

Grace Notes

- **Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of Deacon Mary Jeffers, by Annette and Tony Guiseppi-Elie
- **SAVE THE DATE:**
 - **Grace Church BBQ** will be **Oct. 11 2025**
 - **Grace Fall Festival/Rally day** will be **September 14th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**
 - **All Saints Ale** on All Saints **Sunday, November 2nd, 4-7 p.m.** on Grace Church Patio.
- **WWW** meets **Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8 p.m.** We will be reading Everything Happens for a Reason (And Other Lies I've Loved) by Kate Bowler. All women are welcome.
- The **Music Ministry** at Grace church is growing. Our choirs meet **Wednesdays** with Children's Choir at 5:15 p.m. and Adults Choir at 6:15 p.m.
- If you would like to **donate to Family Promise** scan the Grace QR Code.
- **THANK YOU** to all who responded to our request for new Books of Common Prayer.
- **THE GRACE CODE**

 - New to Grace
 - Outreach giving
 - Facebook page
 - Family Promise
- **The Last Confirmation Class** before Bishop Richards's visit on **Nov. 2nd Continues today Sunday, Sep 7th 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.
- **Deacon Mary's Sending Forth Party.** Please join us today **September 7th** after the 10:30 liturgy to celebrate Deacon Mary's Ministry at Grace.
- **Sylvara Communion Visit** is **Monday Sept. 8th at 11 a.m.**
- **Vestry** will meet **Monday, Sept. 8th at 6 p.m.**
- The **Fall Festival** is fast approaching and we cannot wait! We are in need of sides - both sweet desserts and savory dishes. Please reach out to Kirri Kinley with what you plan on brining to the festival on 9/14! Thank you!! kirrikinley@gmail.com or 843-384-5213!
- **Grace Guys** will gather on **Sept. 18th at 6 p.m.** Men of all ages are encouraged to join us! Chris Hand will be cooking his delicious baked ziti for us!! Come and share a meal and fellowship with us. RSVP to Chris at 316-253-7570 by **Tuesday, Sept. 16th.**
- **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.

- 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 for information about the 10:30 service, or Kathe Harris at kbeach4s@charter.net for the 8 a.m. service.
- **Save the date - Grace's 27th annual BBQ** will take place at the Farmers Market on **Saturday, Oct. 11th from 5-8 p.m.** with proceeds going to Family Promise. This is a wonderful way to support each other and our community. We will need your help! There are many ways you can assist in making this happen. Danny will have tickets for you to take and sell, and sign-up sheets will be in the cloister. Sponsorships at the 1/2 Pig, Whole Pig, and Whole Pig+ level are available! If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Danny Ehler (864) 276-2579 or Carol Miller (303) 507-8816.

Those with birthdays this week

Erik Erlenkeuser
 Beth Cheek
 Donovan Colman
 Dixie Smith
 Gloria Byrd
 Emerson Potter
 Dena Cullen
 David Burden

Baptismal Newbirth Day

04 November
 01 September
 01 January

 05 April
 13 September
 07 December

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Van Gogh 1889

TO BUILD

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

7 September 2025

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

Welcome to Grace!

The Liturgy Begins on page 323

The Word of God

The Collect

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

The Psalm

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 (*read responsively by half verse*)
Domine, probasti

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
**you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
**while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.**

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
**they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.**

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Second Lesson

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed - page 326

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The Peace

Brief Announcements (three short bullet points, or preferably in Haiku format)

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer II - page 340

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Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Kirri Kinley

Second Counter: Mike Digby

Lector: Kathe Harris

Intercessor: Annette Guiseppi-Elie

Chalice: Kathe Harris

Church Opener: Jim Harris

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Cary Hughes	10 September
Melissa Langford	11 September
Amy Cox	12 September
Dena Cullen	13 September