

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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Henri Matisse 1934

YET EVEN THE DOGS

GRACE CHURCH

16 August 2026
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

The Liturgy Begins on page 323

The Word of God

The Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

SAVE THE DATE

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: FFF meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m.—Noon.
Bridge Card Group: Wednesday from 3-5 p.m. in the library.

Those with birthdays this week

Amy Cox
Joanie Fleming
Mike Digby
Michael Lollis
Julian George

Baptismal Newbirth Day

12 September
01 January
10 February
22 December
01 February

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Brent Kinley
Lebrena Campbell
Sally Hancock
Amanda Knobel

17 August
18 August
18 August
21 August

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 meet **Monday, August 17th at 6 p.m.**
- **Episcopal Christianity Class:** **Sundays August 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.
- **WWW** will meet **Tuesday, August 18th from 6:30 - 8 p.m.** for their Summer Social.
- **Grace is in need of new Ushers.** If you would like to be apart of this team, contact Maxwell Jeffers at jeffers6sc@att.net or (864) 653-8647.
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, August 27th at 10 a.m.** in the Grace library.
- We will have **Morning Prayer Sunday, August 30th** for both liturgies.

THE GRACE CODE



Scan or tap to visit:

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

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given in celebration of Carolyn Taylor's birthday by John Taylor

The Psalm

Psalm 133 (*read responsively by half verse*)
Ecce, quam bonum!

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

The Second Lesson

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Holy Gospel

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

Matthew 15: 10-28

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind

guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

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Those who serve
Vestry-in-Charge: Buddy Bilbrey
Second Counter: Jamie Ward
Lector: Andy Potter
Intercessor: Kathe Harris
Chalice 1: Jackie Lenhart
Chalice 2: Kathe Harris
Church Opener: Howard Tallent
Celebrant: The Rev. Jack Hardaway

Stewardship Report
As of 6/30/2026
YTD 2026 Revenue \$230,502
YTD 2026 Expenses \$238,502
YTD 2026 (Deficit) \$8,000

Expectant Parents
Joey & Asheton Benson
Lori & Hunter Foley