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THE BELOVED

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

11 January 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II & Renewal of the
Baptismal Covenant

The Baptism of our Lord

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - Morning Star

James Harding

The Procession

Hymn #135

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,
man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.
branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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The Word of God

The Collect

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.
says the LORD.

The Psalm

Psalm 29 (*read responsively by half verse*)

Afferte Domino

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Gospel Hymn #LEVAS 141

Shall We Gather at the River

1. Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, Where bright an-gel feet have trod; —
2. On the mar-gin of the riv-er, Wash-ing up its sil-ver spray, —
3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, Lay we ev-'ry bur-den down; —
4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er, Soon our pil-grim-age will cease, —

1. With its crys-tal tide for-ev-er Flow-ing by the throne of God?
2. We will walk and wor-ship ev-er, All the hap-py gold-en day.
3. Grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, And pro-vide a robe and crown.
4. Soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er With the mel-o-dy of peace.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Shall We Gather at the River'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful_ riv - er; Gath - er with the saints_ at the riv - er That flows by the throne of_ God.'

Title: Shall We Gather at the River Words: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

The Holy Gospel

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

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

The Sermon

Baptismal Hymn LEVAS #115

Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Words: Daniel Iverson (1890–1977) Music: Daniel Iverson

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows - page 292

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Thanksgiving over the Water - page 306

The Casting of Blessed Water (Remember your Baptism)

The Peace

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



Offertory - As with Gladness Men of Old

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.

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 #137

O Wondrous Type

Descant

4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1848–1866), alt.
 Music: *Wareham*, melody William Knapp (1698–1768); alt.; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, after James Turle (1802–1882); desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875–1947)

In Remembrance of Me

1. In re - mem - brance of me,
2. (In re -) mem - brance of me,

1. eat this bread. In re - mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re -
2. heal the sick. In re - mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re -

1. mem - brance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is
2. mem - brance of me, o - pen the door and let your broth - er

1. done. In re -
2. in, Let him in.

Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re - mem - ber

too. That this in my bod - y and pre - cious blood shed for

you, shed for you. In re - mem - brance of me

search for truth. In re - mem - brance of me al - ways love. In re -

mem - brance of me, don't look a - bove, but in your heart

— look for God. Do this in re - mem - brance of me.

Words: Ragan Courtney

Music: Beryl Red; arr. Robert F. Douglas

Post Communion Prayer - page 366
The Blessing of the People

The Procession

Hymn #117
Brightest and Best

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
 3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
 2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
 4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
 5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
 2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
 4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,
 5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,

1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
 3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
 4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.

Music: *Morning Star*, James Proctor Harding (1850-1911)

The Sending Forth - page 366
Closing Voluntary - *Brightest and Best*

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.
- **Guys Gathering at Grace** will meet **Thursday, January 15th at 6:00 p.m.** Buddy Bilbrey will host and Dinner will be provided. Dessert will be Chocolate gravy with biscuits, and the almost impossible question of the day will be presented. All men are invited to join. If you are interested text Buddy at (334) 434-2372.
- **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 **Sunday, January 18th 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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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: Mike Magaha

Lector: Susan Whatley

Lector: Bill Scott

Intercessor: Kathe Bostater

Chalice 1: Jane Williams

Chalice 2:

1st Crucifer: David Burden

Server/Gospel Bearer: Lacreacia Bilbrey

Torch Bearers:

Ushers: Nathanael Burden, Christoper Wilford

Linen Guild: Pam Herold

Altar Guild: Janet Rippy, Kathy Bostater

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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Those with birthdays this week

Baptismal Newbirth Day

Rodman Foster	14 May
Lisa Tucker	
Anna Swinford	06 November
Brianna Swinford	07 November
Barbara Crawford	
Bess Boyer	08 May
Michelle Ricketson	02 June
Bill Harris	02 April
Kirri Kinley	14 April
Maddie Clark	12 December

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Caroline Ripley	11 January
Lily Hall	14 January
Sandy Sloan	15 January

Expectant Parents

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

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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