

## 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  
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## Delegates to the Convention

Janet Rippy  
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Caravaggio circa 1600

# FOLLOW ME

## GRACE CHURCH

7 June 2026

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
Second Sunday after Pentecost

# Welcome to Grace!

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## The Word of God

### The Collect

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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

### Genesis 12:1-9

Now 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. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

## The Psalm

**Psalm 33:1-12** (*read responsively by half verse*)  
**Exultate, justi**

1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; \*  
**it is good for the just to sing praises.**

2 Praise the LORD with the harp; \*  
**play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.**

# SAVE THE DATE

**Episcopal Christianity Class:** Sundays in July and August at 9:15 a.m. in Fr. Jack's study, for those who would like to be baptized on All Saints Sunday, or confirmed, or who want to study the faith and talk about interesting things.

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Annual BBQ is **October 10, 2026.**

## Weekly Gatherings

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

Bridge Card Group: Wednesday from 3-5 p.m. in the library.

### Those with birthdays this week

Sydney Baker  
Jesse Ehlert  
George Burgess  
Norma Strang  
Bob Prince  
Andy Prince  
Mac McGaw  
Jane Hughes

### Baptismal Newbirth Day

23 April  
27 March  
21 October  
01 April

### Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Heiko Erlenkeuser 10 June  
Hanna Erlenkeuser 12 June

## 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:** If you are interested in learning more about Daughters of the King, we will begin a class on **Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.** in the Library. We will have tea and nibbles for our first meeting. It will run for 8 weeks. For more information contact Debbie Hand at [handrab@yahoo.com](mailto:handrab@yahoo.com) or Barbara Renaud at [barbrenaud@yahoo.com](mailto:barbrenaud@yahoo.com).
- **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](mailto:cyndidoug458@gmail.com), or see her.
- **Guy's Gathering at Grace** will meet at Grace on **Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**
- **Vestry** will meet **Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**
- **June Prayer Class:** Sundays **June 7, 14, and 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:15 a.m.** in Fr. Jack's study. We will be discussing the modern classic *Help Thanks Wow* by Anne Lamott. Bring a copy, read chapter 1 for the first week.
- **Summer Food For Kids** will begin on **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We meet at **12pm** to deliver meals and books to children in neighborhoods around the church. We welcome any donations of books for children and teenagers! If you are interested or have any questions, please talk to Sharon.
- The **Volan and Potter wedding** will be **Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.** at Grace.
- **Veterans Drive:** St. Catherine's Guild and Guys Gathering at Grace will begin collecting items for the Richard Campbell Veterans Home Drive **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**. Those items may be placed in the tote in the labeled tote in the cloister. See may newsletter for a list of items.
- **Eucharistic Visitor Training:** Arch Deacon Mary Jeffers will hold a eucharistic visitor training on **June 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** at St. Michael's. If you are interested in attending this training, please let the front office know.
- The **Grace Ladies' Prayer Group** will only meet **Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>** for the summer, We will meet at 10 a.m. in the Grace Library.
- On behalf of **Saturday Servants**, we would like to thank everyone for your support for the month of May. Because of your giving spirit, we were able to distribute over 200 sandwiches each Saturday. You made our endeavor successful. Wishing you all God's blessings and peace!
- **Playground Days:** Join us **June 8th, 10th, 17th, and 29th** on the playground at Grace from **10 a.m.– noon** for snacks, popsicles, and summer fun. All families are welcome.

- 3 Sing for him a new song; \*  
**sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.**
- 4 For the word of the LORD is right, \*  
**and all his works are sure.**
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; \*  
**the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.**
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, \*  
**by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.**
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin \*  
**and stores up the depths of the sea.**
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; \*  
**let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.**
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; \*  
**he commanded, and it stood fast.**
- 10 The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; \*  
**he thwarts the designs of the peoples.**
- 11 But the LORD's will stands fast for ever, \*  
**and the designs of his heart from age to age.**
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
**happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**

### The Second Lesson

#### Romans 4:13-25

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he

grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### The Holy Gospel

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

### Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.”

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

**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 beforehand*)

### The Holy Communion

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### Those who serve

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Jodie Webb

**Second Counter:** Bill Scott

**Lector:** Dylan Hankins

**Intercessor:** Michelle Ricketson

**Chalice 1:** Jackie Lenhart

**Chalice 2:** Michelle Ricketson

**Church Opener:** Jim Harris

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Jack Hardaway

**Expectant Parents**  
Donovan and Erin Colman  
Joey and Asheton Benson

### THE GRACE CODE



Scan or tap to visit:

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

**Stewardship Report**  
As of 4/30/2026  
YTD 2026 Revenue \$159,743  
YTD 2026 Expenses \$159,331  
YTD 2026 Surplus \$412

### Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Elizabeth Faith Lytton, by Ronnie and Cindy Hopkins and Ashley Lytton Burdette.