

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.
- **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.

- If you are interested in being **confirmed, reaffirmed, or received** When the Bishop visits in February, please contact Nikki in the office.

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

Stewardship Report

As of 12/31/2025

YTD 2025 Revenue \$424,678
YTD 2025 Expenses \$439,965
YTD 2025 Deficit \$15,287

THE GRACE CODE

Scan or tap to visit:



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

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

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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1 February 2026
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome to Grace!

The Liturgy Begins on page 323

The Word of God

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 de-
bater 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 re-
duce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the pre-
sence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became
for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and re-
demption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast
in the Lord.”

The Holy Gospel

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

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

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 heav-
en.

“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.”

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

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

The Sermon

The Rev. John Nieman

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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: Kirri Kinley

Second Counter: Heiko Erlenkeuser

Lector: Kathe Harris

Intercessor: Annette Guiseppi-Elie

Chalice 1: Kathe Harris

Chalice 2: Annette Guiseppi-Elie

Church Opener: Jim Harris

Expectant Parents

Parker and Caroline Bates

Brent and Kirri Kinley

Donovan and Erin Colman

Sam and Cayce Baker