

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.
- **Vestry** will meet **Monday, March 16th at 6 p.m.**
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, March 26th at 10 a.m.**
- **Palm Sunday** is **Sunday March 31st**.
- **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**.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Annual BBQ is **October 10, 2026**.
- **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.**
- **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.**
- **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

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 Erlenkauser - 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

Matthias Kloeck
 Lee Hancock
 Ken Langford, Treasurer
 Carol Miller
 Lang Foster

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



Henry Ossawa Tanner 1899

BORN FROM ABOVE

GRACE CHURCH

1 March 2026
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 Second Sunday of Lent

Welcome to Grace!

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

The Word of God

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.

The Holy Gospel

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

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

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.”

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: Jim Harris

Those with birthdays this week

Anne Martin	29 July
Rame Campbell	
Caroline Foster	13 May
Serra Erlenkeuser	10 January
Lebrena Campbell	18 August
Darrell Burgess	27 May
Lukas Bostick	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