questions? Contact Jennifer Eckel (jgeckel@verizon.net) or Mother Emma Brice.

ADVENT QUIET MORNING – DECEMBER 7TH

Join Mother Anne for a Quiet Morning on Saturday, December 7, from 9:00 am – 12 noon. The morning will feature brief meditations, as well as space and time to draw near to God during this holy and yet busy season. We conclude with a brief eucharist at 12:00 noon. You are welcome for as long as you can stay, whether just a few minutes or all morning.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – DECEMBER 15TH

It is time to start preparing for the annual Grace Christmas Pageant! This year the pageant is on Sunday, December 15th 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

TODAY - J2A COFFEE HOUR!

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.

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 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

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.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Our Outreach Ministries, EYC Youth, and La Gracia continue to need your support in making 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.



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!



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! You can pledge any time by returning the pledge card you received in the mail, or online at gracealex.org/pledge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK *(CONTINUED)*

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!

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, 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; Piedmont Parish, Madison; St. Thomas, McLean.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; The Diocese of Kigali, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; The Diocese of Kigeme, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; The Diocese of Kigezi, The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of North Kigezi, The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, The Church of Ireland; The Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

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

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 17	Denise Bean, Joanne Lukens
Monday, November 18	Jonathan Lorentz
Tuesday, November 19	Andrew Serke
Thursday, November 21	Muriel Corley, Malcolm Eckel
Friday, November 22	Ryan Reyes
Sunday, November 24	Holly Bray, Susan Saffelle, Anna Stanchak, Elmira Vogtmann



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, 11/17	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 11/18	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 11/19	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
Wednesday, 11/20	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, 11/21	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, 11/22	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 11/23	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 am		cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com
	Food Pantry Bagging - 1 - 3 pm	1 st floor Lobby	Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org