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GRACE CHURCH

1 March 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome to Grace!
Opening Voluntary - Arioso
 The Procession

J.S. Bach

Hymn #440
Blessed Jesus at thy Word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -
 hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,
 now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy
 pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rai - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619–1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829–1878); alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625–1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846–1926)

The Liturgy begins with the Penitential Order and Decalogue page 351

People
 A - men. Lord, have mer - cy.

The Word of God

Kyrie S-96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, —
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Lord have mercy: Kyrie

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Collect

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Psalm

Psalm 121 (*read responsively by half verse*)

Levavi oculos

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Second Lesson

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel Hymn LEVAS #124

Give Me a Clean Heart SUNG TWICE

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Give me a clean heart so I may serve". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "Thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by". The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

thee. For I'm not wor - thy of all these bless -

ings. Give me a clean heart and I'll fol - low thee.

Words: Margaret J. Douroux (b. 1941)

Music: Margaret J. Douroux; harm. Albert Dennis Tessier

The Holy Gospel

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

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.) 😊

Offertory - *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
Hymn

arr. By Bill Scott

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1. We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2. May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive,
3. The cap - tive to re - lease, To God the lost to bring,
4. And we be - lieve Thy Word, Tho' dim our faith may be;

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first - fruits give.
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ - like thing.
What - e'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it un - to Thee.

Words: William W. How, 1823-1897 St. Andrew Music: Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896 6.6.8.6(S.M)

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 S-169

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
 deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my
 flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My
 flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: My flesh is food indeed

Music: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

Communion Hymns #142

Lord, Who Throughout

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
 2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
 3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
 4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
 5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
 2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
 3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
 4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
 5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898) Music: St. Flavian, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

Hymn #593

Lord Make Us Servants

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

Words: James Quinn (b. 1919), based on a prayer att. to St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) Music: Dickinson College, Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. (1923-1979)

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

Hymn #149
Eternal Lord of Love

Unison or harmony



1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

Words: Thomas H. Cain (b. 1931)

Music: *Old 124th*, melody *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944)

The Sending Forth - page 366
Closing Voluntary - *Prelude in G minor*

J.S. Bach

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.
- **EYC IS CURRENTLY COLLECTING** individually wrapped candy or small toys (erasers, stickers, etc.) for the Easter Egg Hunt on **April 5th**. Please drop off any donations in the marked bin outside the parish hall.



- **Lenten Sermon Series Part 2** is today **Sunday, March 1st**.
- **Lenten study Honest to Goodness** by Furman Buchanan, continues today **March 1st at 9:15 a.m.** in the parish library.
- **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. We would like to invite All ladies bring a sandwich and attend. Drinks and dessert will be provided.
- **Daylights Saving** is **Sunday, March 8th**.
- **March's Wednesday Night Supper** is **Wednesday, March 11th at 5:30 p.m.** We will be serving corn beef and cabbage. All proceeds will go to Family Promise. If you would like to attend RSVP to the Church office (864) 225-8011 **by Monday, March 9th**.
- **Happening:** 9th-12th Grade Happening is **Friday, March 13th - Sunday March 15th**.
- **Evensong liturgy** has been postponed.
- **Daughters of the King** will meet **Monday, March 16th at 10 a.m.**
- **Vestry** will meet **Monday, March 16th at 6 p.m.**
- **Guys's Gathering at Grace** will be **Thursday, March 19th at 6 p.m.**
- **Mom's Meet-Up** will be **Saturday, March 21st** at Fig's Café from **9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, March 26th at 10 a.m.**
- **Palm Sunday** is **Sunday March 31st**.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Annual BBQ is **October 10, 2026**.
- **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.



Lent Madness is happening now! Vote for your favorite saints to see who will win the Golden Halo here: <https://www.lentmadness.org/#Bracket>

• THE GRACE CODE



Scan or tap to visit:

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

Stewardship Report	
As of 1/31/2026	
YTD 2026 Revenue	\$40,681
YTD 2026 Expenses	\$40,762
YTD 2026 Deficit	\$81

Those Who Serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Henry Todd

Second Counter: Buddy Bilbrey

Lector: Sara Cheek

Lector: Tracey Lidlow

Intercessor: Cindy Hopkins

Chalice 1: Al Sloan

Chalice 2: David Burden

1st Crucifer: David Burden

Server/Gospel Bearer: Nathanael Burden

Torch Bearers:

Ushers: Brett Dixon, Buddy Bilbrey

Linen Guild: Joanie Roberts

Altar Guild: Pam Herold, Bess Boyer, Cindy Hopkins

Organist/Choirmaster: Steve Grant

Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott

Those with birthdays this week

Anne Martin

Rame Campbell

Caroline Foster

Serra Erlenkeuser

Lebrena Campbell

Darrell Burgess

Lukas Bostick

Baptismal Newbirth Day

29 July

13 May

10 January

18 August

27 May

02 September

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Daniel Klimek

1 March

Larry Bowman

4 March

Robert George

5 March

Elise Talbert

5 March

Vicki Raymond

6 March

Expectant Parents

Parker and Caroline Bates

Brent and Kirri Kinley

Donovan and Erin Colman

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, Clerk - 2026-2028
JoCarol Titmas - 2026-2028
Tracey Lidlow - 2026-2028

Delegates to the Convention

Janet Rippy
Debbie Hand
Bill Scott
Jamie Ward
Jodie Webb 1st alternate
Carol Miller 2nd alternate
JoCarol Titmas 3rd alternate

Grace Church Endowment

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