

## 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. 13<sup>th</sup>.**
- 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 11<sup>th</sup>** before the annual meeting. Please be thinking about what you plan to bring! Let Kirri Kinley know by today **January 4<sup>th</sup>** at (843) 384-5213 or [kirrikinley@gmail.com](mailto:kirrikinley@gmail.com). Thank you!! And Merry Christmas from the Grace Life committee.
- **Annual Meeting** is NEXT Week, **Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.** Please turn all reports in to the office by **January 5<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Guys Gathering at Grace** will meet **Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Mom's Meet-Up** will meet **Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>** Figs Café and Farmacy at **9:30 a.m.**
- **Church Office** will be closed **Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **Daughters of the King** will meet **Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 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*.
- **Pacesetters Square Dancers** begin meeting again in the parish hall **Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Celebrate Grace's 175<sup>th</sup>** anniversary of being allowed into the Diocese, **Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m.** in the parish library. It is the last chance to prepare before the Bishop's February 12<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>** after the 10:30 service.
- **Vestry** will meet **Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Photo Directory:** Last day to have pictures taken will be **January 18<sup>th</sup>.** If you need to schedule or reschedule please contact Connie Pearce at [conniepearce56@gmail.com](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026- 175<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kirrikinley@gmail.com), 843-384-5213.

### Those with birthdays this week

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

### Baptismal Newbirth Day

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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

### THE GRACE CODE

Scan or tap to visit:

- New to Grace
- Outreach giving
- Facebook page
- Family Promise

### 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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Henry Ossawa Tanner 1925

# BY ANOTHER ROAD

## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

4 January 2026

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
Second Sunday of Christmas

# Welcome to Grace!

The Liturgy Begins on page 323

## The Word of God

### 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.

### The Holy Gospel

Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.*

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

#### 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 be to thee, O Christ.*

### The Sermon

**The Nicene Creed** - page 326

**Prayers of the People** - page 328

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**The Peace**

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

### The Holy Communion

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### Those who serve

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Bill Scott

**Second Counter:** David Burden

**Lector:** Carol Miller

**Intercessor:** Kathe Harris

**Chalice:** Kathe Harris

**Chalice 2:** Annette Guiseppi-Elie

**Church Opener:** Jim Harris