

## Grace Notes

- **Flowers** are given in honor and loving memory of Barbara Earle by Her Children.
- **WWW:** As we close out our year, WWW is reading *The Sin of Certainty* by Peter Enns throughout May. Join us for meaningful reflection and rich conversation on **Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m.**
- **Fiber Friends and Fellowship** meets **every Tuesday at 11 a.m.** in the Parish Hall.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Church BBQ will be **Oct. 11 2025**
- **EYC End of Year Party:** We will be going to The Mad Smash in Greenville on **Saturday May, 24th at Noon.** For more information contact Sharon at [slgeorge864@gmail.com](mailto:slgeorge864@gmail.com)
- May is **Mental Health Month.** For more information and resources go to mental [health.org](http://health.org).
- **May Wednesday Night Suppers:** please see menu below. Please contact Nikki at (864) 225-8011 to RSVP Monday before noon. On **May 14th** we will have Chicken and Rice casserole, Lima beans and carrots, and dessert. On **May 28th** we will have Baked spaghetti, salad, dessert, and Garlic Bread. Gluten Free options available.
- **Grace Life** is always looking for new members! If you are interested in serving on and with this committee please reach out to Kirri Kinley (843) 384-5213 or [kirrikinley@gmail.com](mailto:kirrikinley@gmail.com)
- **Sylvara Communion Visit** is **Monday, May 12th at 11 a.m.**
- **Guys Gathering at Grace:** We will meet **Thursday, May 15th at 6 p.m.** in the Parlor under the direction of Bryan Harris as “Brotherhood of St. Andrew” format. Please contact Bryan at [bryanharris2354@gmail.com](mailto:bryanharris2354@gmail.com) for information and attendance.
- **Saints and Sinners Supper Group:** If you are interested in joining one of the supper groups this summer please contact Front office at (864) 225-8011 or fill out the form located in the cloister by **Sunday, May 18th.** For more information contact Debbie Hand at [handrab@yahoo.com](mailto:handrab@yahoo.com).
- **The Grace Episcopal Ministry of Music** is presenting a series of piano recitals on the exceptional Hardman piano in the Parish Hall. The first of this series will be **Sunday, May 18th at 5 p.m.** The name of the first program is “Chopin and Chardonnay”. In addition to the 5 of Fredericks Chopin’s most beautiful piano works we will have a tasting selection of 5 Chardonnay wines from Europe and the United States. Our first guest pianist is Mrs. Anita Jubin Brown. Tickets are \$40 each and seating will be limited. Please see Nikki or Steve Grant for Reservations.
- **Moms Met-up** is **Saturday, May 24th from 9:30-11 a.m.** at E-City Java.
- **Grief Support** is **Thursday, May 22nd at 10 a.m.**
- **Church Office** will be **closed Monday, May 26th** for Memorial Day.
- **Saturday Servants:** We are looking for volunteers to join us on the following dates in **May: 5/17, 5/24, 5/31.** Please arrive at the Parish Hall by **9:30 a.m.** You do not have to help us deliver the lunches, but if you would like to we are usually done by 1 p.m. Feel free to reach out to Tracey or George Lidlow with any questions. [tjlidlow@gmail.com](mailto:tjlidlow@gmail.com) or (964) 914-9756.

- **Grace’s Pastoral Care Ministry** offers a range of services including hospital and home visitations, meals after funerals or meals for those who are sick or homebound. Our congregation is the eyes and ears of Pastoral Care. You are the ones who let us know when one of our members is ill, in the events you become aware of by calling the church office or contacting Lynne Prince, [2lynne@bellsouth.net](mailto:2lynne@bellsouth.net) (864) 934-5666.
- If you are interested in becoming involved with **Pastoral Care**, we are looking for volunteers to serve as Buddies for our Senior Friends (contact Cindy Baker [cindybaker1216@att.net](mailto:cindybaker1216@att.net), (864) 419-3237, assist in delivering meals, and help keep the freezer stocked with meals (contact Lynne Price, [2lynne@bellsouth.net](mailto:2lynne@bellsouth.net), (864) 934-5666.
- Deacon Mary Jeffers will be providing a **Eucharistic Visitors training** in June (date to be announced). Our Eucharistic Visitors are often accompanied by congregation members. If you are interested in exploring either of these roles, please contact Deacon Mary at [jeffers6sc@att.net](mailto:jeffers6sc@att.net).

### Vestry Members

Mike Digby - 2025  
 Janet Rippy, Clerk- 2023-2025  
 Louis Lebrun, Jr. Warden - 2023-2025  
 David Burden - 2024-2025  
 Kirri Kinley - 2024-2026  
 Mike Magaha - 2024-2026  
 Cory Trotter - 2024-2026  
 Debbie Hand, Sr. Warden - 2024-2026  
 Jodie Webb - 2025-2027  
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# THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

11 May 2025  
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 Fourth Sunday of Easter

# Welcome to Grace!

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## The Word of God

### The Collect

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

### Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

### The Psalm

**Psalm 23 (1928 BCP version)** *(read responsively by half verse)*  
***Dominus regit me***

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
**therefore can I lack nothing.**
- 2 He shall feed me in a green pasture, \*  
**and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.**
- 3 He shall convert my soul, \*  
**and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.**
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; \*  
**for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff comfort me.**
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them  
that trouble me; \*  
**thou hast anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup shall be full.**
- 6 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the  
days of my life; \*  
**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

## The Second Lesson

### Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever!  
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## The Holy Gospel

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

### John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and

they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Lynn Sanders

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**Announcements**

### A Collect for Mother's Day

Loving God,  
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,  
so you watch over your Church.  
We thank you for all our mothers. Bless them.  
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,  
may honor them always  
with a spirit of profound respect.  
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

## The Holy Communion

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## Those who serve

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Mike Digby  
**Second Counter:** Janet Rippey  
**Lector:** Kathe Harris  
**Intercessor:** Kathe Harris  
**Chalice:** Kathe Harris  
**Chalice 2:** Jackie Lenhart  
**Church Opener:** Tab Bates

## Those with birthday's this week

Gail Carnes  
Lauris Ames