

Announcements

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The ski trip will be February 4-6th. If you are interested in attending, please see Brett Dixon. We will complete registration on December 22nd.

Next week will be the Cookie Swap. Bring your cookies (a dozen, two or three) to the parish hall at 9:15. Everyone, who brings cookies, will receive a plate to walk around and collect their assortment of cookies. Recipes are always appreciated! Please label if they contain nuts.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER December 15, 2010

Menu: Catered by Barbara Scott

Spaghetti with meat sauce, Green salad with home-made dressing, Green peas, Barbara's homemade bread with garlic butter, Creamy lemon pie.

\$6.00 per person

\$3.00 for children under 10

Family of 4 or more \$20

NAME: _____

PERSON (S) : _____

CHILDREN UNDER 10 : _____

Prayers

Pray for healing and comfort

Julie Kent
John Bostater
Karlann Bostater -chronic leukemia,cancer
Tippy Anderson-cancer
John Josey
Leif Jacobsen
Anna May Jacobsen
Barb Flagel
Rebecca Veeck-health issues
Jennifer Gaffney-health issues
David Rutledge
Betty Ward-cancer
Wesa Lund
Sabra Nickas
Josh Faller-coma
Wilma Eady -health issues
Danny Jennings-health issue
Pam Nichols Whitfield-health issues
Al Osteen-cancer
Rick Fletcher-cancer
Ross Hutcheon-back surgery
Jesse Cheek-health issues
Betty Halverson-pancreatic cancer—mother of Mary Waldo
Ellen Dollar -cancer
Wendie Cheek -cancer
Smith Pruitt-multiple myeloma
Rita Swofford
Mark Hellstrom
Beau Langer
Lee Morris
David Cullen
Betty Antonakos
Cathy Baughman

Requested by

Kathy Bostater
Kathy Bostater
Melissa Langford

Greta Jacobsen
Greta Jacobsen

Ellie Cooper
Ellie Cooper
Anne Radnor
Al Sloan

Ellie Cooper
Billy Croy
Ellie Cooper
Linda Hoffman
Lawrence Campbell
Dudley Jenkins
Nancy Welch
Family
Jack Hardaway
Jack Hardaway
Sara Cheek
Mary Winiarski
Don Cleveland
Janie Hellstrom
Beau Langer
Lynn Prince
John Cullen
Beau Langer
Cindy Baker



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**December 12, 2010
10:30 A.M.
Third Sunday of Advent**

Welcome to Grace Church!

We invite your participation in our life and ministry. Please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the offering plate so we can contact you. All baptized Christians, including children, are invited to share in Holy Communion. The ushers will direct you to the altar rail. Hold your outstretched hands to receive the bread. Please help guide the chalice to your lips. If you do not desire to receive the sacrament, please cross your arms across your chest, indicating you desire a blessing. Thank you for worshiping with us!

This Week's Events December 12-18

Sunday	8:00 am	HE Rite I
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	HE Rite II
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	3:00 pm	Christmas with Grace
Tuesday	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	5:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday	11:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Children's Choir
	6:00 pm	Supper
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	12:00 Noon	Men's Prayer Group

Those Who Serve:

Vestry: Julie Bates **Lectors:** Brett Dixon, Leah Durham
Intercessor/Chalice Bearer: Sara Cheek, Bob Prince
Presenters: Sara & Ken Cheek
Ushers: Ken Cheek, Jerry Welch, Pete Crosby, Barbara Davis
1st Crucifer: JT Cooper **Server:** Sally Hancock
Torchbearers: Sam Elsner, Caroline Woodson
Linen Guild: Pat Larsen **Altar Guild:** Kathy Bostater, Donna deHoll
Coffee Hour Hospitality: Virginia & Bill Hinnant, Nancy Wactor
Newcomer Ministry: Vylene Purvis, Jo Zeffiro

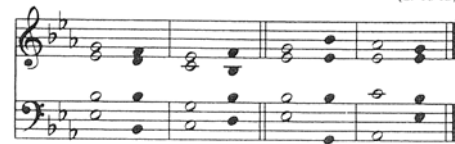
WE GATHER

Voluntary		Bill Ducworth
The Procession	<i>Rejoice! rejoice, believers</i>	Hymn#68
The Liturgy Begins		Book of Common Prayer 355
Song of Praise-Kyrie		S-96

Collect of the Day: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

WE LISTEN

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-10
The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

S 411Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

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Psalm 146:4-9

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!*
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading James 5:7-10
Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel* Hymn #56
vs. 4,5,6

The Gospel Reading Matthew 11:2-11
When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Sermon The Rev. Jack Hardaway

WE RESPOND

The Nicene Creed	Book of Common Prayer p. 358
Prayers of the People-Form IV	Book of Common Prayer p. 388
Confession of Sin	Book of Common Prayer p. 360
The Peace	Book of Common Prayer p. 360

WE OFFER UP

Offertory Anthem	<i>Thy Word</i>	The Youth Choir
	<i>Father I Adore You</i>	
	<i>As the Deer</i>	

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B	Book of Common Prayer p. 367
"Holy, Holy, Holy"	Hymn #S-130
The Lord's Prayer	Book of Common Prayer p. 364
The Fraction Anthem	#S-164

WE ARE FED

The Communion Hymns	<i>I come with joy</i>	Hymn #304
	<i>My God, thy table now is spread</i>	Hymn #321

Sending out of Lay Eucharistic Minister

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to Earle Rice that he may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one Cup.

The Post-Communion Thanksgiving	Book of Common Prayer p. 366
The Blessing	
The Procession	<i>Hark! The glad sound!</i> Hymn #72

WE ARE SENT OUT

The Sending Forth	Book of Common Prayer p. 366
Organ Voluntary	

Having been fed the body and blood of Christ we are compelled to go out into the world to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ, to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Annual Meeting, to be held January 9th, is quickly approaching. One of the things this means is the rotation of four new members onto our Vestry to replace the four that have served their three year term. Perhaps, you have considered serving Grace Church in a leadership position but just wanted to discuss it more before making that commitment? If so, we'd like to talk to you. Please contact the Senior Warden, Julie Bates (225-3184) or any other Vestry member. If you know of someone who you think would like to serve and would make an ideal candidate, please let us know that as well.

Christmas with Grace— Choir Concert, **TODAY** at 3:00 p.m. reception following in the parlor, hosted by the choir.

Christmas Eve Services— **5:00 Christmas Pageant**
8:00 pm Eucharist
10:00 pm Music starts
10:30 pm Eucharist