

## Grace Notes

- **Flowers** are given in memory of Troy Mattison from parents Scott and Lisa Mattison.
- **SAVE THE DATE:**
  - **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](mailto:gracewomenwineandwisdom@gmail.com)
- **THE GRACE CODE**  
Scan or tap to visit:
  - New to Grace
  - Outreach giving
  - Facebook page
  - Family Promise
  - Fall Market sign-up
- **The Last Confirmation Class** before Bishop Richards's visit on **Nov. 2nd Continues today Sunday, Aug. 10th at 9:15 a.m.** in the Parlor. 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.
- **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.
- **Books of Common Prayer 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.
- **Sylvara Communion Visit** is **Monday, Aug 11th at 11 a.m.**
- **RSVP** to Nikki in the office by **Monday, Aug. 11th** if you would like to attend the Aug 13th Wednesday Night Dinner. Wear your best luau attire. Menu is Pineapple coleslaw, Hawaiian Rice, Pork loin, Authentic Hawaiian Macaroni Salad, Huli-Huli Chicken, Haupia (Hawaiian Coconut Pudding), and Hawaiian Pineapple Upside-Down cake. 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](mailto:slgeorge864@gmail.com).

- **Guy's Gathering at Grace** will be **Thursday, August 21st at 6 p.m.**
- **EYC Big Air Event** is **Saturday, August 23rd at 4 p.m.**
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, August 28th at 10 a.m.**
- **Moms Meet-up** is **Saturday, August 30th at 9:30 a.m.** at E-City Java.
- **Fifth Sunday Morning Prayer with Eucharist** will be **Sunday, August 31st** for both services.
- Want to learn more about helping with Sunday Worship? Anyone twelve and older is welcome to become a Crucifer, Torch Bearer or Server/Gospel Bearer. Youth are welcome, but these roles are NOT just for kids. Confirmed members over eighteen can also serve as Eucharistic Ministers (Chalice Bearers) We have openings for all roles at both the 8:00 and the 10:30 services. Please contact Abigail Burden at [Mrs\\_Burden@yahoo.com](mailto:Mrs_Burden@yahoo.com) for more information.

### Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Heather Morhardt 12 August  
Frances Hardaway 15 August

### Vestry Members

Mike Digby - 2025  
Janet Rippey, 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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# COUNT THE STARS

## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

10 August 2025

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

# Welcome to Grace!

The Liturgy Begins on page 323

## The Word of God

### The Collect

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

#### Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

### The Psalm

**Psalm 33:12-22** (*read responsively by half verse*)  
*Exultate, justi*

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
**happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, \*  
**and beholds all the people in the world.**
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
**on all who dwell on the earth.**
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
**and understands all their works.**
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
**a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.**
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
**for all its strength it cannot save.**
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, \*  
**on those who wait upon his love,**
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
**and to feed them in time of famine.**
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; \*  
**he is our help and our shield.**

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
**for in his holy Name we put our trust.**

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \*  
**as we have put our trust in you.**

### The Second Lesson

#### Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### 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 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that

they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

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

### The Sermon

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### Those who serve

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Debbie Hand

**Second Counter:** Jodie Webb

**Lector:** Tony Guiseppi-Elie

**Intercessor:** Annette Guiseppi-Elie

**Chalice:** Annette Guiseppi-Elie

**Church Opener:** Tab Bates

**Chalice 2:** Jackie Lenhart

### Those with birthdays

**this week**

Nikki Price

Mike Cheek

Mike Rippy

Andy Potter

### Baptismal

**Newbirth Day**

24 November