

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
- **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) Study Session** will be Saturday, March 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 10 a.m. - Noon.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Church BBQ will be Oct. 11 2025
- If you are interested in the Bishop's **Bible in a year challenge** visit <https://www.edusc.org/bible-in-a-year/>
- If you are interested in receiving **Bishop Daniel Richards weekly meditations** called *Notes Along the Way*, visit <https://www.edusc.org/notes-from-along-the-way/>.
- 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.
- **Lenten Madness** has begun. For more information visit <https://www.lentmadness.org/category/lent-madness-2025/>
- **Sylvara (Brookdale) Communion Visit** is Monday, March 10th at 11 a.m.
- **Outreach** meeting for Tuesday, March 11th has been canceled.
- **Wednesday Night Dinner:** Wednesday, March 12th at 6 p.m. with Bingo to follow. If you would like to attend RSVP to Nikki (864) 934-9572 by 1 p.m. on Monday, March 10th. If you need gluten-free please let Nikki know.
- **Moms Meet Up** is Saturday, March 15th from 5-7 p.m.
- **Day of Discernment** is March 15th at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. For those considering ordination. For more information visit <https://www.edusc.org/blog/diocesan-day-of-discernment-set-for-march-15-2025/>
- **St. Patrick's Day** is on Monday, March 17th, Bind on the Strong Name of the Trinity on Sunday, March 16th, wear green with your Lenten purple.
- **Wednesday Night Dinner:** Wednesday, March 19th at 6 p.m. with Bingo to follow. Tom and Connie will be serving the Pearce's World famous Corned beef and Cabbage. If you would like to attend RAVP to Nikki (864) 225-8011 or gracechurchanderson1851@gmail.com by 1 p.m. on Monday, March 17th.
- **Guy's Gathering at Grace:** March 20, third Thursday, 6pm. Chili by Tom Pearce. Please let Doug Martin know if you will be there. peregrino.doug@gmail.com.
- **It's time for Mulch Madness!** Join us Saturday, March 29th with your work boots and gloves. We will have mulch to spread in the gardens around the church and playground, as well as a special project in the community garden. Please bring shovels, wagons, rakes as you are able. We look forward to seeing you there at 8 a.m.

- **Fiber Friends and Fellowship** is in need of yarn for their yarn stash. If you are interested in donating any yarn you may leave it in Deacon Mary's Office.
- **Lenten Study:** The Lenten Study has been **canceled**.
- **Confirmation:** If you have taken the class and are wanting to get confirmed on Nov 2nd, Let Nikki know so we can get your form filled out and make sure you are on the list.
- **The Grace Episcopal Choir** has established a mission statement adapted from an anthem by renowned British composer Martin Shaw, *O Sing Praises to the honor of HIS Name*. The choir welcomes two new young singers, Lucy and Anna Rose, who join our experienced and capable members. The choir has been working diligently on the much loved *Hallelujah Chorus* by singing this monumental work on Easter Sunday. A special music part for the congregation will be provided in the bulletin.

Congratulations to Lacreacia and Buddy Bilbrey on the birth of their grandchild Jase Lane Burnett, and to his parents Taylor Bilbrey Burnett and Jeremiah Burnett.

Vestry Members

Mike Digby - 2025
 Janet Rippy, Clerk- 2023-2025
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FORTY DAYS

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

9 March 2025

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 First Sunday in Lent

Welcome to Grace!

The Liturgy Begins on page 319 - A Penitential Order: Rite One

The Word of God

The Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The Psalm

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 *(read responsively by half verse)*

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- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
**I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.**

16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

The Second Lesson

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Holy Gospel

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

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

Luke 4:1-13

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

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

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Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Mike Magaha

Second Counter: David Burden

Lector: Tony Guiseppi-Elie

Intercessor: Kathe Harris

Chalice: Annette Guiseppi-Elie

Church Opener: Tab Bates

Chalice 2: Jackie Lenhart

Those with birthday's this week

Lisa Mattison

Emi Hughes

Lee Simon

Baker Mosteller

Daniel Klimek

Gill Powell