

Grace Notes

- **Annual Giving Report** \$19,153 (Surplus)
- **Flowers** are given To The Glory of God and in Celebration of Brett and Rebecca Dixon, by Tony and Annette Guiseppi-Elie.
- We are **In Need** of adults to assist with children's church. If you are interested, please contact Sharon George at slgeorge864@gmail.com
- **Fiber Friends and Fellowship** Join us as we knit, crochet, chat and get to know one another. Bring any portable project of handcrafting. We meet **Tuesdays at 11 a.m.**
- **Coffee Hour** just after the **10:30 Service**, in the Parish Hall..... Join US, Everyone is Welcome!
- If you would like to look at the **Notes from the General Convention 81** from Bishop Richards or information about Presiding Bishop Elect Sean Rowe visit <https://www.edusc.org/>
- The Order of the **Daughter of the Kings (DOK)** is anticipating establishing a chapter here at Grace Episcopal \. If you are currently a member or have been a member, please contact Debbie Hand at (316) 617-2409 or Brenda Richardson at (912) 332-3695. If you are interested in learning more about DOK, please let Debbie or Brenda know.
- **Let's keep the Blessing Box/Little Food Pantry filled!!!** A list of suggested items can be found on the bulletin board and in the cloister.
- **EYC** meets **tonight at 5 p.m.**
- **Church Office** will be Closed **Monday September 2nd.**
- **NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!** Interested in marriage, or baptism or confirmation or studying the faith? The next class of **Episcopal Christianity** begins **Sunday September 8th at 9:15 AM** in the parish library. The classes dates are **Sept. 8, 29, Oct. 6, 13 and 27.**
- **Brookdale Eucharist: Wednesday, September 11th at 11 a.m.**
- **Blessing of the Scarves: Sunday, September 15th.**
- **Save The Date:** We invite you to celebrate the 20 yr wedding anniversary for Brett and Rebecca Dixon with a Renewal of Vows ceremony here at Grace on **Saturday, Sept. 28th at 5 p.m.** and a reception to follow in the Parish Hall. Please text RSVP by **Sept. 15th** to (864) 617-4364.
- The **EDUSC Deputation to the 81st General Convention** of the Episcopal Church invites you to participate in a forum to learn about the work of the convention. Churches in the Upstate and Midlands will host two forums. Each forum should last an hour-and-a-half depending on the amount of discussion and number of questions. **Forum 2** is **Saturday, September 28th at 10 a.m.** at St. Michael and All Angels in Columbia.

- **Brenda Martinez Blog Post:** If you would like to see what Brenda has been up to visit her link <http://sendmelord123.blogspot.com/2024/08/every-journey-to-healing-begins-with.html> to see her latest blog post
- **South Main Chapel and Mercy Center** is in need of Men's and Women's socks and underwear. Donations may be left in the cloister or by the church office
- **Save the date - Grace's 26th annual BBQ** will take place at the Farmers Market **from 5:00 to 8:00 on October 26th**, with proceeds going to Family Promise. This is a wonderful way to support each other and our community. We will need your help. There are many ways you can assist in making this happen. Danny will have tickets for you to take and sell, and sign-up sheets will be in the cloister in early September. Did we mention it's great food and tons of fun! If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Danny Ehlert (864) 276-2579 or Carol Miller (303) 507-8816.

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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1 September 2024
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

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The Word of God

The Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me:
"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away."

The Psalm

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

Eructavit cor meum

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; *
**grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.**

- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
**a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.**
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
**on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

The Second Lesson

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Holy Gospel

Deacon or Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark*
People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and

bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Deacon or Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*
People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

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Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Louis Lebrun

Second Counter: Kirri Kinley

Lector: Kathe Harris

Intercessor: Kathe Harris

Chalice: Kathe Harris

Church Opener: Jim Harris

Those with birthday's this week

Cory Trotter

Nolan Bostick

Dixie Harris

Martha Gregory

John Cullen

Erik Erlenkeuser

Scott Taylor