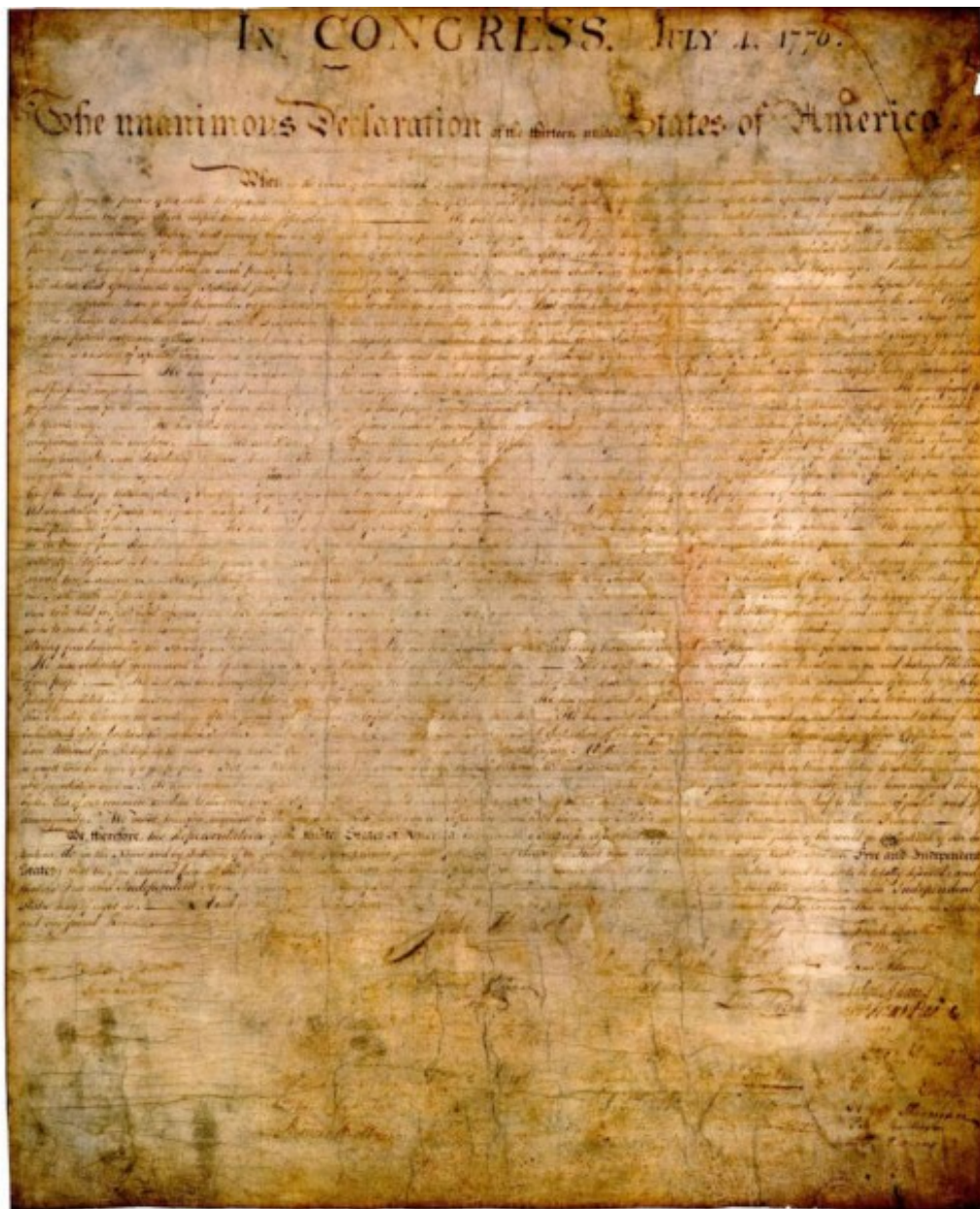




INDEPENDENCE DAY

GRACE CHURCH

5 July 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *In Memory of our Fallen*

arr. by Bill Scott

The Procession

Hymn #720

O Say Can You See

1 O say can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light,
2 O thus be it ev - er, when free - men shall stand

what so proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing,
be - tween their loved homes and the war's des - o - la - tion!

whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the per - il - ous fight,
Blest with vic - tory and peace, may the heaven-re-scu'd land

o'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing?
praise the Power that hath made and pre - served us a na - tion!

And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burst - ing in air,
Then— con - quer we must, when our cause it is just,

gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
and this be our mot - to, "In God is our trust."

O say does that star-span-gled ban - ner yet wave
And the star-span-gled ban - ner in tri - umph shall wave

o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Words: Francis Scott Key (1779–1843)

Music: *National Anthem*, source unknown, ca. 18th cent.

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The Word of God

A Song of Praise

Hymn #8

Morning has Broken

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965), alt.

Music: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)

The Collect

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Psalm

Psalm 148:8-15 (*read responsively by half verse*) *Exaltabo te, Deus*

- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Second Lesson

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh.

I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel Hymn LEVAS #226

Mine eyes have seen

1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the
 2. I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a
 3. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall
 4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies, Christ was

1. com - ing of the Lord; He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the
 2. hund - red cir - cling camps, They have build - ed Him an al - tar in the
 3. nev - er sound re - treat, He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be -
 4. born a - cross the sea, With a glo - ry in His bos - om that trans -

1. grapes of wrath are stored; He has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His
 2. eve - ning dews and damps; I can read His right - eous sent - ence by the
 3. fore His judge - ment seat; O be swift, my soul, to an - swer Him! Be
 4. fig - ures you and me; As He died to make men ho - ly, let us

1. ter - ri - ble swift sword, His truth is march - ing on.
 2. dim and flar - ing lamps, His day is march - ing on.
 3. ju - bi - lant, my feet! Our God is march - ing on.
 4. live to make all free, While God is march - ing on.

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le -

lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Words: Julia W. Howe (1819–1910)

Music: *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, William Steffe; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

The Holy Gospel

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

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For the Nation - page 838

Collect for Independence Day

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin and Absolution - page 360

The Peace

Announcements (*Please notify the rector beforehand*)

Offertory - *God Bless America*

Soloist Bella Fullerton

Hymn

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1. We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2. May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive,
3. The cap - tive to re - lease, To God the lost to bring,
4. And we be - lieve Thy Word, Tho' dim our faith may be;

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first - fruits give.
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ - like thing.
What - e'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it un - to Thee.

Words: William W. How, 1823-1897 St. Andrew Music: Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896 6.6.8.6(S.M)

The Holy Communion

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Sanctus WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Great Amen LEVAS #233

musical score for "The Great Amen" in 4/4 time. The score is written for voice and piano. The vocal part consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The piano part consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

Words: Traditional Music: Negro Spiritual; ar. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

Fraction Anthem LEVAS #154

musical score for "Fraction Anthem" in 3/2 time. The score is written for voice and piano. The vocal part consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The piano part consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/2. The lyrics are: "Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

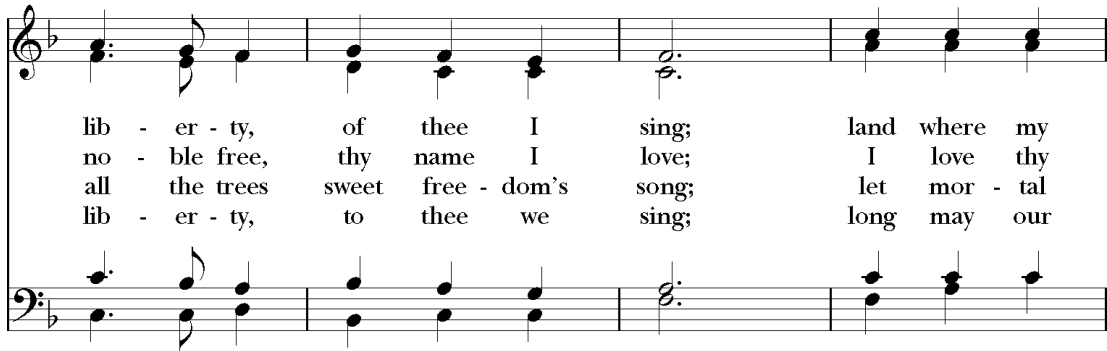
Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965), alt. Music: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)

Communion Hymns #717

My country tis of thee



1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from
 4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of



lib - er - ty, of thee I sing; land where my
 no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy
 all the trees sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal
 lib - er - ty, to thee we sing; long may our



fa - thers died, land of the pil - grim's pride,
 rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;
 tongues a - wake, let all that breathe par - take,
 land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;



from ev - ery moun - tain - side let freed - om ring.
 my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
 let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
 pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

Words: Samuel Francis Smith (1808–1895)

Music: America, from *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1745

Hymn #405

All things bright and beautiful

Descant



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



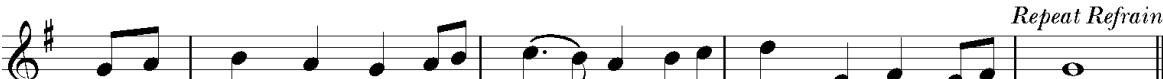
all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



Repeat Refrain

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895)

Music: *Royal Oak*, melody from *The Dancing Master*, 1686; adapt. and harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875–1958), desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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The Blessing of the People

The Procession

Hymn #719 *O beautiful for spacious skies*

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859–1929), alt.

Music: *Materna*, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848–1903)

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Closing Voluntary - *Our Nation's National Anthem*

Francis Scott Key

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:** Is holding a class [July 11th, 18th, 25th, Aug. 1st, and 8th](#) at 10 a.m. in the Grace library. If you are interested in learning more, contact Debbie Hand at handrab@yahoo.com or Barbara Renaud at barbrenaud@yahoo.com.
- **Church Office** will be closed [Monday, July 6th](#) for Independence day.
- **FFF:** Starting [Tuesday, July 7th](#) the fiber group will go back to meeting from [10 a.m. - noon every Tuesday](#).
- **Vestry** will meet [Monday, July 13th](#) at 6 p.m.
- **Episcopal Christianity Class:** [Sundays July 5, 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** will begin on [May 22nd](#). 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, contact Sharon Dorsey at slgeorge864@yahoo.com or (864)978-6265.
- Grace Life will have an **Independence Day Celebration** following the 10:30 liturgy. We need help with sides and desserts. If you would like to help please sign up in the cloister or contact [Cyndi Dougherty at \(631\) 766-3619](#). What a star spangled celebration this will be. Come have a blast.
- **Playground Days:** Join us [July 13, 20, and 27](#) on the playground at Grace from [10 a.m. – noon](#) for snacks, pop-sicles, and summer fun. All families are welcome.
- **Grace Ladies Prayer Group** will meet [Wednesday July 8th](#) at 10 a.m.
- **St. Catherine's Guild** will meet [Monday, July 6th](#) at noon at the church. We will be preparing the backpack and bath totes that we are giving to the foster boys at helping hands. Bring a sandwich, and fruit and lemonade will be provided.
- **Outreach** will meet [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:** 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 planning on coming to VBS, please fill out the registration form in the Grace Code, call the church office, or speak to Sharon Dorsey (864) 978-6265 or slgeorge864@gmail.com to sign up.

• THE GRACE CODE

Scan or tap to visit:



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

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 who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Bill Scott

Second Counter: Buddy Bilbrey

Lector: Tom Pearce

Lector: Sara Cheek

Intercessor: Cindy Hopkins

Chalice 1: David Burden

Chalice 2: Bill Scott

1st Crucifer: Christopher Wilford

Server/Gospel Bearer: David Burden

Ushers: Debbie Hand, Brett Dixon

Linen Guild: Barbara Renaud

Altar Guild: Pam Herold, Bess Boyer

Organist/Choirmaster: Steve Grant

Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott

Celebrant: The Rev. Jack Hardaway

Those with birthdays this week

Powell Hickman
Chris Hand
Liz Lawton
Heather Morhardt
John Gurrad
Ronnie Hopkins
Cary Hughes

Baptismal Newbirth Day

10 October
03 November

12 August
15 May
01 January
10 September

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Maxwell Jeffers 05 July
Matthias Kloeck 07 July

Expectant Parents

Joey & Asheton Benson
Lori & Hunter Foley

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the Glory of God in Celebration of our Anniversary by Jim and
Kathe Harris.

Stewardship Report

As of 5/31/2026

YTD 2026 Revenue \$207,794

YTD 2026 Expenses \$201,381

YTD 2026 Surplus \$6,413

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 Erlenkeuser - 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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