

## 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.
- **Guys Gathering at Grace** will meet **Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 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 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*.
- If you are interested in being **confirmed, reaffirmed, or received** When the Bishop visits in February, please contact Nikki in the office.
- **Offering Envelopes:** 2026 offering envelopes are now available for pick up in the cloister.
- **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)
- **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 **Sunday, January 18<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.
- **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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 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

Rodman Foster  
Lisa Tucker  
Anna Swinford  
Brianna Swinford  
Barbara Crawford  
Bess Boyer  
Michelle Ricketson  
Bill Harris  
Kirri Kinley  
Maddie Clark

### Baptismal Newbirth Day

14 May  
06 November  
07 November  
08 May  
02 June  
02 April  
14 April  
12 December

### Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

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

### 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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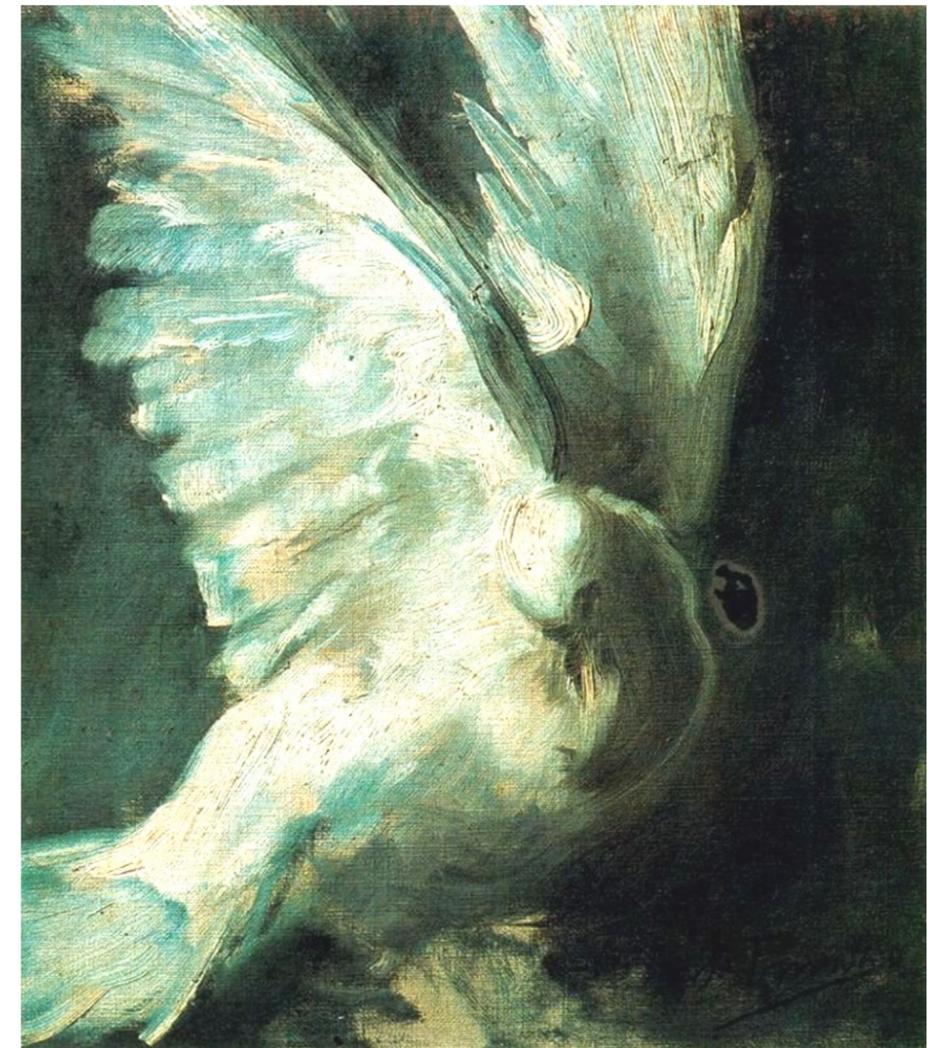
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## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

11 January 2026

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
& Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant  
The Baptism of our Lord  
First Sunday after the Epiphany

# Welcome to Grace!

The Liturgy Begins on page 299

## 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.

## 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."

## The Holy Gospel

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

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

### 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."

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

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

## The Sermon

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows** - page 292

**The Prayers** - page 305

**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)** 😊

## The Holy Communion

**Eucharistic Prayer II** - page 340

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**The Sending Forth** - page 339

## Those who serve

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

**Second Counter:** Mike Magaha

**Lector:** Tony Guiseppi-Elie

**Intercessor:** Annette Guiseppi-Elie

**Chalice:** Annette Guiseppi-Elie

**Chalice 2:** Jackie Lenhart

**Church Opener:** Tab Bates

## Expectant Parents

Parker and Caroline Bates

Brent and Kirri Kinley

Donovan and Erin Colman

Sam and Cayce Baker