

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

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GRACE



PROCLAIMING + CELEBRATING + EMBRACING

GRACE CHURCH

12 July 2026
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

The Liturgy Begins on page 323

The Word of God

The Collect

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, “If it is to be this way, why do I live?” So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

“Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger.”

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!” (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.” Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

SAVE THE DATE

The Back to School Blessing of students, teachers, and backpacks will be August 2 at both services. All students, teachers, staff, and other school personnel are invited to participate.

EYC is going to Carowinds August 8. It is \$20 per person to go. If your teen is interested, please talk to Sharon Dorsey.

Grace Annual BBQ is October 10, 2026.

It’s almost fall, yall! Save the date for the Fall Festival on October 18, after the 10:30 service.

The annual EYC Holiday Vendor Market will be held November 7, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.. If you are interested in having a space, please talk to Sharon Dorsey.

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		Baptismal Newbirth Day
	Finn Mosteller	31 March
	Lily Hall	14 January
	Ken Langford	21 September
	William Johnson	05 April
	Melissa Langford	11 September
	Alyssa Richardson	
	Jennifer Burgess	10 October

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week	
Donna Maddox	16 July
Jamie Ward	16 July

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.
- **FFF:** Meets every **Tuesday from 10 a.m. - noon.**
- **Vestry** will not meet for July
- **The first day of school is right around the corner!** We are collecting school supplies that will be distributed during Summer Food For Kids. Donations can be left in the marked bin by the parish hall. We ask that all donations be brought in by July 24th. If you would like to make a monetary donation instead, please make any checks out to Grace Church with "School Supplies" in the Memo. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Dorsey (864) 978-6265 or slgeorge864@gmail.com
- **Episcopal Christianity Class:** **Sundays July 19, August 2, 9, 16, and 23 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.
- **Summer Food For Kids:** **Friday, July 31st.** Will be the last Friday for Summer Food For Kids.
- **Playground Days:** Join us **July 13, 20, and 27** on the playground at Grace from **10 a.m. – noon** for snacks, popsicles, and summer fun. All families are welcome.
- **Outreach** will meet today, **Sunday July 12th.**
- There will be a **diocesan tubing day for youth** on **July 26th at 1 p.m.** The cost is \$25 per person., and we will be tubing on the Saluda River in Greenville. If your teen is interested, talk to Sharon Dorsey (864) 978-6265 or slgeorge864@gmail.com to sign up.
- **VBS:** is in full swing, we will meet **Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** This year we welcome the whole family to join in the fun.
- **Guy's Gathering at Grace** will meet **Thursday, July 16th at 6 p.m.**
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, July 23rd at 10 a.m.**

THE GRACE CODE



Scan or tap to visit:

- New to Grace
- VBS sign-up
- Outreach giving
- Facebook page
- Family Promise

The Psalm

Psalm 119:105-112 (*read responsively by half verse*)
Lucerna pedibus meis

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.
- 106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.
- 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Holy Gospel

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

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

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Lynn Sanders

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The Peace

Announcements (*Please notify the rector beforehand*)

The Holy Communion

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Sending out of Eucharistic Visitor

Celebrant: Annette, in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to Gill Powell, Norma Strang, and Lily Hall that they may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

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Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Cyndi Dougherty

Second Counter: Heiko Erlenkeuser

Lector: Andy Potter

Intercessor: Annette Guiseppi-Elie

Chalice 1: Jackie Lenhart

Chalice 2: Annette Guiseppi-Elie

Church Opener: Tab Bates

Celebrant: The Rev. Lynn Sanders

Eucharistic Visitor: Annette Guiseppi-Elie

Expectant Parents

Joey & Asheton Benson

Lori & Hunter Foley

Stewardship Report

As of 5/31/2026

YTD 2026 Revenue \$207,794

YTD 2026 Expenses \$201,381

YTD 2026 Surplus \$6,413