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Grace Notes

- 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
- **In Need:** Hope Missions is in need of **small bottles of baby powder, corn starch powder, and foot powder.** Donated items can be placed in the cloister or on a back table in the parish hall.
- **Mommy and Me Mondays:** Moms of young children, join us every **Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. starting Jan. 6th** for a time where you can meet other moms while your little one is entertained.
- **Fiber Friends and Fellowship** meets **every Tuesday at 11 a.m.** in the Parish Hall.
- **WWW** meets **every Tuesday from 6:30-8 p.m.** in the Parlor.
- **Pacesetters Square Dancing Group:** Will meet **every Thursday from Jan. - Aug. from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Church BBQ will be **Oct, 11 2025**
- **Daughters of the King (DOK)** will have a meeting today **Sunday, Feb. 2nd from 9:15-10 a.m.** in the Parlor for anyone who may have questions about the organization.
- **Confirmation:** If you have taken the class and are wanting to get confirmed on **March 9th or Nov 2nd,** Let Nikki know so we can get your form filled out and make sure you are on the list.
- **Special Coffee Hour:** There will be a special coffee hour **today Sunday, Feb. 2nd** to welcome our new organist Steve Grant to Grace. All are welcome to join.
- **St. Catherine's Guild** will meet **Monday, Feb 3rd at noon** in the Parlor. Bring a sandwich.
- **EYC Lock In:** **Saturday, Feb 8th at 6 p.m. - Sunday, Feb. 9th after the 10:30 Service.**
- **Ingathering of Prayer Shawls** is **Sunday, Feb. 9th**
- **Souper Bowl Subs** will be **Sunday, Feb 9th.** You can get your sub after either service.
- **Brookdale Communion Visit** **Monday, Feb. 10th at 11 a.m.**
- **Outreach Meeting** is **Tuesday, Feb. 11th at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Happy Birthday Grace Eucharist Liturgy** will be **Wednesday, Feb. 12th at 6 p.m.**
- **DOK** will have an Orientation meeting on **Saturday, Feb 8th from 10 a.m. - noon**
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, Feb 13th at 10 a.m.**

- **Wednesday night suppers at Grace are BACK!** We will host 2 suppers followed by Bingo on **Wednesday February 12th** after the Happy Birthday Grace service and **Wednesday February 26th.** Both suppers will begin around 6:30 and will be catered. The cost will be about \$12-15 per person. I will be finalizing with the caterer this week. Please consider joining us for fellowship and Bingo FUN! Please contact the Church office or Kirri Kinley (843)384-5213 to RSVP for either 2/12 or 2/26.
- The **Outreach Committee** is preparing to choose an organization to support for this calendar year. Besides being the beneficiary of the BBQ proceeds, the organization should have other ways our congregation can volunteer, support, and be involved. We are asking members for suggestions. Please submit your suggestions to the Church Office, or talk with Tom or Connie Pearce or Janet Rippy.

Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Louis LeBrun
Second Counter: Mike Digby
Lector: Kathe Harris
Intercessor: Annette Guiseppi-Elie
Chalice 1 : Kathe Harris
Chalice 2: Melissa Langford
Church Opener: Tab Bates

Those with birthday's this week

Rylee Simmons	Lisa Joseph
Linda Foley	Ava Camak
Jack Mansmann	Lisa Mattison

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SIMEON'S SONG

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 2 February 2025
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION
CANDLEMAS

Welcome to Grace!

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CANDLEMAS PROCESSION

All are provided with unlighted candles. The congregation stands facing the celebrant at the back of the Nave.

Celebrant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Dear people of God, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he has presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same Spirit, we now enter the house of God, where we shall recognize Christ in the breaking of bread.

The following canticle is then said, after which the candles are lighted.

Celebrant: A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

People: A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

Celebrant: Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised.

People: A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

Celebrant: For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

People: A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

The Celebrant then says the following prayer

Let us pray.

God our Father, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines for ever, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Procession

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Psalm 48:1-2, 10-13 *In unison during procession*

1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.

2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.

10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.

11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.

12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

Celebrant: We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O Lord,
in the midst of your temple. Your praise, like your Name, O
God, reaches to the world's end; your right hand is full of
justice.

People: We have waited on your loving-kindness, O Lord, in the
midst of your temple.

Collect of the Day: Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as
your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be
presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

After the Collect of the Day, all extinguish their candles.

The First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way
before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.
The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is com-
ing, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and
who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner
and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine
them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in right-
eousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to
the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Psalm

Psalm 24:7-10 (*read responsively by half verse*)

Domini est terra

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
**"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."**

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
**"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."**

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise
shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one
who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all
their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that

he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.
Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every
respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in
the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of
the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he
is able to help those who are being tested.

The Holy Gospel

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

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

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of
Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present
him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every
firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they
offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the
Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this
man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation
of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to
him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had
seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into
the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do
for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his
arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being
said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother
Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many
in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner
thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your
own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the
tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her hus-
band seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of
eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with
fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and
began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were
looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord,
they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child
grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God
was upon him.

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

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

The Sermon