



# Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King  
November 24, 2024 – 10:30 am  
Festival Eucharist, Rite I



— Connecting @ Grace —

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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](mailto: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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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.

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING  
FESTIVAL EUCHARIST, RITE I**

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

PRELUDE

Fanfare

John Cook (1918-1984)

*The people stand.*

HYMN 494

Crown him with many crowns

Ddiademata

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

*People*

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*Children ages 3 years – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade follow the Crucifer to Children’s Chapel.*

GLORIA S-202

Healey Willan

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,  
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give  
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.

4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;

5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that  
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the  
 right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou  
 on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most  
 high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —  
 A - - - - - men.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1881-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

*The people are seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 23:1-7

*Lector* A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

These are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 132:1-13

Anglican Chant by Edwin Edwards

*Sung by the Choir*

- 1 LORD, remember David, \*  
and all the hardships he endured;
- 2 How he swore an oath to the LORD \*  
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
- 3 "I will not come under the roof of my house," \*  
nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, \*  
nor let my eyelids slumber;
- 5 Until I find a place for the LORD, \*  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- 6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; \*  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
- 7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; \*  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."
- 8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, \*  
you and the ark of your strength.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; \*  
let your faithful people sing with joy.
- 10 For your servant David's sake, \*  
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.
- 11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; \*  
in truth, he will not break it:
- 12 "A son, the fruit of your body \*  
will I set upon your throne.
- 13 If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, \*  
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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

HYMN 454

Jesus came, adorned by angels

*Lowry*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

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

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people are seated.*

SERMON

Mother Emma Brice

*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, especially Hal Norvell, spouse of the late Carl Fisher (*former parishioner*). 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*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 330

*The people kneel. Silence may be kept.*

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to sing:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-lowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en.  
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who tres-pass a-gainst us.  
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glo-ry,  
For ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-155

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. 338

*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 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence *Picardy*

THE SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we share in one bread, one cup.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*All stand and sing the hymn.*

CLOSING HYMN 481 Rejoice, the Lord is King! *Gopsal*

THE DISMISSAL *BCP, p. 366*

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY Fugue in D Major, BWV 532 *Gopsal*

*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

English by birth, **John Cook (1918-1984)** spent the last 30 years of his life in Canada and the United States, where he taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and held an important position as organist and director of music at Boston's Church of the Advent. A musician of wide interests and experience, he worked with Vaughan Williams and Britten on film scores and wrote son et lumière music for the 1951 Festival of Britain. It is from one of those scores that *Fanfare* was transcribed for organ by the composer. The poetry which inspired the piece is from Psalm 81: "Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed on our solemn feast day." (Notes by Thomas Murray)

While performances of **Handel's** oratorio *Messiah* have been a long-standing Christmas tradition for two centuries, its famous "Hallelujah" is by no means the only Hallelujah chorus Handel wrote. Nor was it the first. *Saul* was one of Handel's earlier oratorios—first performed in 1739, three years before *Messiah*—and the first of several collaborations with the librettist Charles Jennens (who also assembled the scriptural texts for *Messiah*).

The oratorio begins with a Chorus of Israelites praising God for saving their nation through David's miraculous slaying of Goliath. The scene later concludes with an abbreviated reprise of this regal chorus, "How Excellent Thy Name."

**J.S. Bach's** astounding proficiency as an organist not only earned him legendary renown in his lifetime but contributed immeasurably to his unique position for posterity as an idolized composer of boundless inventiveness, mind-boggling intellect, and technical wizardry. His more than 250 compositions for organ span his entire lifetime, from his earliest pieces written as a student with his father's cousin, organist Johann Christoph Bach, to an organ chorale, one of his last pieces, composed when he was nearly blind. Most originated during his employment at the Duke of Weimar's court, 1708–17, the last period of his long life when he held an actual post as organist.

The present *Prelude and Fugue in D major* is thought to be an early Weimar work from about 1710. This was a time during which he had absorbed influences from German predecessors such as Buxtehude, Böhm, and Pachelbel, as well as Italian masters such as Legrenzi and Corelli, but before he encountered Vivaldi's works, which brought about a significant style change c. 1713–14. Bach's early organ works show an impassioned exuberance if a generally less polished harmonic and polyphonic technique. The fugue subject shows Bach's fascinating inventiveness in shaping something extraordinary out of repetitions and sequences (the same material at a different pitch). He was clearly fascinated by this remarkable subject because he reused it in his *Tocatta in D major*, BWV 912, which may date from around the same time. (Notes by Jane Vial Jaffe)

## SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	Mother Anne Michele Turner
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<i>Intercessor</i>	Mary Stewart
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Stephanie Reed
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<i>Ushers</i>	John Boris, Cindy MacIntyre, Mary Stewart, Laura Weidenfeld
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<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	John Barker, Chad Eckles

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF NOVEMBER 24, 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](mailto:announcements@gracealex.org).



The Altar Flowers for today are given to the glory of God,  
by Lorna Worley in Thanksgiving for Carl Fisher and his life and ministry,  
and by Betty Mills in Celebration of the 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday of her daughter, Julie Mills Cizek.

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

#### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday. The office will reopen on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am.

#### END OF YEAR GIVING REMINDERS

As we approach the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons, we know it can be a very busy time of the year so we want to provide you with a couple of important giving reminders. IRS tax regulations require that all pledge contributions and other donations to Grace must be received physically at Grace or postmarked by December 31, 2024 to be included on end of the year statements. Also, stock contributions **must be received** in Grace's brokerage account with Schwab by December 31, and therefore should be initiated at **least two weeks** before month-end to ensure timely processing.

If you choose to give online through Breeze or Tithely, there is an option called "cover the fees." Transaction fees are deducted from the total amount the church receives from each financial gift unless the donor elects to cover the fees. When you cover the fees, you are credited the total transaction amount (gift and fees) for tax purposes, and the church receives the intended gift amount. If you have any questions about giving, don't hesitate to contact the finance team at [giving@gracealex.org](mailto:giving@gracealex.org).

#### FREE ORGAN CONCERT BY DR. ALAIN TRUCHE

Dr. Truche will play a Christmas-themed organ concert on December 6th at 12:15 PM at National City Christian Church (5 Thomas Circle NW Washington, DC). Look forward to music by composers Louis-Claude Daquin, Horatio Parker, John Cook, Jean Bouvard, and Marcel Dupré.

#### ADVENT CARD SIGNING ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

Join us during the Intergenerational Event and/or during Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 1 to sign cards for parishioners who are away at school, serving in the military or as diplomats, and those who are on our prayer list.

#### ST. ANDREW'S FEAST DAY SERVICE – NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

Join us in the Nave on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am for a Eucharist to celebrate the feast day for St. Andrew. All are welcome!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

#### THANKSGIVING DAY EUCHARIST – NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

### 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 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: Art of Watching for the Light II, by Anne Clift Boris

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

### JOIN US FOR ADVENT WREATH MAKING – DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

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!



### 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](mailto:sarahschultz9@gmail.com). Order online via the QR code to the right!



### ADVENT QUIET MORNING – DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

Join Mother Anne and parishioner Mindy Van Wart for a Quiet Morning on Saturday, December 7, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. The morning will include brief meditations, poetry, and art, focusing on the stories of Elizabeth and Mary in Luke's gospel. The morning is intended as a time to draw near to God in this holy and yet busy season and includes ample time for silence and contemplation. 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 15<sup>TH</sup>

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.

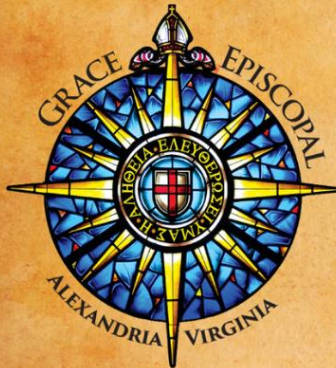


### WALK IN LOVE: FALL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN IS UNDERWAY!

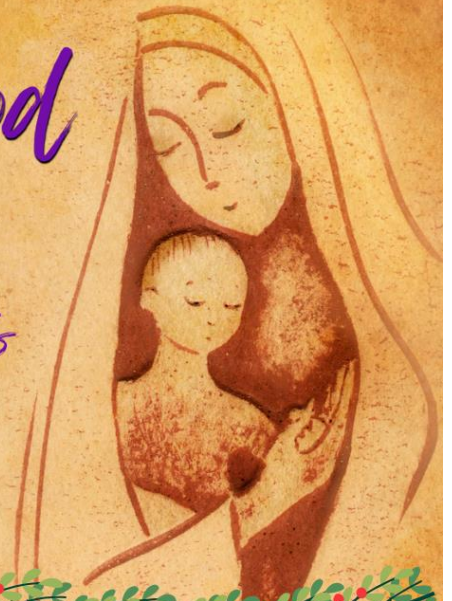
Grace Church relies on the faithful support of parishioners. Each year, the Grace community offers up pledges of time, talent, and treasure for the coming year. These gifts enable the transformative worship, empowering ministries, and restorative fellowship that constitute the Grace Church we all know 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](http://gracealex.org/pledge).



# The Nearness of God



## Advent & Christmas @ Grace Church



### Special Events & Services

In addition to our regular service offerings, see below for a list of special events and services to help celebrate the Advent & Christmas seasons.

\* **Childcare provided**

**LIVE** = Livestreamed on our YouTube Channel

#### Sunday, December 1, Advent I Intergenerational Event

9:30 am- Wreaths & Advent Card Signing\*

#### Saturday, December 7, Advent Quiet Morning, 9 am - 12 pm

9 am- Meditations, reflections, & Eucharist; *come for any portion*

#### Sunday, December 8, Advent II

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

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

6 pm- Youth Christmas Party

#### Sunday, December 15, Advent III

5 pm- Youth & Children's Christmas Pageant  
*A reception follows in the Auditorium.*

#### Sunday, December 22, Advent IV

6 pm- Greening of the Church  
*Join us as we decorate the nave for Christmas Services!*

#### Monday, December 23

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

#### Sunday, December 29

10:30 am- Christmas Lessons & Carols\* **LIVE**  
*Only one combined service on this day*

#### Wednesday, January 1, Feast of the Holy Name

Noon- Festival Eucharist **LIVE**

#### Sunday, January 5, Bilingual Epiphany Service @ 5 pm

5 pm- Festival Eucharist **LIVE**  
*7:30, 9, & 10:30 am Services held as normal, no 8:45 am service.*

### Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services

*Held in the nave unless otherwise noted.*

#### Christmas Eve, 3 pm, Rite II \*

Family Service with Holy Eucharist  
*Service will be held in the Auditorium.*

#### Christmas Eve, 5 pm, Rite II \*

Festival Eucharist, with procession to the Creche **LIVE**  
*Music Prelude starts at 4:30 pm*

#### Christmas Eve, 7:30 pm, Rite I

Festival Eucharist

#### Christmas Eve, 11 pm, Rite I

Festival Eucharist **LIVE**  
*Music Prelude starts at 10:30 pm*

#### Christmas Day, 12 pm, Rite I

Festival Eucharist **LIVE**



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## 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, Theresa, Will, Judy & Bryan, Rob, Sherry, Dave.
- **Members of our staff:** Addie, Alain, Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, Kevin, Madeline, Mary, 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:** Hal Norvell, spouse of the late Carl Fisher (*former parishioner*); 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; Creator, Mechanicsville; Emmanuel, Middleburg.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Anglican Church of South America; The Diocese of Kindu, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; The Diocese of Kindu, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; The Diocese of Kinkiizi, The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Kirinyaga, The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Kisangani, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; The Diocese of Kita-Kanto, The Nippon Sei Ko Ka.

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



## BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 24	Holly Bray, Susan Saffelle, Anna Stanchak, Elmira Vogtmann
Tuesday, November 26	Lisle Bean
Wednesday, November 27	Sean Harris
Thursday, November 28	Joey Portillo
Saturday, November 30	Todd Egaas, Julie Mills Cizek



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, 11/24	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	Auditorium	
	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 11/25	Food Pantry Bagging – 3:30 – 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6:30 pm		
Tuesday 11/26	Food Pantry Distribution – 6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Wednesday, 11/27	Church Office Closes at noon		
	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) – 2 – 4 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Evening Prayer – 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed – 703.842.3121
	Bible Study – 7:30 pm	Zoom	<a href="mailto:Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org">Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org</a>
	Alcoholics Anonymous – 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon – 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 11/28	Church Office Closed		
	Festival Eucharist Rite I 10:00 am	Nave	
	Food Pantry Bagging – 3:30 – 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Friday, 11/29	Church Office Closed		
	Food Pantry Bagging – 3 – 5 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 11/30	Altar Guild Set Up – 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	St. Andrew Feast Day Eucharist – 8:30 am	Nave	
	Bible Study – 10 am		<a href="mailto:cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com">cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com</a>
	Food Pantry Bagging – 1 – 3 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>