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# LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

8 February 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

# Welcome to Grace!

## Opening Voluntary - Consider and Hear Me

Carl Phleuger

The Procession

Hymn #376

*Joyful, Joyful, we Adore Thee*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

The Liturgy begins on page 355

## The Word of God

Song of Praise #490

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The  
 night and the day are both a - like. The  
 Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

*a tempo*

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## The Collect

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

### Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

### The Psalm

**Psalm 112:1-10** (*read responsively by half verse*)  
**Beatus vir**

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
**and have great delight in his commandments!**
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
**and their righteousness will last for ever.**
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
**and to manage their affairs with justice.**
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
**their heart is right;**  
**they put their trust in the Lord.**
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
**and their righteousness stands fast for ever;**  
**they will hold up their head with honor.**
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
**the desires of the wicked will perish.**

## The Second Lesson

### 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

Gospel Hymn LEVAS #160

### *This Little Light of Mine*

1. This lit - tle light of mine, — I'm goin' - a let it shine, —

this lit - tle light of mine, — I'm goin' - a let it shine, —

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine).  
 2. Everywhere I go... 3. All through the night...

Words: Traditional Music: Negro Spiritual; adapt. William Farley Smith (b. 1941)

### The Holy Gospel

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

#### Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

#### The Sermon

**The Nicene Creed - page 358**

**Prayers of the People Form VI - page 392**

**The Peace**

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

**Offertory - Grace**

Mark Hayes

# 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 #304

*I Come With Joy*

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

Hymn #324

*Let All Mortal Flesh*

1 Let all mo - rtal 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

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

Hymn #436 VS 1-4  
*Life up your Heads*

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the  
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 \*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner  
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.  
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

**The Sending Forth - page 366**  
**Closing Voluntary - For the First of all Creation**

## 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.
- **St. Catherine's Guild** will meet **Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon** in the parish hall. One of our new members, Betty Avakian an aesthetician, will be speaking about skin care and makeup.
- **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.
- **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.
- There will be a **rehearsal** for those being confirmed, received, or reaffirmed this **Sunday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> right after the 10:30 service.**
- **Ready for a Leap of Faith?** The Episcopal Christianity last class will meet **Sunday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m.** in the parish library.
- It's **Souper Bowl Sunday!** EYC will be selling subs for \$5 a piece after each service on **Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.** All proceeds go to the Soup Kitchen.
- **Bring Palm Sunday Palm Fronds Sunday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>,** for making ashes for Ash Wednesday.
- **Outreach** will meet Today **Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** after 10:30 service.
- Grace Church, you are formally invited to come celebrate the **175th Anniversary of Grace Church** being admitted into the Diocese on **Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** with a reception of light hors d'oeuvres (catered by Earle Street) and a prosecco toast to celebrate the history and future of our Church. Please join us, we can't wait to celebrate with you.
- **Pacesetters** will not meet **Thursday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>** due to the 175th Celebration.
- **Moms Meet-Up** is **Saturday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** at Figs.
- **Church Office** will be **closed Monday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>** for Presidents Day.
- **Daughters of the King** will meet **Monday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.** in the parish hall.
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner** is **Tuesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**
- **Ash Wednesday Liturgies** will be at **noon and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Guys' Gathering at Grace** will be **Thursday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**
- **Lenten Serman Series Part 1** is on **Sunday, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>.**
- **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.
- **Vestry** will meet **Monday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m.**
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Annual BBQ is **October 10, 2026.**

# Those Who Serve

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Kirri Kinley

**Second Counter:** Jamie Ward

**Lector:** Kathe Bostater

**Lector:** Michael Cerps

**Intercessor:** Abby Burden

**Chalice 1:** Joey Oppermann

**Chalice 2:** Brett Dixon

**1st Crucifer:** Brett Dixon

**Server/Gospel Bearer:** Lacreacia Bilbrey

**Torch Bearers:**

**Ushers:** Nathanael Burden, Christopher Wilford

**Linen Guild:** Pam Herold

**Altar Guild:** Janet Rippy, Kathy Bostater

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Steve Grant

**Organist Emeritus:** Bill Scott

## Stewardship Report

As of 12/31/2025

YTD 2025 Revenue \$424,678

YTD 2025 Expenses \$439,965

YTD 2025 Deficit \$15,287

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**Those with birthdays this week**

Nathan Cox  
Nancy Welch  
Brady Peebles

**Baptismal Newbirth Day**

30 March  
  
15 February

**Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week**

Campbell Kinley	9 February
Mike Digby	10 February
Tony Guiseppi-Elie	10 February
Erin Hughes	10 February
Louise Knisley	13 February
Aurelia LeBrun	14 February

**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, Jr. Warden - 2025-2027  
Bill Scott - 2025-2027  
Cyndi Dougherty - 2025-2027  
Heiko Erlenkeuser - 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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Carol Miller  
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