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

Grace Church Endowment
Matthias Kloeck
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THE SHEPHERD AND GUARDIAN OF YOUR SOULS

GRACE CHURCH

26 April 2026
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Grace!

The Liturgy Begins on page 323

The Word of God

The Collect
O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Psalm

Psalm 23 *(read responsively by half verse)*
Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture, *
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul *
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

SAVE THE DATE

Save The Date: Grace will have a **Whitsun 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.

VBS: we are gearing up for VBS! Every Wednesday night in July beginning on July 8, we will have VBS from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., and the whole church is invited! If you are interested in serving in any capacity at VBS this year, please make sure you talk to Sharon so we can make sure you are Safe Church certified.

Weekly Meetings

Fiber, Friends, and Fellowship: Starting May 5th FFF will begin meeting every Tuesday from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Women, Wine, and Wisdom meets every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

The Ladies' Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Those with birthdays this week	Baptismal Newbirth Day
Cindy Hopkins	26 August

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week	
Lisa Mattison	27 April

- **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.

Expectant Parents
Brent and Kirri Kinley
Donovan and Erin Colman
Joey and Asheton Benson

Stewardship Report
As of 3/31/2026
YTD 2026 Revenue $118,873
YTD 2026 Expenses $122,568
YTD 2026 Surplus $3,695

- **WWW** will begin a new book on Tuesday, April 28th *Liturgy of the* Ordinary by Tish Harrison Warren. Join us in the parlor on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 –8 p.m. All are welcome at the table.
- **Saturday Servants** will meet May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. Volunteers are needed. We also need donations of grape jam, creamy peanut butter and waters. If you are interested in helping contact Tracey Lidlow at tjlidlow@gmail.com
- **Fraud Protection Class:** United Community Bank is considering hosting a Fraud Protection Class at Grace to help individuals and families stay safe from scams, identity theft, and financial fraud. Topics may include; recognizing common scams, protecting your personal and banking information, tips for safe online and mobile banking and what to do if you suspect fraud. At this time, we are gathering interest to see if this class would be beneficial for our church community. If you are interested please email Nikki at gracechurchanderson1851@gmail.com.

THE GRACE CODE

Scan or tap to visit:

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

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them
that trouble me; *
thou hast anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life;*
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian 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 10:1-10

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

The Sermon

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Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Heiko Erlenkeuser
Second Counter: Henry Todd
Lector: Tony Guiseppi-Elie
Intercessor: Annette Guiseppi-Elie
Chalice: Annette Guiseppi-Elie
Chalice 2: Jackie Lenhart
Church Opener: Drew Lavan

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** 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.
- **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** 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.
- **GRADUATING SENIORS:** If you have a graduating senior, please talk to Sharon Dorsey.
- **IMPORTANT – KEY ENTRY TO THE BUILDING WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE. The church has been re-keyed. If you need access to the building and have not been contacted about this, please contact the church office.**
- **St. Catherine's Guild** will meet Monday, May 4th at noon at Grace. We will be discussing adding a new project. Bring a sandwich, but drink and dessert will be provided.
- **FAVOR UPSTATE**: Please join us for Lunch with Lesley to have lunch and to have a chance to connect, share perspectives and hear more about where FAVOR is headed and how we continue to strengthen recovery across the community. Lunch will be held at Grace Wednesday, May 6th from noon - 1 p.m. Please rsvp to Janelle Walker at Janelle@favorupstate.org if your interested in joining.
- **Daughter's of the King** will meet Saturday May 9th at 10 a.m.
- **Eucharistic Minister Training:** Arch Deacon Mary Jeffers will be holding a eucharistic minister training on Saturday, May 9th from10 - 11:30 a.m. at Grace. If you are currently trained as an eucharistic minister, Nikki will be reaching out to let you know if it is time to renew your training. If you are not trained and would like to be, please contact Nikki in the church office to let her know.