

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

Matthias Kloeck
Lee Hancock
Ken Langford, Treasurer
Carol Miller
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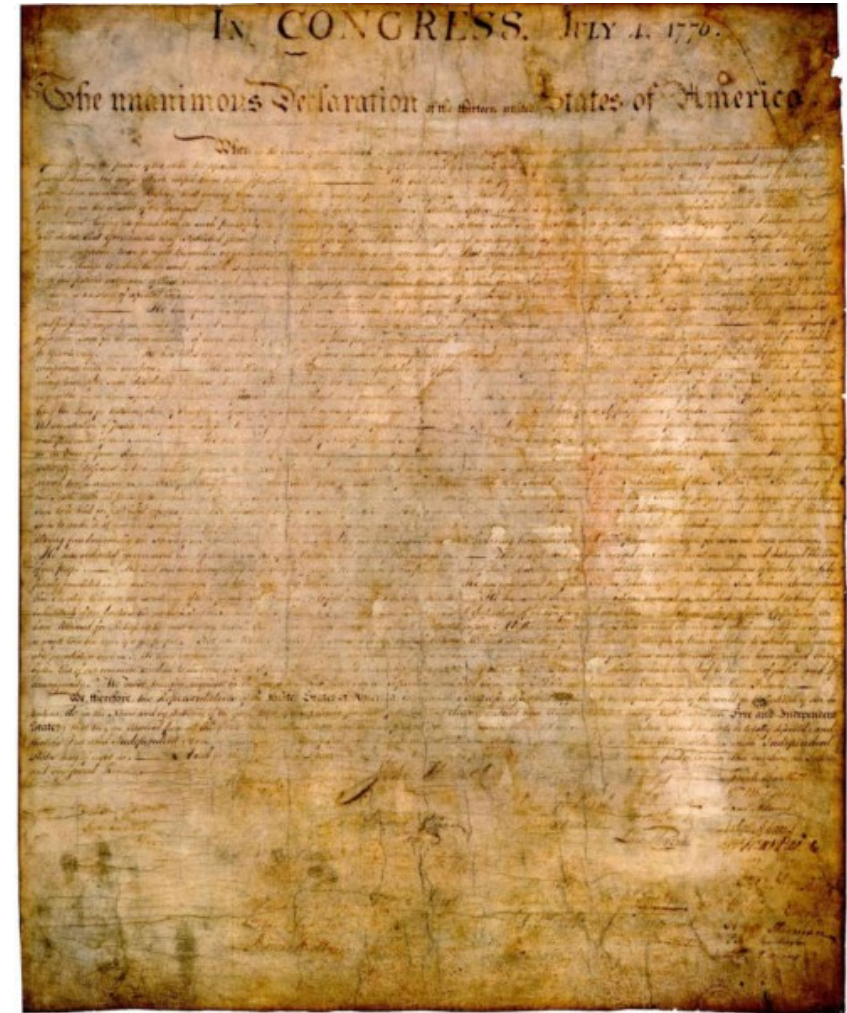
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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

GRACE CHURCH

5 July 2026

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

The Liturgy Begins on page 323

The Word of God

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.

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

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
Matthias Kloeck
05 July
07 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.
- **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.**
- **Outreach** will meet **Sunday, July 12th.**
- **Grace Ladies Prayer Group** will meet **Wednesday July 8th at 10 a.m.**
- **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.
- **Grace Ladies Prayer Group** will meet **Wednesday July 8th at 10 a.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, popsicles, and summer fun. All families are welcome.
- **Starting in July** Grace will have online streaming of only the 10:30 a.m. Sunday liturgy. Thanks to everyone who helped put the 8:00 a.m. liturgy online for so long.
- **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.
- 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.

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!

The Holy Gospel

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

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

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 be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed - page 326
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 330
The Peace
Announcements (*Please notify the rector beforehand*)

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer II - page 340
Post Communion Prayer - page 339
The Sending Forth - page 339

Those who serve
Vestry-in-Charge: Bill Scott
Second Counter: Buddy Bilbrey
Lector: Anthony Guiseppi-Elie
Intercessor: Michelle Ricketson
Chalice 1: Annette Guiseppi-Elie
Chalice 2: Michelle Ricketson
Church Opener: Jim Harris
Celebrant: The Rev. Jack Hardaway

THE GRACE CODE



Scan or tap to visit:

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

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