

## Grace Notes

- **Preliminary Annual Giving Report for 2024:** \$31,261 Surplus.
- **Week 10 - Pledges 2024** - Total amount \$343,312 Total cards - 99: **2025** - Total amount \$321,334, Total cards - 100.
- **Flowers** are given in thanks to God for the beautiful gift of Campbell Grace and in honor of her baptism
- We are **In Need** of adults to assist with children's church. If you are interested, please contact Sharon George at [slgeorge864@gmail.com](mailto: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, 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.** Any checks received after 12/31/2024 will be posted to your 2025 statement.
- **2025 offering envelopes** may be picked up in the Parish Office.
- **Fiber Friends and Fellowship** meets **every Tuesday at 11 a.m.** 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.
- **DATE CHANGE:** The Annual Soup Luncheon has been changed to **Thursday, Jan. 30th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
- **EPISCOPAL CHRISTIANITY TAKE 2!** The last class is **Sunday, Jan. 19th at 9:15 AM** Parish Library
- **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.
- **Brookdale Communion Visit:** **Monday, Jan. 13th at 11 a.m.**
- **Vestry Meeting:** **Monday, Jan. 13th at 6 p.m.**
- **Outreach Meeting:** **Monday, Jan. 14th at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Wiggle Church:** **Wednesday, Jan. 15th at 6 p.m.**
- **Grief Support:** **Thursday, Jan. 16th at 10 a.m.**
- **Guys Gathering at Grace GGG** will resume on **January 16th (third Thursday) at 6 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. All Grace men and guests welcome. Doug Martin will prepare a Sonoran Mexican dinner but would appreciate **RSVP by the 14th** to have a sufficient food available, E-mail [pere-grino.doug@gmail.com](mailto:pere-grino.doug@gmail.com). Bring a beverage of choice.
- **Mayor's 18th Annual MLK Breakfast:** **Friday, Jan. 17th** at Anderson Civic Center. Doors open at **8 a.m.** event starts at **8:30 a.m.** This is a free event but please RSVP to [bbell@cityofandersonsc.com](mailto:bbell@cityofandersonsc.com) or call (864) 231-1135
- **EYC Spare Time Trip:** **Saturday, Jan. 18th from 2-6 p.m.**
- **MLK Jr. Birthday Celebration:** **Monday, Jan. 20th at 4:30 p.m.** and the Anderson Civic Center.
- **Church Office** will be **Closed Monday, Jan. 20th .**

- **WWW** meets **every Tuesday from 6:30-8 p.m.** in the Parlor.
- **Annual Meeting:** **Sunday, Jan. 26th at 9:30 a.m.** the annual breakfast will begin at **8:45 a.m.** in the parish hall. Please reach out to Kirri Kinley at [kirrikinley@gmail.com](mailto:kirrikinley@gmail.com) or (843) 384-5213 with a sweet or savory breakfast dish you will bring to share! All reports are due to Office by **Wednesday, Jan. 15th.**
- **The Grace Life committee** is compiling a list of parish allergies. Please complete if you would like to share. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sps7SvVYJdVWnCM38GavBlN1z3ZQXizPnDbq3wn2cSI/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sps7SvVYJdVWnCM38GavBlN1z3ZQXizPnDbq3wn2cSI/viewform?edit_requested=true) We will make sure to note any foods that include shared allergies.
- **Pacesetters Square Dancing Group:** Will meet **every Thursday from Jan. - Aug. from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.

### Vestry Members

Cindy Baker - 2022-2024  
 Bess Boyer - 2022-2024  
 Beth Lollis, Sr. Warden- 2022-2024  
 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**  
 Matthias Kloeck  
 Lee Hancock  
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 Carol Miller  
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Henry Ossawa Tanner 1895

# THE VOICE OF THE LORD IS UPON THE WATERS

## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

12 January 2025  
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 The Baptism of our Lord  
 First Sunday after Epiphany

# Welcome to Grace!

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## The Word of God

### The Collect

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### The First Lesson

#### Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth--  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

## The Psalm

**Psalm 29** (*read responsively by half verse*)

### Afferte Domino

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
**worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
**the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
**the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
**the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
**the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
**and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
**all are crying, "Glory!"**
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
**the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
**the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

### The Second Lesson

#### Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

### The Holy Gospel

Deacon or Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Luke.*  
People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

#### Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the

thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased. "

Deacon or Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*  
People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

### The Sermon

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**The Peace**

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### The Holy Communion

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### Those who serve

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Mike Digby

**Second Counter:** David Burden

**Lector:** Tony Guiseppi-Elie

**Intercessor:** Kathe Harris

**Chalice:** Annette Guiseppi-Elie

**Church Opener:** Tab Bates

**Eucharist Visitor:** Annette Guiseppi-Elie

### Those with birthday's this week

Lisa Tucker

Michelle Ricketson

Anna Swinford

Bill Harris

Brianna Swinford

Kirri Kinley

Barbara Crawford

Maddie Clark

Pam White

Patty Cleveland

Bess Boyer

Lacrecia Bilbrey