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

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George de La Tour c. 1640

KEEP AWAKE

GRACE CHURCH

8 November 2026
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

The Liturgy Begins on page 1 of Booklet

The Word of God

The Collect
O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Wisdom 6:12–16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

The Response

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 *(read responsively by half verse)*

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,*
and concern for instruction is love of her,

and love of her is the keeping of her laws,*
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,

and immortality brings one near to God;*
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

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 5-7 p.m.

Those with birthdays this week	Baptismal Newbirth Day
Sandra Souther	24 March
Theresa Taylor	
George Lidlow	9 December
Masters Ardion	3 November
Bella Fullerton	5 November
Lib Christeson	1 January
John Heeney	
John Woodson	
Aurelia LeBrun	14 February
Connie Pearce	15 December
Lee Hancock	27 May

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Dylan Bilbrey	10 November
Joe Ormes	10 November

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.
- **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.
- The **Annual Diocesan Convention** is Friday 11/13 and Saturday 11/14 at Trinity in Columbia SC.
- **Vestry** will meet Monday, 11/16 at 6 p.m.
- Grace Life will be having the **Grace Chili Cook-Off** on Wednesday, 11/18 at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring on the heat. If interested in attending or submitting a chili contact Cindy Dougherty at (631) 766-3619.
- If you haven't done so already, please turn in your 2027 pledge card as soon as possible! The Finance Committee is ready to finalize the 2027 Operating Budget, and we need your pledge numbers to complete this. If you have already turned in a pledge, thank you!
- **Adult Sunday School** is every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the library. Join us as we learn about Jesus' life and ministry while moving through the lectionary.
- **EYC** is collecting items for Thanksgiving bags to be passed out to families in our community. Please see the list by visiting the bulletin board outside the parish hall, scanning the Grace code, or talking to Sharon Dorsey (864) 978-6265.
- 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! Please add your name to the recipe when you submit it. 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!
- **Grief Support** will meet Thursday, 11/19 at 10 a.m.
- **Guy's Gathering at Grace** will meet Thursday, 11/19 at 6 p.m.
- **Advent Wreath Making** will be Sunday, 11/29 at 9:15 a.m. in the parish hall. Bring clippings of your own or use the ones provided to make a beautiful wreath for your home. If you have a wreath from last year, you are highly encouraged to reuse it for this year.
- If you would like to sponsor a **poinsettia** at Christmas the forms are located in the cloister and outside parish office. Please fill these out and return to Nikki by December 14th.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Holy Gospel

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

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

The Sermon
An Affirmation of Faith - page 1 of Booklet
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Confession of Sin and Absolution - page 5 of Booklet
The Peace
Announcements ***(Please notify the rector beforehand)***

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer - page 6 of Booklet
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The Sending Forth - page 10 of Booklet

Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Mike Magaha
Second Counter: Tracey Lidlow
Lector: Tony Guiseppi-Elie
Intercessor: Jackie Lenhart
Chalice 1: Annette Guiseppi-Elie
Chalice 2: Jackie Lenhart
Church Opener: Tab Bates
Celebrant: The Rev. Jack Hardaway
Eucharist Visitor: Annette Guiseppi-Elie

2027 Pledge Drive

Week 3
2027: Pledged: $209,194
Cards : 59
2026 Pledged: $190, 859
Cards: 54

THE GRACE CODE
Scan or tap to visit:
- New to Grace
- Outreach giving
- Facebook page
- Family Promise

Expectant Parents
Thomas & Lillian Alexander
Jon & Sara Owens
Jackson & Kathryn Potter

Stewardship Report
As of 9/30/2026
YTD 2026 Revenue $328,483
YTD 2026 Expenses $342,676
YTD 2026 (Deficit) ($14,193)

Altar Flowers
Flowers are given in memory of Josephine Baber from the Lidlow Family.