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SUMMER IS ALREADY NEAR

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1 December 2024

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary -

The Procession

Hymn #56

O come, o come, Emmanuel

(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent; Ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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The Word of God

Song of Praise #S-236

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the
depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Title: Canticum 13, A Song of Praise: *Benedictus es, Domine*
Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
**let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel Hymn #58

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,
 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)
 Music: *St. Thomas*, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711–1786); harm. att. Vincent Francis Novello (1781–1861)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Sermon

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Prayer of the People Form II - page 385

Confession of Sin and Absolution - page 360

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory - Hymn 380

From all that dwell below the skies

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes Octante trois de David, 1551, alt. ; harm, after Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561)

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B - page 367 Sanctus S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus* Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Fraction Anthem S-154

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Words: Psalm 34

Music: James E. Moore Jr.

Communion Hymn #307

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

1 Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be -
 *2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in
 *3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for
 5 Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, smit - ten

1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels
 4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -

1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.
 2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.
 5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!
 1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing
 2 Thou art here, we ask not
 3 We in wor - ship join with
 4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery
 5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.
 3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.
 4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.
 5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

LEVAS Hymn #14

1. Soon and ver - y soon_____ we are goin' to see the King,_____
2. No more cry - in' there_____ we are goin' to see the King,_____
3. No more dy - in' there_____ we are goin' to see the King,_____
4. Soon and ver - y soon_____ we are goin' to see the King;_____

1. Soon and ver - y soon_____ we are goin' to see the King,_____
2. No more cry - in' there_____ we are goin' to see the King,_____
3. No more dy - in' there_____ we are goin' to see the King,_____
4. Soon and ver - y soon_____ we are goin' to see the King;_____

1. Soon and ver - y soon_____ we are goin' to see the King,
2. No more cry - in' there_____ we are goin' to see the King,
3. No more dy - in' there_____ we are goin' to see the King,
4. Soon and ver - y soon_____ we are goin' to see the King;

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,_____ we're goin' to see the King!

1.2. | 3.4.
Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -

jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

Words: Andrae Crouch (b. 1942) Music: Andrae Crouch

Grace Notes

- **Annual Giving Report** \$9,150 Surplus as of 10/31/24.
- **Week 4 - Pledges 2024** - Total amount \$258,392
Total cards - 70: **2025** - Total amount \$230,830, Total cards - 69.
- 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.**
- **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
- **The Wine, Women and Wisdom group** is sponsoring a Diaper Drive to support our local Diaper Bank and those who need it. To contribute, bring baby diapers of any size to church during November. There is a collection spot in the Narthex. Thank you.
- **In Need:** Hope Missions, South Main Chapel and Mercy Center, Clean Start, and Patrick Harris Psychiatric Hospital are all in **need of men's pants sizes 30, 32, and 34.** Hope Missions and Clean Start are in **need of belts of all sizes.** Donated items can be placed in the cloister or on a back table in the parish hall.
- **Year End Contributions:** checks must be postmarked on or before **December 31st, 2024.** Any checks received after 12/31/2024 will be posted to your 2025 statement.
- **2025 offering envelopes** may be picked up in the cloister on **December 1st.**
- **EYC:** we will meet **tonight at 5 p.m.**
- **EPISCOPAL CHRISTIANITY TAKE 2!** Bishop Richard's next visitation is **Nov 2, 2025.** Because of the unusual delay in his visitation many are interested in being confirmed and received at **St. George on March 9th 2025.** And because of the unusual demand and tight schedule Fr. Jack's class is beginning again immediately. **Sundays 9:15 AM Parish Library: Dec. 8,15, 22, Jan. 5, 19.**
- **South Main Chapel and Mercy Center Lunch:** Outreach will be serving lunch at South Main **today, Sunday Dec. 1st.** We need volunteers to help cook and serve.
- **St. Catherine Guild** will meet **Monday, Dec. 1 at noon** in the Parish Hall.
- **Smoke Alarm Safety Class:** **Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 1 p.m.** at the Anderson County Library.
- **The Feast of St. Nicholas Advent Lessons and Carols:** **Friday, Dec. 6th at 7 p.m.** at St. John's Methodist Church in Anderson.
- **Newcomer's Jingle Breakfast:** If you are new to Grace, we would like to get to know you by welcoming you to a family friendly breakfast with warm holiday drinks on **Saturday, Dec 7th from 9-10:30 a.m.** Come dressed in your favorite ugly sweater or holiday attire. Fr. Jack along with several "seasoned" members at Grace will be there to welcome you and answer any questions you may have about Grace. Please contact Debbie Hand at handrab@yahoo.com if you have any questions or would like to help out.
- **EYC Christmas Party** is **Dec. 8th at 5pm.** Please bring a \$5-\$10 gift to exchange. All youth are welcome to join, and Christmas attire is encouraged. If you are interested in providing a snack or food for this event, please contact Sharon.
- **Lights of Hope for Family Promise:** **December 13th, 15th, and 21st.** Volunteers are needed to man the front gate from **5 pm - 10 pm.**
- **Disaster Relief Teams:** If you are interested in serving on a Disaster Relief team to help with the efforts in North Carolina, please contact Deacon Mary at jeffers6sc@att.net. There is also a signup sheet in the cloister. For more information contact Deacon Mary.
- **Spruce Pine** is still in need of the following items: **heaters, generators, extension cords, gas cans and new coats; also laundry detergent, soap, basic toiletries, and deodorant are needed.** Donated items need to be brought to the church **by Monday.** They will be delivered this week. **Monetary donations are also needed** to cover costs of the delivery. For more information contact Deacon Mary.

PLEASE HELP TAKE CARE OF THE GRACE PARISH HALL: Our newly renovated parish hall is already pretty scuffed up, please help scrub the walls and avoid stacking chairs against the walls, or putting chairs and tables against the walls. If you remove a table or chair or anything else from the parish hall closet please return it immediately after being used in an orderly way. The default setting for the parish hall is **8 round tables, 4 rectangular tables, and 48 chairs, 6 per table.** The Grace Parish Hall is for everyone, please keep it nice for others to use as well. Much Thanks!

Those Who Serve

- Vestry-in-Charge:** Cory Trotter
- Second Counter:** Bess Boyer
- Lector:** Al Sloan
- Lector:** Tom Pearce
- Intercessor:** Debbie Hand
- Chalice 2:** Sara Cheek
- 1st Crucifer:** Nathanael Burden
- Server/Gospel Bearer:** David Burden
- Torch Bearers:** Anna Rose Burden, Anna Swinford
- Ushers:** Brett Dixon, Hugh Osburn
- Linen Guild:** Dixie Harris
- Altar Guild:** Pam Herold, Bess Boyer
- Interim Organist/Choirmaster:** Bill Scott
- Organist Emeritus:** Bill Scott



Those with birthdays this week

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| Larry Bowman | Opie Reed |
| Bill Hinnant | Cobb Oxford |
| Sandy Sloan | Mary Harris |
| Mark Conyers | Bren Bowman |

Vestry Members

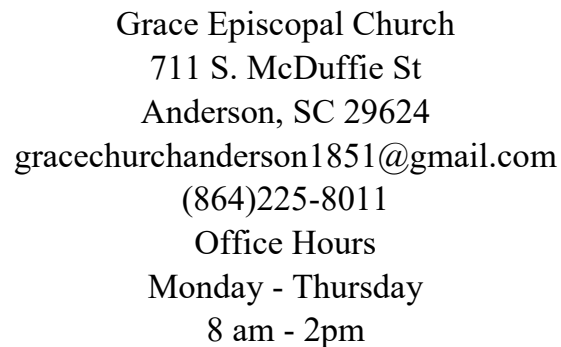
Cindy Baker - 2022-2024
Bess Boyer - 2022-2024
Beth Lollis, Sr. Warden - 2022-2024
Rob Homer-Drummond - 2023-2025
Janet Rippy, Clerk- 2023-2025
Louis Lebrun, Jr. Warden - 2023-2025
Kirri Kinley - 2024-2026
Mike Magaha - 2024-2026
Cory Trotter - 2024-2026
Debbie Hand - 2024-2026
David Burden - 2024-2025
Mike Digby - 2024

Delegates to the Convention

Carol Miller
Melissa Langford
Jane Williams
Cindy Baker

Grace Church Endowment

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