

## Grace Notes

- **Annual Giving Report** \$19,257 Surplus as of 11/30/24.
- **Week 9 - Pledges 2024** - Total amount \$320,112 Total cards - 92: **2025** - Total amount \$313,234, Total cards - 97.
- 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.
- **A Night at The Opera:** Join Cancer Association of Anderson on **Saturday, Jan. 11th at 7 p.m.** at St. John's United Methodist Church. For more information visit [www.caanerson.org](http://www.caanerson.org)
- **Annual Meeting:** **Sunday, Jan. 26th.** All reports are due to Office by **Wednesday, Jan. 15th.**
- **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 9<sup>th</sup> 2025.** And because of the unusual demand and tight schedule Fr. Jack's class is beginning again immediately. **Sundays 9:15 AM Parish Library: Jan. 5, 19.**
- We are collecting new or gently used **Coats and Blankets for the King** for our community friends. They may be brought to the church until Epiphany, **January 6th.**
- **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.
- **WWW:** Our next book; **Starting Jan 7th 'The Book of Joy'** by Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama Led by Carol Miller and Jane Williams in the fellowship hall at Grace **6:30-8:00 p.m. every Tuesday.** This will be a refresher for some of us and new for others. May JOY be a focus for each of us in 2024. Please bring your own book and read up to page 24.
- **Family Vision Casting:** Join us **Wednesday, Jan. 8th at 6 p.m.** for a meal and time of sharing ideas and requests for family-oriented programming at Grace in 2025. RSVP to Sharon Dorsey at [slgeorge864@gmail.com](mailto:slgeorge864@gmail.com) by **Jan. 5th.**
- **Pacesetters Square Dancing Group:** Starting **Thursday, Jan. 9th** the Pacesetters Square Dancing Group will begin holding their weekly class in the Parish Hall at Grace. All ages are welcome to join as long as they can follow the direction of the caller Mike Cox. They will meet **every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** You do

not have to have a partner or know how to Square dance. The kind people in this group will teach you how.

- **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.**
- **Guy's Gathering at Grace:** **Thursday, Jan. 16th at 6 p.m.**
- **EYC Spare Time Trip:** **Saturday, Jan. 18th from 2-6 p.m.**
- **Church Office will be Closed Monday, Jan. 20th .**

### Those who serve

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Beth Lollis  
**Second Counter:** Debbie Hand  
**Lector:** Kathe Harris  
**Intercessor:** Kathe Harris  
**Chalice:** Kathe Harris  
**Church Opener:** Jim Harris

### Those with birthday's this week

Robin Speer                      Rodman Foster  
 Madeline Rishovd

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# HIDDEN

## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

5 January 2025  
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 Second Sunday of Christmas

# Welcome to Grace!

The Liturgy Begins on page 323

## The Word of God

### The Collect

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The First Lesson

#### Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the LORD.

## The Psalm

**Psalm 84** (*read responsively on half verse*)

### *Quam dilecta!*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
**they will always be praising you.**
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of  
springs, \*  
**for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
**and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
**hearken, O God of Jacob.**
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
**and look upon the face of your Anointed.**
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own  
room, \*  
**and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*  
**he will give grace and glory;**
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
**from those who walk with integrity.**
- 12 O LORD of hosts, \*  
**happy are they who put their trust in you!**

### The Second Lesson

#### Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and reve-

lation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

### The Holy Gospel

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

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

#### Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

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

### The Sermon

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