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Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Kirri Kinley

Second Counter: Jamie Ward

Lector: Jackie Lenhart

Intercessor: Kathe Harris

Chalice 1: Jackie Lenhart

Chalice 2: Kathe Harris

Church Opener: Tab Bates

Expectant Parents

Parker and Caroline Bates

Brent and Kirri Kinley

Donovan and Erin Colman

Sam and Cayce Baker

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

THE GRACE CODE

Scan or tap to visit:



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

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.
- There will be a **rehearsal** for those being confirmed, received, or reaffirmed this **Sunday, Feb 8th right after the 10:30 service.**
- **Ready for a Leap of Faith?** The Episcopal Christianity last class will meet **Sunday, Feb. 8th 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, Feb-**

- **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 2nd 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 Anna-bel 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.
- **Ash Wednesday Liturgies** will be at **noon and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb 18th.**
- **Guys' Gathering at Grace** will be **Thursday, Feb. 19th at 6 p.m.**
- **Vestry** will meet **Monday, Feb 23rd at 6 p.m.**
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, Feb 26th at 10 a.m.**
- **WWW** invites you to join us on **February 8th.** All proceeds go to the Soup Kitchen.
- **Bring Palm Sunday Palm Fronds Sunday, Feb. 15th, and Tuesday, Feb. 17th,** for making ashes for Ashe Wednesday.
- **Outreach** will meet Today **Sunday, February 8th** 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 12th 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. 12th** due to the 175th Celebration.
- **Moms Meet-Up** is **Saturday, Feb. 14th at 9:30 a.m.** at Figs.
- **Church Office** will be **closed Monday, Feb 16th** for Presidents Day.
- **Daughters of the King** will meet **Monday, Feb 16th at 10 a.m.** in the parish hall.
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner** is **Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 6 p.m.**
- **Lenten Serman Series Part 1** is on **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 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.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Annual BBQ is **October 10, 2026.**



Van Gogh 1888

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8 February 2026

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

Welcome to Grace!

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The Word of God

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.

The Holy Gospel

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

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

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.”

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

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