

GRACE



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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1 February 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *Jesus and The Children*

by Austin C. Hovelace

based on the tune "Jesus Loves Me"

The Procession

Hymn #376

Joyful, Joyful, we Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

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The Word of God

Song of Praise #404

We Will Exalt You

1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly
2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the
3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your

Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our
won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with
chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,

psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all
joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we
mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings

praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.
wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.
find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

Words: J. Nichol Grieve, alt.; para. of Psalm 145 Music: *Old 124th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses,
 Aaron, and Miriam.
 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
 what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
 and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
 that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”
 “With what shall I come before the LORD,
 and bow myself before God on high?
 Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
 with calves a year old?
 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
 with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
 the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
 He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
 and what does the LORD require of you
 but to do justice, and to love kindness,
 and to walk humbly with your God?

The Psalm

Psalm 15 (*read responsively by half verse*)
Domine, quis habitabit?

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
 he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
 and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not

know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Gospel Hymn #711

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

1

Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
 seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7

Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

The Holy Gospel

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. John Nieman

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Confession of Sin and Absolution - page 360

The Peace

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

Offertory - *When I Survey the Wonderful Cross*

Arr. B. Scott

Hymn 380

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711) Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes Octante trois de David, 1551, alt. ; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561)

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.

Title: Holy, holy, holy Lord (*Sanctus*)

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

The Great Amen LEVAS #233

A - men, A - men,
A - men, A - men, A - men.

Words: Traditional

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

Fraction Anthem LEVAS # 154

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and
see the good - ness of the Lord. of the Lord.

Fine

Words: Psalm 34

Music: James E. Moore, Jr.

Communion Hymns #304

I Come With Joy

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll
1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple
1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

Hymn #324

Let All Mortal Flesh



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
on the way, as the Light of Light de -
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
he will give to all the faith - ful
that the powers of hell may va - nish
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.
his own self for heaven - ly food.
as the dark - ness clears a way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultric (1829-1885)

Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Post Communion Prayer - page 366
The Blessing of the People

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 *4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

The Sending Forth - page 366
Closing Voluntary -

Those with birthdays this week

Susan Whatley
 Jack Hardaway
 Rylee Simmons
 Linda Foley
 Jack Mansmann
 Lisa Joseph
 Ava Camak
 Lana Mattison

Baptismal Newbirth Day

22 March
 23 June
 06 November
 12 April
 01 June
 13 May
 19 May
 01 February

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** meets every **Tuesday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**
- If you would like to **donate to Family Promise**, scan the Grace QR Code.
- **WWW** invites you to join us on **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** in the parlor as we discuss *I Guess I Haven't Learned That Yet* by Shauna Niequist. Together, we'll explore themes of growth, faith, and learning to live differently when the old ways no longer fit. All are welcome! Come as you are and join the Conversation.
- **St. Catherine's Guild** will **not** meet in **February**. Their next meeting will be **Monday, March 2nd at noon** in the parish hall. One of our new members, Betty Avakian an aesthetician, will be speaking about skin care and makeup.
- **Pacesetters Square Dancing** lessons started **Thursday, January 15th at 7 p.m.** The first two lessons are free. Lessons will be at Grace Episcopal Church. The contact person is Annabel Milton (864) 972-3170.
- **Saints and Sinners Spring Dinner** groups will be starting up soon. This is a GREAT way to get to know your fellow parishioners better. If you are interested, please contact Tanya Pusey at (864) 359-9878 or Debbie Hand at (316) 617-2409. If you participated in the Fall of 2025, your name should already be on the list for the spring dinners.
- **Celebrate Grace's 175th** anniversary of being allowed into the Diocese, **Thursday, February 12th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** Bishop Richards will be there, and we will have confirmations, receptions, and reaffirmations as part of the celebration. Reception to follow.
- **Ready for a Leap of Faith?** The Episcopal Christianity Class will not meet this **Sunday, Feb. 1st**. Our last class will be **Sunday, Feb 8th at 9:15 a.m.** in the parish library.
- **EYC** will not meet **tonight, Sunday Feb 1st**.
- **Outreach** will meet **Sunday, February 8th** after 10:30 service.
- **Grace's former Organist Choir Master** Will Thomas Cleveland's organ recital has been postponed until after Easter due to the weather this weekend.
- If you are interested in being **confirmed, reaffirmed, or received** When the Bishop visits in February, please contact Nikki in the office.
- **Lenten study heads up:** Our Sunday morning Lenten Study will be Honest to Goodness by Furman Buchanan, copies available in parish office for \$7.00. We begin **February 22nd at 9:15 a.m.** in the parish library. It is a daily devotional that looks at interesting, curious and humorous scripture verses.
- **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.

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Stewardship Report

As of 12/31/2025

YTD 2025 Revenue \$424,678

YTD 2025 Expenses \$439,965

YTD 2025 Deficit \$15,287

Those Who Serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Kirri Kinley

Second Counter: Heiko Erlenkeuser

Lector: Maryann Barnwell

Lector: Sara Cheek

Intercessor: Cindy Hopkins

Chalice 1: Cory Trotter

Chalice 2: Annette Guiseppi-Elie

1st Crucifer: Christopher Wilford

Server/Gospel Bearer: Nathanael Burden

Torch Bearers:

Ushers: Brett Dixon, Buddy Bilbrey

Linen Guild: Joanie Roberts

Altar Guild: Pam Herold, Bess Boyer, Cindy Hopkins

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Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott

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