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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

4 January 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Second Sunday of Christmas

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *The Holy Boy*

John Ireland

The Procession

Hymn #87 *Hark The Herold*

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

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The Word of God

A Song of Praise #93

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
ye have seen his na - tal star:
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

The Collect

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

says the LORD.

The Psalm

Psalm 84:1-8 (*read responsively by half verse*)

Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Gospel Hymn #128

We Three Kings

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and

1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -

1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night,
 star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,
 still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Words: London carol, 18th cent. Music: *God Rest You Merry*, melody from *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1850; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

The Holy Gospel

Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*
 People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he

was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*
People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

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The Peace

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

Offertory - Love Came Down at Christmas

Hymn 380

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B- page 367
Sanctus WLP #858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Optional text:

Bless - ed is the one

Title: Holy, holy, holy Lord [*Sanctus*]

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

The Great Amen LEVAS #233

Musical score for 'The Great Amen' in 4/4 time, key of D major. The score consists of two systems. The first system features a vocal line with lyrics 'A - men, A - men,' and a piano accompaniment. The second system features a vocal line with lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - men.' and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes chords and melodic lines in both treble and bass clefs.

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; ar. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

Fraction Anthem

Jesus Remember Me

Musical score for 'Jesus Remember Me' in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of two systems. The first system features a vocal line with lyrics 'Je - sus, re - member me when you come in-to your king-dom.' and a piano accompaniment. The second system features a vocal line with lyrics 'Je - sus, re - member me when you come in-to your king-dom.' and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes chords and melodic lines in both treble and bass clefs.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: My flesh is food indeed

Music: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

Communion Hymns #112

In the Bleak Midwinter

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor — earth sus - tain;
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
 4 What — can I give him, poor — as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim thron - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow — on — snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise — man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord — God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830–1894)

Music: Cranham, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874–1934)

Hymn #101

Away in A Manger

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 * 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Words: Traditional carol

Music: *Cradle Song*, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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The Blessing of the People

The Procession

Hymn #102

Once in Royal David's City

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
 2 He came down to earth from hea - ven. who is
 *5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
 6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
 2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
 5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
 6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
 5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he
 6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

Words: Sts. 1-2, 4-6, Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-1895), alt.; st. 3, James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)

Music: *Irby*, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)

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Closing Voluntary - *God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen*

arr. Steve Grant

Grace Notes

- 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** is taking a break from meeting for the holiday season. We will resume meeting **Tuesday, Jan. 13th.**
- If you would like to **donate to Family Promise**, scan the Grace QR Code.
- It's never too early to be thinking about breakfast, especially the **annual parish breakfast!** The breakfast will be held on **January 11th** before the annual meeting. Please be thinking about what you plan to bring! Let Kirri Kinley know by today **January 4th** at (843) 384-5213 or kirrikinley@gmail.com. Thank you!! And Merry Christmas from the Grace Life committee.
- **Annual Meeting** is NEXT Week, **Sunday, January 11th.** Please turn all reports in to the office by **January 5th.**
- **Guys Gathering at Grace** will meet **Thursday, January 15th at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Mom's Meet-Up** will meet **Saturday, January 17th** Figs Café and Farmacy at **9:30 a.m.**
- **Church Office** will be closed **Monday, January 19th** for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **Daughters of the King** will meet **Monday, January 19th at 10:00 a.m.**
- **WWW** meets on **Tuesday evenings** in the parlor from **6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** Come join us as we continue our discussion of *Searching For Sunday*.
- **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 meets **today Sunday, January 4th 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.
- If you are interested in being **confirmed, reaffirmed, or received** When the Bishop visits in February, please contact Nikki in the office.
- **Outreach** will meet today **Sunday, January 4th** after the 10:30 service.
- **Vestry** will meet **Tuesday, January 6th at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Pacesetters Square Dancers** begin meeting again in the parish hall **Thursday, January 8th at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Photo Directory:** Last day to have pictures taken will be **January 18th.** If you need to schedule or reschedule please contact Connie Pearce at conniepearce56@gmail.com
- **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.
- **WWW** is asking for YOUR help in our efforts to collect diapers, wipes, and feminine hygiene products support the Anderson County Diaper Bank. Donations may be placed in the cloister. We are grateful to **Louise Knisley** for coordinating collection and delivery on our behalf.
- **February 12th, 2026- 175th Anniversary Celebration/ Bishop Daniel's visit-** Kirri Kinley/Grace Life is planning this upcoming celebration. If you would like to assist in the planning and execution of this celebration, please contact Kirri Kinley kirrikinley@gmail.com, 843-384-5213.

Those Who Serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Bill Scott
Second Counter: David Burden

Lector: Sara Cheek

Lector: Tom Pearce

Intercessor: Cindy Hopkins

Chalice 1: Debbie Hand

Chalice 2:

1st Crucifer: Nathanael Burden

Server/Gospel Bearer: David Burden

Torch Bearers:

Ushers: Brett Dixon, Buddy Bilbrey

Linen Guild: Joanie Roberts

Altar Guild: Pam Herold, Bess Boyer, Cindy Hopkins

Organist/Choirmaster: Steve Grant

Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott

Stewardship Report

As of 11/30/2025

YTD 2025 Revenue \$368,645

YTD 2025 Expenses \$394,032

YTD 2025 Deficit \$25,387

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- Facebook page
- Family Promise

Those with birthdays this week Baptismal Newbirth Day

Katey Yates	
Heiko Erlenkeuser	10 June
Robin Speer	01 May
Madeline Rishovd	16 April

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Julie Bates	6 January
Alexander Burgess	6 January
Mark Conyers	7 January
Rebecca Dixon	8 January
Serra Erlenkeuser	10 January
Maggie George	10 January
Anna Kloeck	10 January

Expectant Parents

Parker and Caroline Bates
Brent and Kirri Kinley
Donovan and Erin Colman
Sam and Cayce Baker

FLIGHT BY NIGHT



Henry Ossawa Tanner 1923

Those magic men, the Magi
Some people call them wise
Or oriental, even kings
Well anyway, those guys
They visited with Jesus
They sure enjoyed their stay
Then warned in a dream of King Herod's scheme
They went home by another way

Yes, they went home by another way
Home by another way
Maybe me and you can be wise guys too
And go home by another way
We can make it another way
Safe home as they used to say
Keep a weather eye to the chart on high
And go home another way

James Taylor 1988

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
Henry Todd - 2025-2026
Jodie Webb - 2025-2027
Bill Scott - 2025-2027
Cyndi Dougherty - 2025-2027
Heiko Erlenkauser - 2025-2027

Delegates to the Convention

Melissa Langford
Carol Miller
Janet Rippy
Louis Lebrun
Cindy Baker
Jodie Webb

Grace Church Endowment

Matthias Kloeck
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Monday - Thursday

8:10 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.