

# GRACE



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**GRACE CHURCH**

27 September 2026

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite II  
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

# Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *We pray to the holy spirit*

D. Buxtehude

The Procession

Hymn #450

*All hail the power of Jesus*

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros-trate  
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar  
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did  
\* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the  
\* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and  
3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and  
4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all! to him a -

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al  
2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of  
3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,  
4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you  
5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!  
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,  
 on this terrestrial ball,  
 to him all majesty ascribe,  
 and crown him Lord of all!

Words: Edward Perronet (1726–1792), alt.

Music: *Coronation*, Oliver Holden (1765–1844), alt.; desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1939)

**Opening Sentence**

Book of Common Prayer p. 78

**Confession of Sin**

Book of Common Prayer p. 79

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

Book of Common Prayer p. 80

**Ventie S-35**

1. Come, let us sing to the  
 Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -  
 va - tion. 2. Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks - giv - ing  
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the  
 Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all  
 gods. 4. In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth,  
 and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The

sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have  
mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the  
knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For  
he is our God, and we are the peo - ple of his  
pas - ture and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice!

Title: Daily Morning Prayer II, The Invitatory: *Venite*

Music: Jack Noble White (b. 1938)

## Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (*read responsively by half verse*)

### *Attendite, popule*

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
**incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
**I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**
- 3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
**we will not hide from their children.**
- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \*  
**and the wonderful works he has done.**
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
**in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.**
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
**he made the waters stand up like walls.**
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
**and all the night through with a glow of fire.**
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
**and gave them drink as from the great deep.**
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
**and the waters gushed out like rivers.**

## The First Lesson

### Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

### Canticle #S-204

1. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks

to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly King,

God the Father Al-might - y. 4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

5. that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.

6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. Thou only, O Christ,

with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Title: Canticle 6, Glory be to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

Music: *Old Scottish Chant*, from *Chants or Tunes for Particular Hymns*, 1763?, alt.

## The Second Lesson

### Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
 did not regard equality with God  
 as something to be exploited,  
 but emptied himself,  
 taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.  
 And being found in human form,  
 he humbled himself  
 and became obedient to the point of death--  
 even death on a cross.  
 Therefore God also highly exalted him  
 and gave him the name  
 that is above every name,  
 so that at the name of Jesus  
 every knee should bend,  
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
 and every tongue should confess  
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
 to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

### Canticle 71

*Refrain*

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -  
 fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de -  
 fense, and God will be my Sav - ior.

### Verse 1

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
 from the springs of salvation and on that day you shall  
 say, "Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name."

### Verse 2

Make God's deeds known among the peoples; see that they  
 remember that the Lord is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord,  
 for God has done great things and this is known in all the world.

### Verse 3

Cry aloud inhabitants of Zion; ring out your joy, for the  
 great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

## The Holy Gospel

### Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

### Hymn # 685

#### *Rock of Ages*

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740–1778), alt.

Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784–1872)

**Homily**  
**The Apostles Creed**  
**The Prayers**

Read for Fr. John Nieman  
Book of Common Prayer p. 96  
Book of Common Prayer p. 97

**Collect of the Day**

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The Collects**

**Authorized Intercessions and Thanksgiving**

**Announcements** (*Please notify the rector beforehand*)

**Offertory - Grace**

by Mark Hayes

**Hymn #380**

*From all that dwell*

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?)

**The General Thanksgiving**  
**The Prayer of Chrysostom**

Book of Common Prayer p.101  
Book of Common Prayer p. 102

Hymn #688  
*A mighty fortress is our God*

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood  
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side,  
 do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed  
 bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours

of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing: for still our an - cient foe  
 the man of God's own choos - ing: dost ask who that may be?  
 his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,  
 through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,  
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

Words: Martin Luther (1483–1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805–1890); based on Psalm 46

Music: *Ein feste Burg*, melody Martin Luther (1483–1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

**The Sending Forth**  
**Closing Voluntary - *Let all things now living***

**Book of Common Prayer p.102**  
**arr. by Steve Grant**

# Grace Notes

- **Fourth Sunday Loose offering** goes to The Anderson Soup Kitchen.
- **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.
- **Friday Night Tailgate!** Join us for the annual Friday Night Pre-que on **Friday 10/9 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Pre-order your meat and bring a side to share, and enjoy a time to hangout in preparation for the BBQ on **Saturday, 10/10.**
- **Ribs and chicken for Friday Night!** As in years past we are offering racks of baby back ribs and chicken quarters for pre-order as part of the Friday Night Tailgate. A rack of ribs is \$10 and chicken quarters are \$2.50. Please contact Danny Ehlert (864) 276-2579 to put in your order and pay via cash, check, or Venmo.
- **Attention: Please turn in BBQ ticket money, and unsold tickets by Sunday, 10/4!** See Danny Ehlert (864) 276-2579.
- **Vestry** will meet **Monday, 9/28, at 6 p.m.**
- **GGG** will resume meetings at **6 p.m. Thursday, 10/22,** at the church. Doug Martin will be serving Mexican hominy stew (posole). Please update or add your name, email, and phone number to a list in the Narthex so we can notify you of upcoming meetings and events.
- There will be **no Sunday School today, Sunday, 9/27.** We will resume on **Sunday, 10/04.**
- **Blessing of the Animals** is **Sunday, 10/4.** The service will be held on the front lawn. Bring a chair or grab a chair from the parish hall. All animals are welcomed. Please be sure your four legged furry friend is on a leash and under your control. Share your joy and love for less fortunate animals by bringing dog or cat food, and/or newspapers to donate to PAWS in Anderson. There are two drop off areas around the church.
- **The Saints and Sinners dinner groups** will start up in October. This is a great way for newcomers, longtime parishioners, couples or singles, to get to know each other better through fellowship. The groups meet in each other's homes for dinner once a month or you can go out to a restaurant. There is a sign-up sheet, or you can contact Tanya Pusey at 864-359-9878 or email [tigerpride49@gmail.com](mailto:tigerpride49@gmail.com).
- The **Outreach Committee** will be collecting hoodies during the month of October. Children's sizes will be donated to the children at Homeland Park Elementary School, and adult hoodies will be donated to South Main Chapel and Hope Missions. Bins will be set up in the gathering area at the back on the church beginning in October.
- Hi Grace Church! Dust off the old recipe cards and pull out "mama's famous casserole" instructions... Grace is updating its cookbook and we need YOUR HELP! We are working on coming up with a seamless way to gather all the recipes in one place. As we work on the submission process, please prepare your recipes you'd like to share! Additionally, if you have any interest in helping put the cookbook together, please reach out to either Bill Scott ([scottwn2003@yahoo.com](mailto:scottwn2003@yahoo.com)) or Kirri Kinley ([kirrikinley@gmail.com](mailto:kirrikinley@gmail.com)). We look forward to your recipe submissions!
- **Mary Harris Burial Service** will be **10/01/2026 at 11 a.m.** at Grace with a reception to follow in the parlor.

## • THE GRACE CODE



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## Expectant Parents

Joey & Asheton Benson

## Stewardship Report

As of 08/31/2026

YTD 2026 Revenue \$300,432

YTD 2026 Expenses \$306,824

YTD 2026 (Deficit) (\$6,392)

# Those Who Serve

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Debbie Hand  
**Second Counter:** Jamie Ward  
**Worship Leader:** Joey Oppermann  
**Lector:** Jamie Ward  
**Lector:** Mary-Harris Edwards  
**Intercessor:** Abby Burden

**1st Crucifer:** David Burden  
**Ushers:** Debbie Hand, Mike Digby  
**Linen Guild:** Barbara Renaud  
**Altar Guild:** Cindy Baker, Lisa Arnold  
**Organist/Choirmaster:** Steve Grant  
**Organist Emeritus:** Bill Scott

## Those with birthdays this week

Layla Sisler  
Don Cleveland  
Vicki Raymond  
JT Cooper  
Elise Talbert  
Jane Trammell

## Baptismal Newbirth Day

01 January  
06 March  
01 November  
05 March

## Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

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|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Ryan Camak | 02 October | Annie Hughes | 03 October |
| Maggy Cox  | 03 October |              |            |

## Weekly Gatherings

Fiber, Friends, and Fellowship: FFF meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. - noon.

Women, Wine & Wisdom meet every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Ladies Prayer Group: Meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the parish library.

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

Children's Choir meets at 5:15 p.m. & Adult Choir meets at 6:15 p.m. every Wednesday.

EYC meets Sunday evenings at 5:15 p.m.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Grace Annual BBQ** is [October 10, 2026](#).

It's almost fall, y'all! 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.

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