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**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.)** 😊

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**Those who serve**

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Bill Scott  
**Second Counter:** Tracey Lidlow  
**Lector:** Tony Guiseppi-Elie  
**Intercessor:** Annette Guiseppi-Elie  
**Chalice 1:** Annette Guiseppi-Elie  
**Chalice 2:** Jackie Lenhart  
**Church Opener:** Tab Bates

**Those with birthdays this week**

Maxwell Jeffers  
 Lisa Mattison  
 Lee Simon  
 Daniel Klimek  
 Sarah Robinson  
 Emiline Hughes  
 Baker Mosteller

**Baptismal Newbirth Day**

5 July  
 27 April  
 1 March  
 8 January  
 2 November  
 21 March

**Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week**

Anna George 8 March  
 Brett Williams 10 March

**Expectant Parents**

Brent and Kirri Kinley  
 Donovan and Erin Colman

**Stewardship Report**

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

**Congratulation** to Parker and Caroline Bates on the birth of their daughter Eloise Emery Bates born on Monday February 23rd.

**Grace Notes**

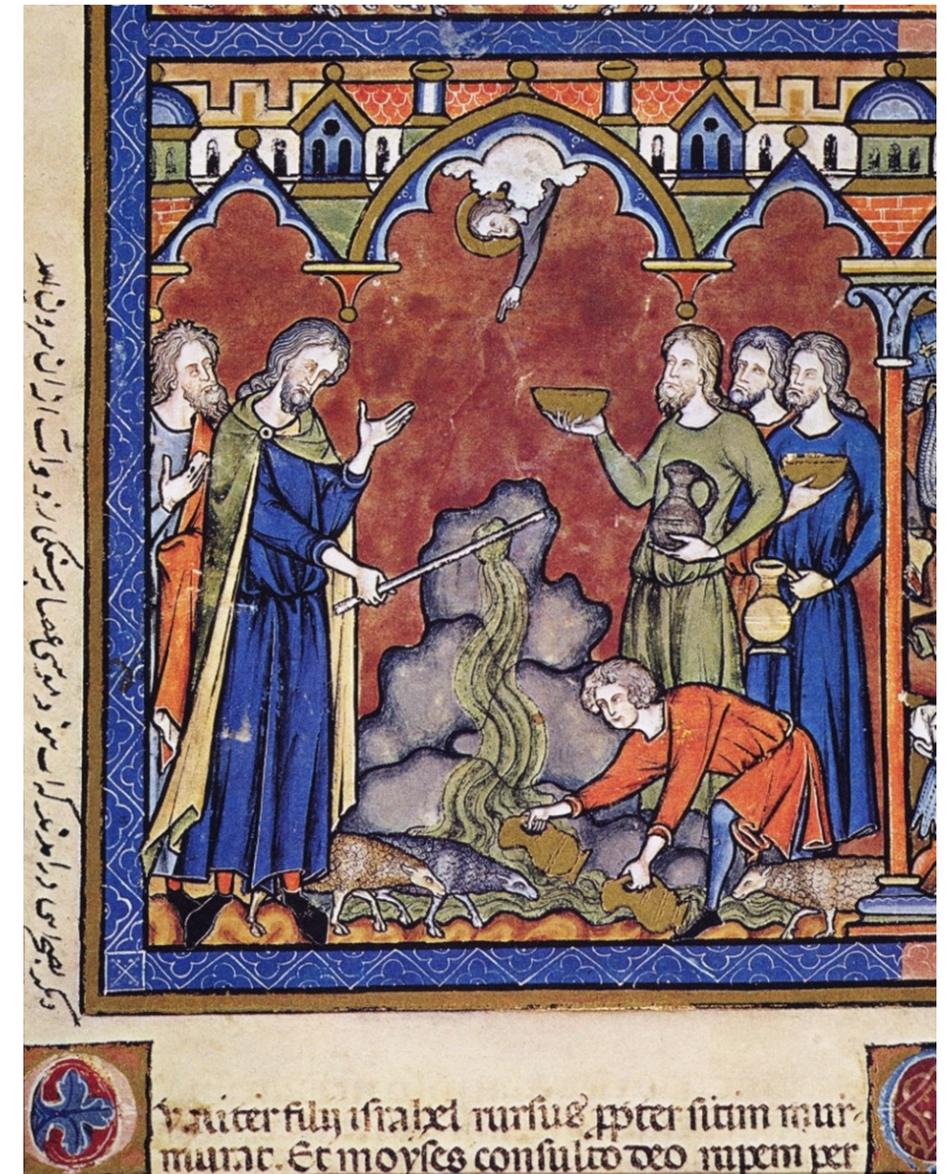
- The **Music Ministry** at Grace Church is growing. Our choirs meet **Wednesdays** with Children's Choir at **5:15 p.m.** and Adult Choir at **6:15 p.m.**
- **Fiber Friends and Fellowship** meets every **Tuesday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**
- If you would like to **donate to Family Promise**, scan the Grace 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.
- **EYC IS CURRENTLY COLLECTING** individually wrapped candy or small toys (erasers, stickers, etc.) for the Easter Egg Hunt on **April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30a.m.** Please drop off any donations in the marked bin outside the parish hall.
- **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.
- **Lenten Sermon Series Part 3** is today **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Lenten study Honest to Goodness** by Furman Buchanan, continues today **March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m.** in the parish library.
- **March's Wednesday Night Supper** is **Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Happening:** 9th-12th Grade Happening is **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Evensong service at Grace Church, March 15, 2026 at 5 p.m.**
- **Daughters of the King** will meet **Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**
- **Vestry** will meet **Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**
- **Guys's Gathering at Grace** will be **Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**
- **Mom's Meet-Up** will be **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at Fig's Café from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**
- **Palm Sunday** is **Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>.** 🌿
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Annual BBQ is **October 10, 2026.**
- Our **Easter Breakfast** is on **April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-10 a.m.** We need sweet and savory dishes. We also need people for set-up and clean up. Thank you. If interested please contact Cyn-di Dougherty at (613) 766-3619. I look forward to seeing you there.
- **Garden Day** to ready the garden for planting is **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.**
- Lilly forms are available in cloister and outside office door.



**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



Circa 1250 AD

**GIVE ME THIS WATER**

**GRACE CHURCH**

8 March 2026  
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 Third 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, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The First Lesson

#### Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

### The Psalm

**Psalm 95** (*read responsively by half verse*)  
**Venite, exultemus**

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, \*  
**and a great King above all gods.**
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
**and the heights of the hills are his also.**
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
**and his hands have molded the dry land.**
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
**and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

8 Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
**at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.**

9 They put me to the test, \*  
**though they had seen my works.**

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
**"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."**

11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
**"They shall not enter into my rest."**

### The Second Lesson

#### Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### The Holy Gospel

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

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

#### John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons

and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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