

Grace Notes

- **Annual Giving Report** \$3,317 (Deficit)
- **Flowers** are given in Celebration of Kathryn and Jackson's upcoming wedding, by Andy and Renee Potter.
- 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.
- **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
- **EYC** meets **tonight at 5 p.m.**
- **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.**
- **Outreach** meets **Tuesday, September 10th at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Brookdale Communion Visit:** **Wednesday, September 11th at 4 p.m.**
- **EYC Fall Market:** **Saturday, September 14th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
- **Champions Center for Special Children Gala:** **Saturday, September 14th 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.**
- **In Gathering and Blessing of the Prayer Scarves, Blankets, and Hats:** **Sunday, September 15th.**
- **Vestry Meeting:** **Monday, September 16th at 6 p.m.**
- **Wednesday Night Dinner:** **Wednesday, September 18th at 6 p.m.**
- **Grief Support:** **Thursday, September 19th at 10 a.m.** Lunch to Follow.
- **Guys Gathering at Grace:** **Thursday, September 19th at 6 p.m.**
- **Homeless for the Homeless, Build a Box City:** **September 20th - 21st 5 p.m. - 7 a.m.**
- **EYC Family Night at Big Air:** **Saturday, September 21st 5 p.m.**
- **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.

- **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
- **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.
- 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.



Paul Gauguin 1892

MERCY TRIUMPHS!

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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8 September 2024

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

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The Word of God

The Collect

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;
for the LORD pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

The Psalm

Psalm 125

Qui confidunt

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
**so does the LORD stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.**

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

The Second Lesson

James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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: Janet Rippy

Second Counter: Mike Magaha

Lector: Tony Gusippie-Elie

Intercessor: Annette Gusippie-Elie

Chalice: Annette Gusippie-Elie

Church Opener: Tab Bates

Chalice 1: Jackie Lenhart

Eucharist Visitor: Annette Gusippie-Elie

Those with birthday's this week

Beth Cheek Dena Cullen

Donovan Colman David Burden

Dixie Smith Fay Theriot

Gloria Byrd Dylan Bilbrey

Emerson Potter