

Grace Notes

- **WWW:** Our next book is *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans'. Join us on **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** in the parlor as we explore themes of faith, doubt, and grace through Evans's reflections on the sacraments. All women are welcome. Come as you are and bring a friend!
- The **Music Ministry** at Grace Church is growing. Our choirs meet **Wednesdays** with Children's Choir at **5:15 p.m.** and Adult Choir at **6:15 p.m.**
- **Fiber, Friends, and Fellowship** meets every **Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.
- The **Saints and Sinners dinner groups** will start up again this month. This is a great way for both newcomers and long-time parishioners to meet others within the parish. If you are interested in joining us this fall, please contact the church office or Debbie Hand at (316) 617-2409 or handrab@yahoo.com.
- Join us for **Breakfast with Saint Nicholas** on **Dec. 6th at 9:00 a.m.** We will learn about St Nicholas, visit with Saint Nicholas, and eat a yummy breakfast. Tickets can be purchased online (see the Grace Code).
- **EYC Advent Party** is **Sunday, December 7th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**
- **Staff Advent Lunch** is **Tuesday, December 9th at 11:30 a.m.**
- **THE GRACE CODE**
Scan or tap to visit:

 - New to Grace
 - Outreach giving
 - Facebook page
 - Family Promise
 - Breakfast with St. Nichoals
- **Celebrate Grace's 175th** anniversary of being allowed into the Diocese, **Thursday, February 12th 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** Reception following. Bishop Richards will be there and we will have confirmations, receptions, and reaffirmations as part of the celebration.
- **Ready for a Leap of Faith?** Our next Episcopal Christianity Class begins **Sunday, December 28th at 9:15 a.m.** in the parish library. It is the last chance to prepare before the Bishop's February 12th visit. This class is for anyone interested in Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation, or to simply study the faith.
- **St. Catherine's Guild** will meet **Monday, December 1st** at noon in the parish hall.
- **Vestry** will meet **Monday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Outreach** will meet **Sunday, December 7th** right after the 10:30 service.
- **Poinsettia forms** are available for pickup in the cloister. These are due back to Nikki by **December, 15th.**
- If you would like to **donate to Family Promise**, scan the Grace QR Code.
- **Breaking News:** A new photo directory is in the planning stage. If you would like to be a part of organizing please contact Connie Pearce at conniepearce56@gmail.com
- **Christmas kids lists** are available in the cloister. Consider helping a child have an amazing Christmas by adopting a child. Thanks for your continued generosity.
- **Holy Trinity Bazaar & Artisan Market:** **Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** at Holy Trinity Episcopal in Clemson. See Flyer on bulletin board for more information.

- **Celebrate the Season** with a free Wednesday Night Feast! **Wednesday the 17th of December at 5:30 p.m.** Bring a donation for Family Promise if you want. Be sure to let us know you are coming by contacting the parish office by **Monday, December 15th.**
- **Year End Contributions:** Checks must be postmarked on or before **December 31st 2025.** Any checks received after 12-31-2025 will be posted to your 2026 statement.
- **Offering Envelopes:** 2026 offering envelopes are now available for pick up in the cloister.
- **Coats and Blankets for the King:** We are now collecting new or gently used coats and blankets for our community friends. Items may be brought to the Church.

Those with Baptismal Newbirth

Days this week

Ellie Cooper	30 November
Donna deHoll	01 December
Don Colman	02 December
Nancy Devine	03 December
Quinn Camak	04 December
Joe Herold	04 December

Stewardship Report

As of 10/31/2025

YTD 2025 Revenue	\$327,965
YTD 2025 Expenses	\$353,299
YTD 2025 Deficit	\$25,334

Pledge Drive

Week 7

2026: Pledged:	\$333,019
Cards:	101
2025 Pledged:	\$294,434
Cards:	89

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Marc Chagall 1966

AS THE DAYS OF NOAH

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

30 November 2025
 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer with Eucharist Rite I
 First Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Sentence Book of Common Prayer p. 40
Confession of Sin Book of Common Prayer p. 41
The Invitatory and Psalter Book of Common Prayer p. 42
Venite Book of Common Prayer p. 44

The Word of God

Psalm 122 (read responsively by half verse)
Laetatus sum

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

The First Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Canticle 2 *A Song of Praise* Book of Common Prayer p. 49

The Second Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Canticle 6 *Glory be to God* Book of Common Prayer p. 52

The Third Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Homily

The Apostles Creed

Book of Common Prayer p.53

Suffrages B

Book of Common Prayer p. 55

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish

us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessings through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Thanksgiving Day

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Litany of Thanksgiving Book of Common Prayer p. 837
The Peace

Brief Announcements (preferably in Haiku format) 😊

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer II - page 340

A General Thanksgiving - page 836

The Sending Forth - page 339

Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Jodie Webb

Second Counter: Debbie Hand

Worship Leaders: Kathe Harris, Annette Guiseppi-Elie

Chalice 1:

Church Opener: Jim Harris

Those with birthdays this week

Daryl Kress
Amanda Knobel
Larry Bowman
Bill Hinnant
Sandy Sloan
Tate Mosteller
Cobb Oxford
Mary E. Harris

Baptismal Newbirth Day

10 December
21 August
04 March
23 October
15 January
22 December

Expectant Parents

Parker and Caroline Bates
Brent and Kirri Kinley