

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.
- **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*.
- **St. Catherine's Guild** will not meet in **February**. Their next meeting will be **Monday, March 2nd** at **noon** in the parish hall.
- **Photo Directory:** Last day to have pictures taken is today **January 18th**. If you need to schedule or reschedule please contact Connie Pearce at conniepearce56@gmail.com
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 today **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.
- **Annual Parish Soup Luncheon** will be **Thursday, January 29th** 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. **Soup Saturday** will be **Saturday, January 24th** 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 22nd** at **9:15 a.m.** in the parish library. It is a daily devotional that looks at interesting, curious and humorous scripture verses.
- **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: Mike Magaha
Second Counter: Henry Todd
Lector: Jackie Lenhart
Intercessor: Kathe Harris
Chalice 1: Jackie Lenhart
Chalice 2: Kathe Harris
Church Opener: Howard Tallent

Stewardship Report

As of 11/30/2025

YTD 2025 Revenue \$368,645
 YTD 2025 Expenses \$394,032
 YTD 2025 Deficit \$25,387

THE GRACE CODE

Scan or tap to visit:



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

Those with birthdays this week

Patty Cleveland
 Lacreacia Bilbrey
 Linda Wilson
 Maggie George
 Brennan Ehlert

Baptismal Newbirth Day

14 September
 01 May
 10 January
 22 January

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

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



Henry Ossawa Tanner 1902-1903

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

18 January 2026

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome to Grace!

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The Word of God

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.

The Holy Gospel

Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.*
People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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).

Deacon or Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*
People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon

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The Peace

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

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