

Announcements

EYC will leave Saturday December 5th at 8:30 am for Highlands. They will visit the Christmas tree farm and lunch with the Campbell's. They will return home late afternoon. Please let Lyn Merchant know if you plan to attend.

Pageant practice will be 9:15 each Sunday morning. Please gather in the parish hall if you are participating in the pageant. Parents can pick their children up from the parish hall at 10:10. Anyone interested in participating in the program by playing an instrument please see Lyn Merchant or Bill Ducworth.

Advent activities next Sunday we will celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas. Their will be activities for the children in the parish hall. December 19th will be the cookie swap. Swap a dozen or two of your cookies for an assortment of those baked by others. If you have a few extras we will add them to a samples plate.

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER **December 8, 2010**

Menu: Catered by Barbara Scott

Chili con carne with beans, Pasta salad, Green beans, Corn muffins, Pound cake with vanilla ice cream.

\$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
 Stuart M. Barnes-cancer
 John Bostater
 Karlann Bostater -chronic leukemia,cancer
 Tippy Anderson-cancer
 John Josey
 Leif Jacobsen
 Anna May Jacobsen
 Barb Fligel
 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

Requested by

Hugh Osburn
 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

JOHN THE BAPTIST



Prepare ye the way of the Lord!
 Get ready! Company is coming!

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December 5, 2010
10:30 A.M.
Second 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 5-11

Sunday	8:00 am	HE Rite I
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	HE Rite II
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
Monday	12:00 Noon	St. Catherine's Lunch
Tuesday	10:00 am	Staff 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
Saturday	5:00 pm	Walker/Trado Wedding

Those Who Serve:

Vestry: Julie Bates **Lectors:** Justin Durham, Mary Winiarski
Intercessor/Chalice Bearer: Melissa Langford, Al Sloan
Presenters: Tom & Sally Hancock
Ushers: Elliott Holman, Don Colman, Justin Durham, Lawrence Hammett
1st Crucifer: William Langford **Server:** William Woodson
Torchbearers: Dylan Hellstrom, Jacob Arnold
Linen Guild: Phyllis Crosby **Altar Guild:** Pat Larsen, Elizabeth Thro
Coffee Hour Hospitality: Wilma Eady, Billy Croy
Newcomer Ministry: Dena & John Cullen

WE GATHER

Voluntary Bill Ducworth
 The Procession *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry* Hymn#76
 The Liturgy Begins Book of Common Prayer 355
 Song of Praise-Kyrie S-96

Collect of the Day: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

WE LISTEN

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10
 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.



Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
 and your righteousness to the King's Son;
 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
 and the poor with justice;
 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
 and the little hills bring righteousness.
 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
 from one generation to another.
 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
 like showers that water the earth.
 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
 who alone does wondrous deeds!
 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
 and may all the earth be filled with his glory.

Second Reading Romans 15:4-13
 Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, he one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel* Hymn #56
 vs. 1,2,3

The Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12
 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Sermon The Rev. Jack Hardaway

WE RESPOND

The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 358
 Prayers of the People-Form III Book of Common Prayer p. 387
 The Peace Book of Common Prayer p. 360

WE OFFER UP

Offertory Anthem *O come, O come Emanuel* arr. parker
 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 *Humble I adore thee* Hymn #314
Here, O my Lord Hymn #318

Sending out of Lay Eucharistic Minister
Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to Margie Osburn, and Evelyn Jones that they 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 *There's a voice in the wilderness crying* Hymn #75

WE ARE SENT OUT

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

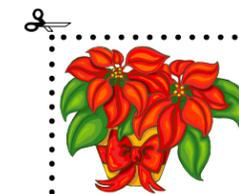
Having been fed the body and blood of Christ we are compelled to go out into the world to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ, to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.

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.

St. Catherine's Guild—The ladies of St. Catherine's Annual Christmas Luncheon will take place on Monday, December 6, 2010 at Noon. The luncheon will be held at Dena Cullen's home, 211 Canebrake Drive, Anderson. Please bring a dish to share and stocking stuffers for our homebound. The meat and drinks will be provided by hostess. More information, please call (864) 222-9425. All ladies are welcome.

Christmas with Grace— Choir Concert, Sunday **December 12th** at 3:00 p.m. reception follow hosted by the choir.



**Christmas
 Flowers and Greens**

Please complete and return to the parish office no later than **December 5th**. The minimum suggested donation is \$20. If you would like to give one of the door wreaths, the suggested donation is \$25.00

Given to the Glory of God and in:

Memory of _____

Honor of _____

Given by _____

Amount enclosed _____