

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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Smoke Alarm Safety Class:** **Wednesday, Dec. 4th 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.
- **Lights of Hope for Family Promise:** **December 13th, 15th, and 21st.** Volunteers are needed to man the front gate from **5 pm - 10 pm.**
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.**

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

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Van Gogh 1889

SUMMER IS ALREADY NEAR

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1 December 2024
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 First Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Grace!

The Liturgy Begins on page 323

The Word of God

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.

The Holy Gospel

Deacon or Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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."

Deacon or Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon

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Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Mike Magaha

Second Counter: Cindy Baker

Lector:

Intercessor:

Chalice:

Church Opener:

Those with birthday's this week

Larry Bowman

Opie Reed

Bill Hinnant

Cobb Oxford

Sandy Sloan

Mary Harris

Mark Conyers

Bren Bowman

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!