

Grace Notes

- **Annual Giving Report** \$9,150 Surplus as of 10/31/24.
- **Week 5 - Pledges 2024** - Total amount \$276,092 Total cards - 76: **2025** - Total amount \$256,050, Total cards - 76.
- We are **In Need** of adults to assist with children's church. If you are interested, please contact Sharon George at slgeorge864@gmail.com
- **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.
- **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.

- **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.**
- **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.
- **Brookdale Communion Visit:** **Monday, Dec. 9th at 11 a.m.**
- **Outreach Meeting:** **Tuesday, Dec 10th at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Staff Christmas Lunch** is **Wednesday, Dec. 11th from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** The office will be closed during this time.
- **Choir** has resumed meeting on **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Vestry Meeting:** **Monday, Dec. 16th at 6 p.m.**
- **Stations of the Manger:** **Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 6 p.m.**
- **Grief Support:** **Thursday, Dec. 19th at 10 a.m.**
- **Lights of Hope for Family Promise:** **December 13th, 15th, and 21st.** Volunteers are needed to man the front gate from **5 pm - 10 pm.**
- **2025 offering envelopes** may be picked up in the cloister starting- **December 1st.**
- We are collecting new or gently used **coats and blankets** for our community friends. They may be brought to the church until **January 6th.**

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!



Blue Advent Service:
Wednesday, Dec. 18th
at 11 a.m. at Grace.
Healing Service and
Holy Eucharist

Those with birthday's this week

Scott Mattison
Kate Wilford
Sharon Dorsey
Noah hand
Lucy Bates
Pam Herold

Debbie Hand
Cathy Foster
Connie Ormes
Greta Jacobsen
Louise Knisley
Bryan Harris

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8 am - 2pm



Henry Ossawa Tanner 1898

CRYING OUT IN THE WILDERNESS

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Welcome to Grace!

The Liturgy Begins on page 323

The Word of God

The Collect

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.

The First Lesson

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;

for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Canticle 16

The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
**holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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: Cory Trotter

Second Counter: Bess Boyer

Lector: Tony Guiseppi-Elie

Intercessor: Anette Guiseppi-Elie

Chalice: Tony Guiseppi-Elie

Church Opener: Tab Bates