

## Grace Notes

- **Preliminary Annual Giving Report for 2024:** \$29,860 Surplus.
- **Week 12 - Pledges 2024** - Total amount \$345,712 Total cards - 100; **2025** - Total amount \$332,497, Total cards - 102.
- 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, belts of all sizes, 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.
- **Daughters of the King (DOK)** will have a meeting **Sunday, Feb. 2nd from 9:15-10 a.m.** in the Parlor for anyone who may have questions about the organization.
- **Pacesetters Square Dancing Group:** Will meet **every Thursday from Jan. - Aug. from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.
- **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.
- **Annual Meeting: today 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!
- **Soup Luncheon Date Change:** We will be having the 75th Annual Grace Episcopal Soup Luncheon to benefit the Anderson Emergency Soup Kitchen on **Thursday 1/30/25**. Tickets will be available for those who want to sell or give them to friends but will also be sold at the door. We will be delivering meals again and help is needed to get local businesses to place orders. Volunteers needed to make soup, desserts, set up/slice desserts/cornbread on **1/29/25** as well as volunteer **1/30/25** to serve, deliver, clean up. Soup Saturday to be **Saturday 25TH**. Signups will be in the cloister but you can also directly contact Jodie Webb 864-380 1683/[j.webb@nationwide.com](mailto:j.webb@nationwide.com) to let her know of your willingness to help. Connie Pearce is in charge of cornbread -contact her re: helping/donations 864-634-4728.
- **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.
- **Episcopal Relief and Development** is responding to the wildfires in Southern California. For more information visit

<https://episcopalnewsservice.org/pressreleases/episcopal-relief-development-is-responding-to-the-wildfires-in-southern-california/>

- 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.
- We would like to **welcome Steve Grant** as our new Organist Choir Master. He will begin at Grace on **Jan. 29th**, and his first Sunday will be **Feb. 2nd**.

### Those who serve

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Louis LeBrun  
**Second Counter:** Mike Digby  
**Lector:** Melissa Langford  
**Intercessor:** Kathe Harris  
**Chalice:** Melissa Langford  
**Church Opener:** Drew Lavan

### Those with birthday's this week

John Peebles	Susan Whatley
Luke Kent	Jack Hardaway
Baylis Maxwell	

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# THE EYES OF ALL

## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

26 January 2025  
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 Third Sunday after the Epiphany

# Welcome to Grace!

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## The Word of God

### The Collect

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The First Lesson

#### Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

### The Psalm

**Psalm 19** (*read responsively by half verse*)

#### *Caeli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
**and the firmament shows his handiwork.**
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
**and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
**and their voices are not heard,**
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
**and their message to the ends of the world.**
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
**it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;**  
**it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
**nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
**the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
**the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.**

10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
**sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
**and in keeping them there is great reward.**

12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
**cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
**then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.**

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
**O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## The Second Lesson

### 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension with-

in the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

## The Holy Gospel

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

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

### Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

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

## The Sermon

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