

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.
- **Pacesetters Square Dancing** lessons are **every Thursday, at 6 p.m.** 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.
- **Lenten Sermon Series Part 1** is today **Sunday, Feb 22nd**.
- **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 begins today **February 22nd at 9:15 a.m.** in the parish library. It is a daily devotion-al that looks at interesting, curious and humorous scripture verses.
- **Vestry** will meet **Monday, Feb 23rd at 6 p.m.**
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, Feb 26th at 10 a.m.**
- **Outreach** will meet **Sunday, March 1st** after the 10:30 Service.
- **St. Catherine's Guild** will meet **Monday, March 2nd at noon** in the parish hall. One of our new mem-bers, Betty Avakian an aesthetician, will be speaking about skin care and makeup.
- **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 be-half.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Annual BBQ is **October 10, 2026**.

• THE GRACE CODE

Scan or tap to visit:



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

Expectant Parents

Parker and Caroline Bates
Brent and Kirri Kinley
Donovan and Erin Colman

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Lawren Ardion 22 February

Those with birthdays this week

Buddy Bilbrey
Abby Burden
Mary Jane Ames
Allan Wilford
Jackson Potter
Jerry Peeler
Rick Stanland
Anna Rose Burden

Baptismal Newbirth Day

19 June
01 June
20 June
23 October
10 April



Congratulation to those who were Received, Confirmed, or Reaf-firmed on February 12th. Ed Barnwell, Maryann Barnwell, Anna Rose Burden, Alicia Crawford, Steve Fullerton, Susan Fullerton, Ed Pusey, Tanya Pusey, and Delaney Robinson

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Office Hours

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



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JUSTIFICATION AND LIFE FOR ALL

GRACE CHURCH

22 February 2026

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
First Sunday of Lent

Welcome to Grace!

The Liturgy Begins on page 319 - A Penitential Order: Rite One

The Word of God

The Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Psalm

Psalm 32 (read responsively by half verse)

Beati quorum

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
**who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."**
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Second Lesson

Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Holy Gospel

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

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

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed - page 326

Prayers of the People - page 328

The Peace

Announcements (We will be fasting from spoken announcements during the season of Lent, unless in Haiku or similar format. We call your attention to the announcements printed in the bulletin.) 😊

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer II - page 340

Post Communion Prayer - page 339

The Sending Forth - page 339

Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Henry Todd

Second Counter: Buddy Bilbrey

Lector: Kathe Harris

Intercessor: Annette Guiseppi-Elie

Chalice 1: Kathe Harris

Chalice 2: Annette Guiseppi-Elie

Church Opener: Drew Lavan

Stewardship Report

As of 1/31/2026

YTD 2026 Revenue \$40,681

YTD 2026 Expenses \$40,762

YTD 2026 Deficit \$81