

Grace Notes

- **Flowers** are given in memory of Tom Hancock by Lee and Sally Hancock.
- **SAVE THE DATE:**
 - **Back to School Blessing** is **today Sunday, August 3rd** during both services. All are welcome to bring their backpacks.
 - **Blessing of the Scarves** will be **Sunday, August 17th**.
 - **Summer Suppers:** The Next Summer Supper will be **Wednesday, August 13th**. More details to come.
 - **Grace Church BBQ** will be **Oct. 11 2025**
 - **Autumn Market at Grace: Saturday September, 6th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
 - **Grace Fall Festival/Rally day** will be **September 14th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**
- **WWW** Our fall book results are in! We'll be reading *Everything Happens for a Reason (And Other Lies I've Loved)* by Kate Bowler, *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor, and *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans. Join us in September as we start with *Everything Happens for a Reason*.
- **WWW Save the Date:** our next social will be Tuesday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to be added to the email list please contact Beth Lollis at gracewomenwineandwisdom@gmail.com
- **The Last Confirmation Class** before Bishop Richards's visit on **Nov. 2nd begins today Sunday, Aug. 3rd at 9:15 a.m.** in the Parish Library. Also good for baptisms, weddings, new members, and studying the faith.
- If you are **interested in being confirmed** on Nov. 2nd with Bishop Richards's visit contact the parish office. You will need to fill out a form.
- **Assistance for Texas July 4th flood:** If you would like to give a donation follow visit <https://dwtx.fellowshiponego.com/external/form/f759d68a-f266-4968-806d-51941f70919e>
- **Did we mention the LAST Confirmation class???**
- **South Main Chapel and Mercy Center** has an urgent need for tuna, potted meats and other canned foods with pop-top lids for their snack packs that are given to people in need.
- **Book of Common Prayers for the Pews:** Grace needs additional copies of the Book of Common Prayer for the pews. If you would like to make a donation for a BCP, they cost \$24.26. You can designate your donation with "Book of Common Prayer" in the memo line.
- If you would like to **donate to Family Promise** scan the Grace QR Code.
- **Outreach** will meet today **Sunday, August 3rd** right after the 10:30 Liturgy.
- **Vestry** will meet **Monday, August 4th at 6 p.m.**
- **Ladies Prayer Group** will begin meeting again Wednesday, **Aug. 6th at 10 a.m.**
- **Sylvara Communion Visit** is **Monday, Aug 11th at 11 a.m.**

• THE GRACE CODE

Scan or tap to visit:



- New to Grace
- Outreach giving
- Facebook page
- Family Promise
- Fall Market sign-up

- **RSVP** to Nikki in the office by **Monday, Aug. 11th** if you would like to attend the Aug 13th Wednesday Night Dinner. Dress to impress in a luau theme. Aloha!
- **EYC** is hosting an Autumn Market to raise money for their October trip. If you are interested in having a booth at the Market scan or tap The Grace Code to sign up. For more information contact Sharon at slgeorge864@gmail.com.

Those with birthdays this week

Judy Simon
Greg Souther
Eric Kent
Carmie Trotter
Pat Bradham

Baptismal Newbirth Day

26 January
21 December

19 September

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
Debbie Hand, Sr. Warden - 2024-2026
Jodie Webb - 2025-2027
Bill Scott - 2025-2027
Cyndi Dougherty - 2025-2027
Heiko Erlenkauser - 2025-2027

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Van Gogh 1890

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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3 August 2025

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

The Liturgy Begins on page 323

The Word of God

The Collect

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The Psalm

Psalm 49:1-11 (*read responsively by half verse*)
Audite haec, omnes

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;

7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,

8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.

9 For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

The Second Lesson

Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The Holy Gospel

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

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

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and

build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

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

The Sermon

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The Peace

Announcements

Back to School Blessing

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest! Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed are you the Holy one the ruler, the creator, the life breath of all. Breathe your Spirit upon us all, upon those who serve, and those who wait, those who learn, and those who teach, those who suffer, and those who heal, those who grieve, and those who rejoice, those who are saved, and those who give all that others may live, those who rest and those who run, those being born and those who are sleeping at long last. May we be signs of your presence - loving, forgiving, restoring, and giving. Blessed are you, and blessed is your Son, the Lord Jesus, in whom our very flesh is made radiant! Amen. Amen.

The Holy Communion

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The Sending Forth - page 339

Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Janet Rippy

Second Counter: Jodie Webb

Lector: Kathe Harris

Intercessor: Annette Guiseppi-Elie

Chalice: Kathe Harris

Church Opener: Jim Harris