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GRACE CHURCH

25 October 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - O Love of God, How strong and true

Arr. Steve Grant

(A time of silence to prepare for worship. Before the service speak to God, during the service let God speak to you, after the service speak to each other. The voices of your children are always welcome.)

The Procession

This is my Father

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my list-ening ears, All
2. This is my Fa-ther's world, The birds their car - ols raise, The
3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get That

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their Mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft - so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought Of
This is my Fa-ther's world: He shines in all that's fair; In the
This is my Fa-ther's world: Why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.
rust - ling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev-ery-where.
Lord is King: let the heav-ens ring! God reigns: let the earth be glad! A-MEN.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Terra Beata. S. M. D. Maltbie D. Babcock, 1851-1901 Franklin L. Sheppard

The Liturgy begins on page 1 of Booklet

The Word of God

Song of Praise Hymn #8

Morning has Broken

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for unison or harmony on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). It consists of four systems of music, each with three lines of lyrics. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, with the first column starting on the first line of music, the second on the second line, and the third on the third line. The lyrics are: 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!

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

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

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that

is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Psalm

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 *(read responsively by half verse)*
Domine, refugium

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
**prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.**

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Gospel Hymn #657

Love divine, all loves excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887)

The Holy Gospel

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith - page 1 of Booklet

Prayers of the People - page 2 of Booklet

Confession of Sin and Absolution - page 5 of Booklet

The Peace

Announcements (*Please notify the rector beforehand*)

Offertory - *The King of Love*

Gordon Young

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

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer - page 6 of booklet
Sanctus WLP #858

Holy, holy, holy Lord

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: Holy, holy, holy Lord [*Sanctus*]

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889–1983)

The Great Amen # S-146

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Amen

Music: McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

Fraction Anthem # S-161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:

have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Communion Hymns #645

The King of love my shepherd is



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness

1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I

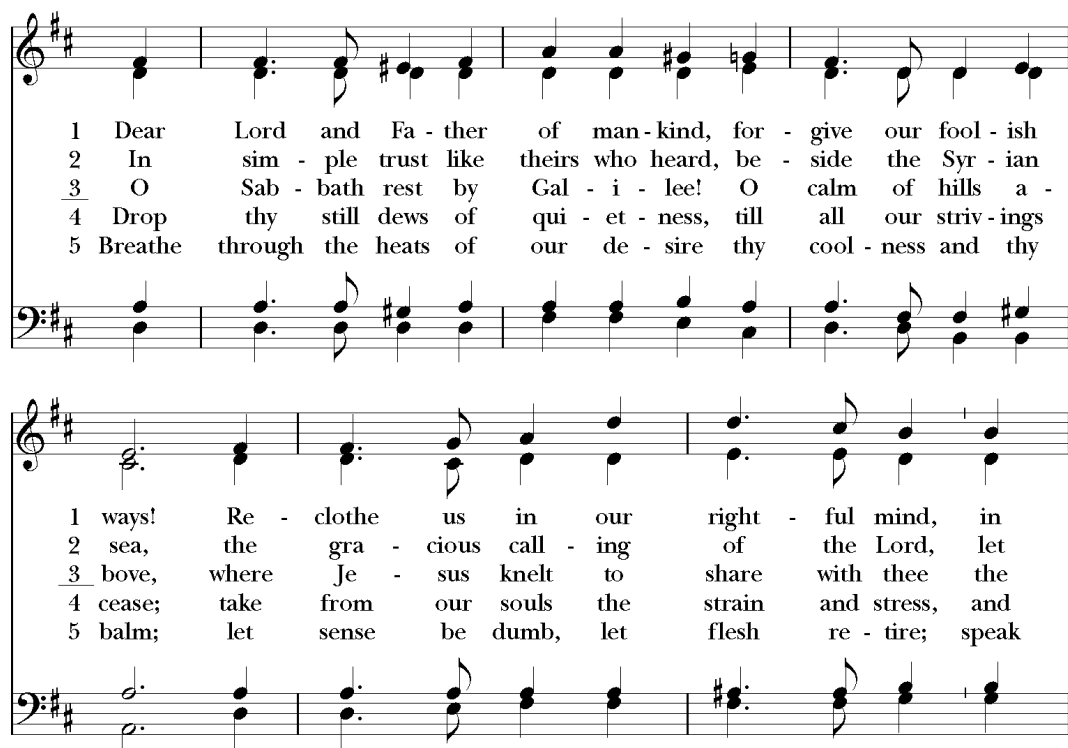
1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877); para. Psalm 23

Music: St. Columba, Irish melody, harm. Hymnal 1982

Hymn #652

Dear Lord and Father of mankind



1 Dear Lord and Fa-ther of man-kind, for-give our fool-ish
 2 In sim-ple trust like theirs who heard, be-side the Syr-ian
 3 O Sab-bath rest by Gal-i-lee! O calm of hills a-
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui-et-ness, till all our striv-ings
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de-sire thy cool-ness and thy

1 ways! Re-clothe us in our right-ful mind, in
 2 sea, the gra-cious call-ing of the Lord, let
 3 bove, where Je-sus knelt to share with thee the
 4 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 5 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re-tire; speak

1 pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 2 us, like them, with - out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.
 3 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 4 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 5 through the earth-quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892), alt.

Music: *Rest*, Frederick Charles Maker (1844–1927)

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The Blessing of the People

The Procession

Hymn #680 *O God our help*

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90

Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678–1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

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Closing Voluntary - *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

arr. Steve Grant

Stewardship Report

As of 9/30/2026

YTD 2026 Revenue \$328,483

YTD 2026 Expenses \$342,676

YTD 2026 (Deficit) (\$14,193)

Expectant Parents

Thomas & Lilian Alexander

Jon & Sara Owens

Jackson & Kathryn Potter

Grace Notes

- Today's **Forth Sunday Loose Offering** will go 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.
- **Trunk or Treat** is **MOVING** up the street! We will be teaming up with St. John's United Methodist Church to have a bigger and better event than ever! The Trunk or Treat will be **at St. John's from 4-6pm on Halloween**. We are still in need of candy, which you can drop off outside the parish hall. If you would like to decorate a trunk, please talk to Sharon Dorsey ([864-978-6265](tel:864-978-6265)) or sign up on the bulletin outside the parish hall or using the Grace code.
- **Vestry** will meet **Monday, 10/26 at 6 p.m.**
- Join us at Grace on **Monday, 11/2 at 5 p.m.** for **A Halloween Musical Spooktacular** featuring Will Thomas Cleveland, Rodney Cleveland, Steve Grant, Mike Rippey, Don Colman, and John Woodson. This is open to the public with free admission.
- **Advent Study** begins **Sunday 11/29 at 9:15 a.m.** in Fr. Jack's Study. We will be discussing a book of daily Advent reflections of the four Gospels called *Gospel Voices*. \$8 for the book, pick up the book at the class.
- **WWW** will **NOT** meet **Tuesday, October 27th**.
- The **Outreach Committee** is 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) or Kirri Kinley (kirrikinley@gmail.com). We look forward to your recipe submissions!
- **St. Catherine's Guild** will meet on **Monday, 11/02 at noon** in the church parish hall. Just bring a sandwich. Dessert and drinks will be provided. We will be planning our December meeting, which will include collecting gifts to stuff stockings for the homebound of our church. We will also discuss ideas for activities in the coming year. All ladies are welcome! For more information call Anne Martin (864) 561-2187.
- **EYC's annual Holiday Vender Market** is **Saturday, 11/7 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.** at Grace. We will have artisans of all types, so come out and get a head start on your holiday shopping.
- **All Saints Day** is **Sunday 11/1**. We start both liturgies in the Memorial Garden. This year the 8 a.m. liturgy begins with the blessing of the renewed Memorial Garden.
- Grace **pledge drive** is happening, and we will have the In-gathering of pledge cards on **Sunday, November 1st**. Please get all cards in by **Sunday, November 1st**.

• THE GRACE CODE

Scan or tap to visit:

- New to Grace
- Outreach giving
- Facebook page
- Family Promise
- Trunk or Treat



2027 Pledge Drive

Week 1

2027: Pledged: \$9,170

Cards : 7

2026 Pledged: \$107,350

Cards: 32

Those Who Serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Buddy Bilbrey
Second Counter: Henry Todd
Lector: Mary-Harris Edwards
Lector: Danny Ehlert
Intercessor: Sharon Dorsey
Chalice 1: David Burden
Chalice 2: Bill Scott
1st Crucifer: David Burden
Server/Gospel Bearer: Nathanael Burden

Ushers: Mike Digby, Buddy Bilbrey
Linen Guild: Barbara Renaud
Altar Guild: Cindy Baker, Lisa Arnold
Nursey: Rachel Fullerton, Carmelita Trotter
Organist/Choirmaster: Steve Grant
Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott
Celebrant: The Rev. Jack Hardaway
Eucharistic Visitor: Cindy Baker

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: 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

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.

Blessing of Renewed Memorial Garden [Sunday, November 1st at 8 a.m.](#)

Those with birthdays this week

Carol Avinger
Don Colman
Mary Winiarski
Will Magaha

Baptismal Newbirth Day

2 December

17 March

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Luke Kent 27 October

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