



*Henry Ossawa Tanner 1902-1903*

# WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

18 January 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

# Welcome to Grace!

## Opening Voluntary - Air from 'Water Music'

G F Handel

The Procession

### Hymn #535 *Ye Servants of God*

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.  
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt.

Music: Paderborn, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875–1947)

The Liturgy begins on page 355

# The Word of God

## Song of Praise #533

### *How Wondrous and Great*

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!  
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?  
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.  
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759–1858), alt.; para. *The Song of the Redeemed* Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737–1806)

### The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### The First Lesson

#### Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
 But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
 yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
 and my reward with my God."  
 And now the LORD says,  
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
 to bring Jacob back to him,  
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
 for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
 and my God has become my strength--  
 he says,  
 "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
 I will give you as a light to the nations,  
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."  
 Thus says the LORD,  
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
 the slave of rulers,  
 "Kings shall see and stand up,  
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
 because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

### The Psalm

**Psalm 40:1-12** (*read responsively by half verse*)  
*Expectans, expectavi*

- 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; \*  
**he stooped to me and heard my cry.**
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*  
**he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
 a song of praise to our God; \*  
**many shall see, and stand in awe,  
 and put their trust in the LORD.**
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! \*  
**they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!  
 how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
**there is none who can be compared with you.**
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
**but they are more than I can count.**

- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
**(you have given me ears to hear you);**
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
**and so I said, "Behold, I come.**
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
**'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.'**
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
**behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O LORD, you know.**
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
**I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.**
- 12 You are the LORD;  
do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
**let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.**

## **The Second Lesson**

### **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

1. I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_ I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_ Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_ The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_ I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_ Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_ The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

\_ No turn - ing back, \_\_\_\_\_ no turn - ing back! \_\_\_\_\_  
 (no turn - ing back,)

Words: Ascribed to an Indian Prince; as sung in Garo, Assam      Music: Indian Folk Melody; arr. Norman Johnson

**The Holy Gospel**

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**John 1:29-42**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with

water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

**The Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed** - page 358

**Prayers of the People Form III** - page 387

**Confession of Sin and Absolution** - page 360

**The Peace**

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

**Offertory** - *Aw Ye Never, In the Twilight*

**Hymn 380**



C F Alexander

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

Musical score for 'The Great Amen' in 4/4 time, key of D major. The score consists of three systems. The first system has a vocal line with lyrics 'A - men, A - men,' and a piano accompaniment. The second system has a vocal line with lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - men.' and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features chords and moving lines in both hands.

Words: Traditional

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

## Fraction Anthem LEVAS # 154

Musical score for 'Fraction Anthem' in 3/2 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of four systems. The first system has a vocal line with lyrics 'Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness' and a piano accompaniment. The second system has a vocal line with lyrics 'of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and' and a piano accompaniment. The third system has a vocal line with lyrics 'see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.' and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features chords and moving lines in both hands. The word 'Fine' is written above the final measure of the third system.

Words: Psalm 34

Music: James E. Moore, Jr.

Communion Hymns #324

*Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*



1 Let all mortal flesh keep si - lence, 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 Moultrie (1829-1885)

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

Hymn #325

*Let us break bread together*

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

Words: African-American spiritual

Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950)

**Post Communion Prayer - page 366**  
**The Blessing of the People**

Hymn #307  
*Brightest and Best*

1 Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be -  
 \*2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in  
 \*3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of  
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for  
 5 Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, smit - ten

1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -  
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment  
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels  
 4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -  
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -

Al - le -  
 1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.  
 2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.  
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.  
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.  
 5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia!

1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing  
 2 Thou art here, we ask not  
 Al - le - lu - ia! 3 We in wor - ship join with  
 4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery  
 5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!  
 2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.  
 3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.  
 4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.  
 5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

Words: George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925), alt. Music: *Bryn Calfarina*, melody William Owen (1813-1983); harm. *Christian Hymns*, 1977

**The Sending Forth** - page 366  
**Closing Voluntary** - "Winter" from "The Four Season"

Antonid Vivaldi

## 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*.
- **St. Catherine's Guild** will **not** meet in **February**. Their next meeting will be **Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon** in the parish hall.
- **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 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.
- **Annual Parish Soup Luncheon** will be **Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** If you are interested in helping out please contact Jodie Webb at [j.webb@nationwide.com](mailto:j.webb@nationwide.com). **Soup Saturday** will be **Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- 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 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.
- **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.
- **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 Who Serve

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Mike Magaha  
**Second Counter:** Henry Todd  
**Lector:** Mar-Harris Edwards  
**Lector:** Kate Wilford  
**Intercessor:** Jodie Webb  
**Chalice 1:** David Burden  
**Chalice 2:**  
**1st Crucifer:** Christopher Wilford

**Server/Gospel Bearer:** Nathanael Burden  
**Torch Bearers:**  
**Ushers:** Cory Trotter, Maxwell Jeffers  
**Linen Guild:** Barbara Renaud  
**Altar Guild:** Jodie Webb  
**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

Patty Cleveland  
Lacrecia Bilbrey  
Linda Wilson  
Maggie George  
Brennan Ehlert

## Baptismal Newbirth Day

01 May  
10 January  
22 January

## Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Brennan Ehlert                      22 January

## Expectant Parents

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

## **Vestry Members**

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  
Buddy Bilbrey - 2026-2028  
Jamie Ward - 2026-2028  
JoCarol Titmas - 2026-2028  
Tracey Lidlow - 2026-2028

## **Delegates to the Convention**

Janet Rippy  
Debbie Hand

### **Grace Church Endowment**

Matthias Kloeck  
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### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday

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