



Grace Episcopal Church

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.

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

Contacting Grace

Please feel free to contact our staff.

The church office is open 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 9 a.m. – Noon on Fridays.
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IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE?

Clergy and staff are available for pastoral care. Please call the church office at (703) 549-1980 if you're ill or need pastoral care. For emergencies after hours, please call the **After-hours Emergency Number: (703) 261-9079**, and the priest on call will assist you.

HOME COMMUNION

Home Communion is available upon request for parishioners who desire this service by Eucharistic Visitors every Sunday. Home Communion will be in one form, Bread only. To request Home Communion, parishioners are asked to contact the Parish Office by telephone at 703-549-1980 no later than 12 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday on which they would like to receive Home Communion.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

PRELUDE

The people stand.

HYMN 7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Ratisbon

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.**

GLORIA WLP 900

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, _____ and peace to his peo-ple on earth. _

_ Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - ty God - and Fa - ther _____ we wor - ship you, _ we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. _____ Lord Je - sus Christ, _____ on - ly Son of the

Fa - ther _____ Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: _____ have mer-cy on us; _

_ you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: _____ re - ceive our prayer, _____ For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, _____ you a - lone are the Lord, _____ you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - - ly Spi - rit, _____ in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - - ther. A - - - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 32:1-14

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 106: 1-6, 19-23

Robert Knox Kennedy (b.1945)



1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is | good, *
for his mercy endures for | ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the | Lord *
or show forth all his | praise?

- 3 Happy are those who act with | justice *
and always do what is | right!
- 4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your | people, *
and visit me with your saving | help;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your | people, *
that I may glory with your in- | heritance.
- 6 We have sinned as our forebears | did; *
we have done wrong and dealt | wickedly.
- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at | Horeb *
and worshiped a molten | image;
- 20 And so they exchanged their | Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on | grass.
- 21 They forgot God their | Savior, *
who had done great things in | Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of | Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red | Sea.
- 23 (2nd part) So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the | breach, *
to turn away his wrath from con-|suming them.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:1-9

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.***The people are seated.*

SERMON

Duncan King, Seminarian

*Silence is kept.**The people stand.*

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form II; BCP, p. 385

The Leader prays

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe; and our Bishops E. Mark Stevenson, Gayle Harris, and Mark Bourlakas; 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 birth of daughter Riley to Erin Kelly and Dan Bartley. Pray in gratitude and thanksgiving.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Celebrant and People

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

A COLLECT FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Creator, you bent the earth like a bow until it was one, round, shining planet. At your word the land was drawn into mountains and deserts, forests, and plains; the waters were gathered together into rivers, lakes and seas. The circle of your creation has been broken time and again by greed and violence and many lives have been shattered. Renew the circle of the earth and turn the hearts of all your people to one another; that they and all the earth may live, and be drawn toward you and through the power of your son, Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and always. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

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

Silence may be kept.

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

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

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 360

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 *We invite you to give to the work of the church electronically via Tithe.ly by scanning this QR code.*

If you give electronically, please place the tag in your pew in the offering so that your gift can be blessed.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

See the bread, see the wine

Jay Althouse

*See the bread, broken bread. Ever may our souls be fed.
See the wine, royal wine: Jesus' blood come from the vine.
Here we taste the bread of God, drink the wine of heaven.
See the bread, see the wine. May our sins all be forgiven.
Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face.
Here would I touch and handle things unseen.
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.
See the bread, broken bread. Ever may our souls be fed.
See the wine, royal wine: Jesus' blood come from the vine.
See the bread, see the wine, This sacrament divine.*

OFFERTORY HYMN 557

Rejoice, ye pure in heart (Vs. 1-5)

Vineyard Haven

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP, p. 361

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

WLP 858

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

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

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

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

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

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-169

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Eucharist.

Please come forward 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 don't wish to receive communion at the altar, please let an usher know and communion can be brought to you in your pew.

COMMUNION HYMN 664

My Shepherd will supply my need

Resignation

THE SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

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

The people stand or kneel.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

All stand and sing the hymn.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 345

Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise

Ellers

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Dr. Anne M. Turner
<i>Assisting</i>	The Rev. Emma Brice
<i>Preacher</i>	Duncan King, <i>Seminarian</i>
<i>Assisting & Children's Chapel</i>	The Rev. Jon Scarffe
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<i>Director of Music</i>	Josh Harrington
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<i>Altar Guild Crew Leaders</i>	Chad Eckles, Lucy-Lee Reed

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 11, 2026

The weekly announcement deadline is Monday at 12 p.m.

Submissions after the deadline will be held for the following week. Please limit submissions to 75 words.

Announcements will be edited for content/length. Email requests to announcements@gracealex.org.

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

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



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

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM

As you know by now, Grace's 2027 pledge campaign—Where Our Hearts Are - Giving in Love—is now underway. Most pledge cards were mailed on October 2 and the remainder were mailed this past week. Please be on the lookout for the bright yellow envelope in your mailbox. If you do not receive a card in the mail, please contact the church office and we'll make sure you get one. Please be sure to return your card at our ingathering on All Saints Sunday, November 1, or follow the QR code on the card to complete the online pledge form by that date.

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

Adult forum is offered Sundays 9:40 - 10:15 a.m. 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.

- October 11: Scottish Pilgrimage Report, *by Mother Anne and others*
- October 18: Wild Goose: My Experiences at a Progressive Christian Campout, *by Eric Waskowicz*
- October 25: Made by Hand: Prayer Shawl Ministry, *by Hannah Sternberg and Laura Weidenfeld*
- November 1: Grace at Work: Holocaust Museum, *by Ramee Gentry*
- November 8: A Circle of Care: An Overview of Hospice & Palliative Care, *by Fr. Jon Scarffe*
- November 15: Made by Hand: Why Pick Up a Pen?, *by John Boris*
- November 22: Exploring Queerness in the Episcopal Church in the 1970s & 1980s

If you have an idea for a topic you'd like to hear presented, or present yourself, please get in touch with Anne Boris at awcboris@hotmail.com.

TAKE YOUR PHOTO FOR BREEZE

Our online parish directory, Breeze, allows for parishioners to upload photos of themselves. Haven't added yourself? After our 9:00 and 10:30 services, we'll have staff members available in the amphitheater (9:00) or auditorium (10:30) to help take your picture. You can always contact the church office for more information about accessing Breeze and adding a photo of your choice.

CHURCH CAMPUS CLOSED MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

The church campus is closed on Monday, October 12 for Indigenous Peoples/Columbus Day. The campus will reopen on Tuesday. Please note: The alarm system will remain armed throughout the entire day.

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL 2026 PUMPKIN PATCH

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill (3606 Seminary Rd) is holding their annual pumpkin patch October 3rd - 31st, open every day (M - F: Noon - 6 p.m. & Weekends/Federal Holidays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.) They offer beautiful pumpkins and gourds grown by New Mexico Navajo Nation farmers, delicious home-made soups, baked goods, and autumn-Halloween-themed crafts. 100% of Patch profits support over 25 local, national, and international charities that directly support feeding, housing, educating, and caring for our most vulnerable neighbors (i.e. ALIVE, Carpenters Shelter, Christ Church Lazarus Ministry, Community Lodgings, Grace Church Food Pantry, Culmore Clinic, Haiti-Micah Project, & many others). We welcome visitors to be part of this 33-year community tradition of celebrating autumn, buying pumpkins, enjoying delicious food, and knowing every purchase helps those in need. Leashed canine friends welcome too!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 11, 2026 (CONTINUED)

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

A new season of music is about to begin! Parish Choir rehearsals are back, and we'd love for you to be part of the music at Grace. Come sing, learn, laugh, and make some beautiful music together. Whether you're a longtime choir member or you're thinking about joining for the very first time, there's a place for you in the choir. Come as you are – and bring your voice! The next rehearsal is Wednesday, Sept. 30th at 7pm. All subsequent rehearsals will be held on Thursdays at 7pm. Prefer ringing to singing? We would love to see you in the bell choir this season! Questions? See Josh Harrington or email josh.harrington@gracealex.org.

HELP MAKE FELLOWSHIP HOUR A SUCCESS!

Choose a Sunday this fall to assist the fellowship team with Fellowship Hour set-up or clean-up. Scan the QR code to sign-up or email fellowship@gracealex.org. If you have questions ask Mother Emma, Colleen McArdelle or Angie Crane.



FREE PANEL DISCUSSION ON DANIEL – OCTOBER 13; 7 – 8:30 P.M.

Four leading scholars. Three new commentaries. One extraordinary biblical book. What does the Book of Daniel have to say to the twenty-first century? Join four distinguished biblical scholars for a lively and accessible conversation about Daniel's history, theology, visions, and enduring significance. This unusual evening brings together Tremper Longman III, John H. Walton, Aubrey E. Buster, and Stephen L. Cook—four scholars whose recent work on Daniel represents three major new commentaries on the book. Get more info and RSVP on Eventbrite by scanning the QR code to the right.



HELPING ALIVE! ONE STEP AT A TIME

Sunday, October 18th is ALIVE!'s annual Step ALIVE! Walkathon that draws Alexandrians from across the city for a major fundraiser to help neighbors facing food insecurity and housing instability in our city. The event starts at George Washington Middle School on Mt. Vernon Ave and winds its way through the city. We would love to see many smiling faces from Grace at this event. You can sign up as individuals or sign up as a team. Registration can be found by scanning the QR code with your smart phone. Have questions? Please reach out to John Berry (kpbjab@yahoo.com) or Keith Davis (kjd6164@gmail.com)



TRUNK OR TREAT - OCTOBER 25TH, 3 - 5 P.M.!

On Sunday, October 25th, please join Grace Episcopal Church & School in the parking lot from 3-5 p.m. for a Trunk-or-Treat event for all! This event is open to the entire community to celebrate Halloween, so invite your friends. Please sign-up to volunteer to host a car or help with set-up. We need many cars in order to host this event. Please pull out your imaginations, your creativity, and your costumes for this fun community-based event! We would love to see you there! To enter your car, register by scanning the QR Code. Questions? Contact Mother Emma (emma.brice@gracealex.org) or Sheng Davis (shenghan5@gmail.com).



HOW WE LEARN TO BE BRAVE: A DISCUSSION

Thinking about what it means to stand for what is right in this election season? On Wednesday, October 28, from 7-8 p.m. Mother Turner will lead a discussion on How We Learn To Be Brave by the Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde, Bishop of the Diocese of Washington. Please rsvp to anne.turner@gracealex.org.

CREATION CARE AT GRACE

The newly restored Magnolia Bed is now home to 100% Mid-Atlantic native shade plants specially selected to thrive in acidic, shaded conditions—including Christmas Fern, American Alumroot (Coral Bells), and Pennsylvania Sedge. We extend our sincere gratitude to West Landscaping, who faithfully brought this design to life. Their generous donation of all labor costs and securing of plants at wholesale prices stretched our grant funds significantly and were instrumental in transforming our vision into reality.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 11, 2026 (CONTINUED)



SAVE THE DATE: GRACE FRIENDSGIVING & BAKEOFF FUNDRAISER ON NOVEMBER 7, 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Join the Grace community for an evening of fellowship! Bring a dish to share and/or enter the Grace Bake-Off cookie contest across multiple categories. More details to follow. If you'd like to help with this event or have questions, please contact FriendsGiving@gracealex.org.

NEW CHRISTIAN FORMATION ASSISTANT

We are pleased to welcome Aubrynn Hayden-Sloat to our staff as our new part-time Christian Formation Assistant. Aubrynn will be available on Sunday mornings to support Sunday School and Sunday evenings at Youth Nights. She has extensive experience in education, and she loves supporting people and teams in their educational endeavors. Aubrynn can be reached at aubrynn.sloat@gracealex.org.



SAVE THE DATE
October 24 from 12 noon - 4 p.m.
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church • 432 Van Buren St., Herndon



Hispanic and Latino siblings in Christ invite you to celebrate our unity and diversity at our first ¡Festival!

delicious antojito food • live music • dancing • games & activities for children & youth

- Free admission, but registration is required by October 14.
- Meet our diocese's new Minister for Hispanic/Latino Communities, the Rev'd Edgar Otero, and St. Timothy's new Associate Rector, the Rev'd Marycelis Otero.
- You are welcome to bring a sweet or dessert to share.
- We are looking for volunteers for several roles.

If you would like to help fund this event, we thank you! Please use this QR code.



Use this QR code to register.



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA

Sponsored by the Diocese of Virginia, the Ministry for Racial Justice and Healing, and Congregational Vitality.

BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 11	Everett Ruff
Monday, October 12	Casey Beck, Rushad Thomas
Wednesday, October 14	Ford Chinworth, Ariel Lopez Bonilla, Katherine Winstead
Thursday, October 15	Laura Laemmler-Weidenfeld, Lisa Medley
Saturday, October 17	Nicholas Winkel
Sunday, October 18	Christine Byrnes



Parishioner birthdays are listed weekly based on records from Breeze, our church database. For birthdays missing or listed on an incorrect date, please contact the church office to update your record. **Thank you!**

EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 10/11	7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 a.m. La Gracia Santa Eucaristía	Nave	
	9:00 a.m. Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	Formation Hour (Sunday School) – 9:40 a.m.	Various Rooms	emma.brice@gracealex.org
	Adult Forum – 9:40 a.m.	St. Mark Room	awcboris@hotmail.com
	10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
	5:00 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist	Nave	
Monday, 10/12	Church Campus Closed for Holiday		
Tuesday, 10/13	Morning Prayer – 9 a.m.	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry Bagging – 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	1 st floor Lobby	jennifer.pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6 p.m.	1 st floor Lobby	jennifer.pease@gracealex.org
	Executive Committee Meeting – 7 p.m.	Zoom	
Wednesday, 10/14	Morning Prayer – 9 a.m.	Malm Narthex	
	Evening Prayer – 5:30 p.m.	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed– 703.842.3121
	Bible Study – 7:30 p.m.	Zoom	stephen.lovell@gracealex.org
	Alcoholics Anonymous – 8 p.m.	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon – 8 p.m.	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 10/15	Morning Prayer – 9 a.m.	Malm Narthex	
	12:00 p.m. Midweek Eucharist	Lady Altar	
	Food Pantry Bagging – 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	1 st floor Lobby	jennifer.pease@gracealex.org
	Choir Rehearsal – 7 – 8:15 p.m.	Choir Room	josh.harrington@gracealex.org
Friday, 10/16	Food Pantry Bagging – 3 – 5 p.m.	1 st floor Lobby	jennifer.pease@gracealex.org
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6 p.m.	1 st floor Lobby	jennifer.pease@gracealex.org
Saturday, 10/17	Altar Guild Set Up – 9 a.m.	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study – 10 a.m.	Zoom	cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com

PRAYER @ GRACE THIS WEEK

We continue praying for all those in need of healing of mind, body, or spirit. We also pray for wisdom and strength for our communities, our elected officials, and our leaders as they make difficult and important decisions. As we join in common prayer this weekend, let us remember those who are in any need or trouble.

- **Parishioners:** Hector, Debbie, Ed, Colin, Jennifer, Linda, John, Ismael, Wendy, Lisa, Liz, Claire, Lesley & Kelly, June, Alex, Cristina, Bob, Lisa, Joe, Jennifer, Blanca, Don, Reba, Cricket, Phil, Doug, Lucy-Lee, Bette, Suzi & Jen, Jan, Lisa, Chrissie, Phil & Sharon.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Sally, Clare, Marilyn, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Cynthia, Elly, Valerie, José, Madison, Henry, Gustavo, Félix.
- **Family & friends:** Klaus, Michael, Sharon, Troy, Cathie, Cameron, Amy, Bill, Theresa, Rob & Sherry, Jack, Eileen, Deanna, Leslie, Sam, Lisa, Margianne, Courtney, Gina, Joanne, Jim, Theresa, Charlotte, Robert, Barbara, Shelton, Chrissy, Dave & Donna, Carole, Gretchen, Jack & Susan, Frank, Bob, Elaine & Bill, Miles, Eugene, Rick, Larry, Anica & Ophelia, Bill, Michael.
- **Members of our staff:** Amorita, Mother Anne, Aubrynn, Betsy, Duncan, Mother Emma, Jane, Father Jon, Josh, Kevin, Kim, Pedro, Samuel, Seth.
- **Grace School:** Students & their families; for the staff, especially Amanda, head of school.
- **Outreach & Justice Partners:** ALIVE, Casa Chirilagua, Christ Church Refugee and Lazarus Ministries, Community Lodgings, Haiti Micah Project, Health Tanzania, Meade Memorial Lunch Program, Tenants and Workers, V.O.I.C.E., Kathleen and Eddie Arthur Hearts of Love Fund.
- **Those who have died:** those who have died from illnesses and natural disasters; all those killed in acts of terror, violence, and war around the world.
- **Those serving our country in the Armed Forces and State Department overseas:** Noah Woodiwiss, Dan and Katy Pattarini, Karen & Eric Coulson, Erika Olander; for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war, and for physical and mental well-being of all veterans.
- **Others who are overseas serving the Church or our nation or teaching or studying abroad:** Chris & Melissa Reed, Virginia Robinson, Julie Mills, Cizek & Theo Halliwell, the Epifanovskiye family.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** St. Stephen's and The Good Shepherd, Rocky Bar, Elkton; Calvary, Front Royal.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** The Anglican Church of Burundi; Diocese of Central Busoga, Church of the Province of Uganda; Diocese of Butare, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; Diocese of Butere, Anglican Church of Kenya; Diocese of Buye, Anglican Church of Burundi; Diocese of Byumba, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; Diocese of Calabar, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

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