Grace Notes

- **Welcome Visitors:** Please take a moment to fill out the visitor card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
- **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.
- **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.
- **BRIDGE CARD GROUP FORMING** – If you are interested in playing (either learning or playing) please contact Debbie Hand at 316-617-2409 or via email at handrab@yahoo.com.
- **Guy's Gathering at Grace** will be Thursday, April 16th at 6 p.m.
- **EYC Baking Day** is Saturday, April 18th from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **EYC Bake Sale** is Sunday, April 19th.
- **Grace Life** is forming a committee to help with church events and creative new ways to enrich parish life. All are welcome to join. If interested contact Cyndi Dougherty (631) 766-3619 text, email cyndidoug458@gmail.com, or see her.
- **Saturday Servants** will meet May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. Volunteers are needed. We also need donations of grape jam and peanut butter. See newsletter for more information.
- **Save The Date:** Grace will have a **Whitsunday Ale drop in** on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th, from 4 - 7 p.m. at the home of Brett and Rebecca Dixon, 389 Graham Rd, Anderson SC 29625. Bring a dish to share and enjoy some of Brett Dixon's home brewed ale.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Annual BBQ is October 10, 2026.
- **AV System Volunteers Needed:** We are in need of someone to run the AV system and streaming on Sunday mornings. If you are interested contact the Church office or Bill Scott at scottwn2003@yahoo.com or (864) 314-9712.
- **IMPORTANT – KEY ENTRY TO THE BUILDING WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE.** The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina has mandated Safe Church training and compliance measures to enhance Safety and help prevent abuse. As a result, we will be implementing keypad access and issuing controlled access codes as part of this requirement effective April 13, 2026. In order to gain access to the building after April 13th, you will need to complete the required Safe Church Training modules and receive a keypad access code. Please contact the office for further information if you need regular access to the building after business hours.
- **Daughters of the King** are collecting chicken lunch pouches to out in Blessing Bags for the unhoused. Please place any donations in the tote in the cloister.
- **Grace Life** would like to extend a heartful thank you to everyone who contributed to our Easter breakfast, from set-up, serving, and clean up to bring a dish. We could not have done it without your help. Thank you again.
- **Upcoming Diocesan Event:** This is a free event for parishioners to learn about lay ministry! If you are interested in signing up please see the sign up link on the Grace Website or Grace QR. *Lay ministry refers to the service, leadership, and pastoral care preformed by baptized, non-ordained members of a church, representing a collaborative "Priesthood of all believers." It's a call to serve both inside and outside the church walls. *Come discover your own gifts, discern where you feel called to lead, and develop practical action plans to turn a sense of calling into active ministry. Get equipped with tools, clarity and confidence for ministry leadership to further the kingdom of God.

THE GRACE CODE Scan or tap to visit:

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

Those with birthdays this week

Charlotte Wilford	13 April
Al Sloan	15 November
Suzanne Curlis	4 April
Janet Rippy	
Parker Bates	1 September

Baptismal Newbirth Day

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Linda Foley	12 April
Conrad Foster	12 April
Charlotte Wilford	13 April
Kirri Kinley	14 April
Nancy Maxwell	16 April
Madeline Rishovd	16 April

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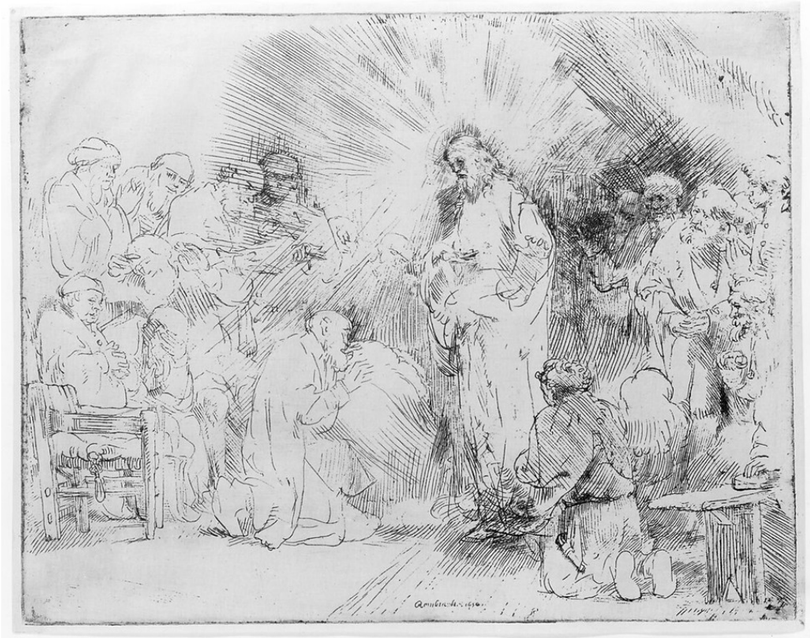

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HE BREATHED ON THEM

GRACE CHURCH

12 April 2026
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Grace!

The Liturgy Begins on page 323

The Word of God

The Collect
Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Psalm

Psalm 16 *(read responsively by half verse)*
Conserva me, Domine

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Holy Gospel

Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*
People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon or Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*
People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon

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The Peace
Announcements *(Please notify the rector before hand)*

The Holy Communion

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Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Kirri Kinley
Second Counter: Mike Magaha
Lector: Kathe Harris
Intercessor: Annette Guiseppi-Elie
Chalice: Kathe Harris
Chalice 2: Annette Guiseppi-Elie
Church Opener: Tab Bates
Eucharist Visitor: Annette Guiseppi-Elie

Expectant Parents
Brent and Kirri Kinley
Donovan and Erin Colman

Stewardship Report
As of 2/28/2026
YTD 2026 Revenue $81,478
YTD 2026 Expenses $78,214
YTD 2026 Surplus $3,264