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GRACE EPISCOPAL

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The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2



*Take
Me
Home*

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, a.d. 2025 • 10:15 a.m.

Serving Christ by Ministering to the Needs of the Community and the Parish



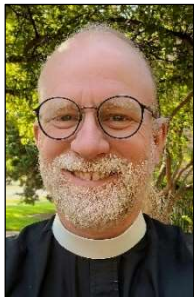
Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church. We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship in this place and in this community today. If you are new to Episcopal worship, this full-text bulletin has everything you need to participate.

Welcome Card. If you are new to Grace, we would love to have a record of your visit. There is a Welcome Card in the pew rack. Please fill out as much (or as little) information as you would like to share with us and place it in the offering plate when it comes by.

A Word about Communion. At the heart of our worship is Holy Communion, which we also call Holy Eucharist. We celebrate it every Sunday with bread and real wine. Please know that we practice an open table; all Christians (no matter what tradition you come from) are invited and encouraged to come forward and receive communion. On page 14, there are more details about how we practice communion at Grace.

Again, welcome! If you ever have any questions or thoughts, feel free to call, text, or email me (620-314-7520; frted.grace@gmail.com).

Blessings,
Father Ted Blakley



Priest and Rector



Streaming Starts at 10:05 a.m. • Liturgy Starts at 10:15 a.m.
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The Liturgy of the Word

PRELUDE

“Noel” organ by Jan Howard
by Claude Louis D’Aquin, rev by Clarence Watte © 1939, by H.W. Gray Co, Inc.

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL *stand*

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” • Hymnal #56 (vv. 1, 2, 3, 8)
Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent; ver. *Hymnal 1940* Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in her ways to go.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height
in ancient times did give the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION *stand*

BCP 355

✙ *Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heav'nly King,
almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;

you are seated at the
right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 413

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

A moment of silence is observed.

THE FIRST LESSON *sit*

Isaiah 11:1-10

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
 and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
 the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 the spirit of counsel and might,
 the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
 or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
 and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
 and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
 and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 *to be read in unison*

BCP 685

- 1 **Give the King your justice, O God, ***
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 **That he may rule your people righteously ***
and the poor with justice;
- 3 **That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, ***
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 **He shall defend the needy among the people; ***
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 **He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, ***
from one generation to another.
- 6 **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, ***
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 **In his time shall the righteous flourish; ***
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 **Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, ***
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 **And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! ***
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 15:4-13

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”;
and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;
and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”;
and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN *stand*

“There’s a Voice in the Wilderness Crying” • Hymnal #75 (vv. 1-3)
Words: Jame Lewis Milligan, Music: *Ascension*, Henry Hugh Bancroft

**There’s a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord our God may go!
O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.**

**Like the flowers of the field they perish,
like grass our works decay,
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away;
but the word of our God endureth,
the arm of the Lord is strong;
he stands in the midst of nations,
and he will right the wrong.
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,
the lambs he’ll gently hold;
to pastures of peace he’ll lead them,
and bring them safe to his fold.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL *stand*

Matthew 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON *sit*

Father Ted Blakley

A minute of silence for reflection or rest follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

The Deacon (or Celebrant) bids the people to proclaim their faith.

The Deacon begins the Creed and the people join in.

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**✙ We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our bishops, Sean, Mark, and Mike; for our parish clergy, Amy, Bill, Larry, Larry, Shane, Ted, and Todd. For all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the world-wide Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of Bangladesh. In the Diocese of Western Kansas, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Michael’s in Hays. For the mission of the Church that in faithful witness the Gospel may be preached to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world and for the peacemakers of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald, our President; Laura, our Governor; our lawmakers and judges, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation—for those who are present and for those who are absent—that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have been commended to our prayers, Abigail, Carson, Kent, Terry, Pam, Johnny, Stacy, Ellie, David, Josie, Wyatt, Darien, Kayla, Sarah, Max, Kassidy, Jordan, Lily, June, Aubrey, Diane, and Bailey. For those confined to home or care center, especially Fifi, Ruth Ann, Randy,

Clarice, Jane, Virginia, Lorene, and Lil.



For those prayers and thanksgivings received online: _____.

Are there others?...

We pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our families, friends, and neighbors, that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Kathy, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant adds a concluding collect, or the following Doxology.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *stand*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PEACE HYMN *stand*

“The Desert Shall Rejoice” • WLP #722 (vv. 1-6)

Words: Gracia Grindal © 1983 Hope Publishing Co., Music: Sterling, Joy F. Patterson © 1990 Hope Publishing Co.

**The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
It shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with praise and singing.**

**The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
For the ears of the deaf shall hear
and the blind, their eyes be opened.**

**The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
as the ransomed return to God
and come singing back to Zion.**

**The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
For the tongue of the mute shall sing
and the lame will dance with gladness.**

**The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
For the ground will become a pool
and the dry land springs of water.**

**The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
unto Zion we come with joy,
for our God has come to save us.**

The Liturgy of the Table

GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In gratitude for who God is and what God does, we give back to God a portion of what God has given to us so that God's mission through this place and this people might flourish. What you give today represents your life and your labors, your loves and loyalties, your joys and thanksgivings, and God receives it with gladness.



DIGITAL OFFERING PLATE: THREE SIMPLE WAYS TO GIVE

- ✓ Go to www.tinyurl.com/Giving2Grace
- ✓ Scan the QR Code on the left.

OFFERTORY *sit*

"Advent Echo Carol" Grace Choir

By Mary Kay Beall © 2022 Candela Works Music

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS *stand*

Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;

+ praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord.

People: And of Thine own have we given Thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Sursum Corda ("Lift up your hearts...") *stand*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER *kneel*

BCP 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

Our Father, who art in heaven,	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy Name,	who trespass against us.
thy kingdom come,	And lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
Give us this day our daily bread.	and the power, and the glory,
And forgive us our trespasses,	for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *kneel as you are able*

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept, in reverent thanksgiving for what Jesus has done for us.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.
But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.



THE INVITATION

This is the Banquet of the Lamb.

It is made ready for those who love God,
And for those who want to love God more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,
You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed.

Come because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is Christ's will that those who want him should meet him here.

HOLY COMMUNION IN ONE OR BOTH KINDS

*At this time, an usher will come forward and invite each row to go forward for communion. **Bread.** When it is your turn to receive communion simply extend your cupped hands forward, and a priest will place the wafer of bread in your hands. **Gluten Free.** If you would prefer a gluten-free wafer, extend your hands palms down. **Real Wine.** If you wish to receive the wine, you may drink from the chalice or you may dip the wafer into the chalice. **Two Stations.** You may choose to receive communion at the altar rail or at the station on the right side in front of the pulpit.*

+ The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN *stand*

"Canticle of the Turning" • Text: 2

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *kneel as able*

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCESSION INTO THE WORLD *stand*

Words: James Montgomery, Music: German folk song adapt & harm A Student's Hymnal, Henry Walford Davies

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" • Hymnal #616 (vv. 1-4)

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall bow down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

SENDING FORTH INTO GOD'S MISSION FIELD

The Deacon bids the people to go forth into the world in mission, using the following or some other dismissal.

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Birthdays and
Anniversaries*



BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROVIDE A YOUTH GROUP DINNER

Sign up to bring dinner for our youth groups. Meals can be simple. Drinks and desserts are appreciated but not required. We eat at 6:30 pm, and we invite those who prepare the meal to join us for dinner. It is a great way to get to know our youth!

Upcoming Dates Available: December 10





CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

In Memory of or in Thanksgiving for Someone

If you would like to purchase a Christmas poinsettia in memory or thanksgiving of someone or something, please sign up in the narthex or contact the church office. They are \$25 each.



GRACE FOOD PANTRY

Current Balance is \$6,404

Please bring **CANNED CHICKEN/TUNA** for our pantry this month. Thank you for continuing to support this vital ministry, which is just one way we serve Christ by ministering to the needs of the community and the parish. *Thank you for keeping our food pantry funded!*

YOUTH THRIVE NEWS

fosteradoptconnect

This Christmas, we invite you to bring hope and joy to young adults who have aged out of foster care by contributing to our annual Christmas Gift Drive, Give Joy.

Every donation, whether it's a **thoughtful gift, a heartfelt homemade item, baked goods, Christmas cards, gift cards, groceries, or an item purchased from our Amazon Wish List**, helps remind these resilient youth that they are seen, valued, and supported. Your generosity goes a long way in making the season brighter for those who may not have family to celebrate with.

Please deliver all gifts to our office by **December 19th**, so we have time to prepare and distribute them before the holiday. Thank you for sharing the spirit of the season in such a meaningful way.



FOR AMAZON WISH LIST
click on the QR Code or go to
www.tinyurl.com/GiveJoyFAC





ECUMENICAL BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Once again, Grace Episcopal is joining with Emanuel Lutheran and First Presbyterian to hold an ecumenical Blue Christmas. This year the service will be held at First Presbyterian on Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 pm.

Come **HEAR THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS IN SCRIPTURE & SONG**

1. O come, O come
2. O come, Thou
3. O come, O come

And thou shalt be born
And thou shalt be born
And thou shalt be born

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & Carols

el. That mourns in lone
ny: From depths of hell
height, Didst give Thy trem-
ble, and give them vic-try
cloud and ma-jes-ty

peo - ple save, and
tri - bes Thy jaw. In
til - the Son of God ap-
o'er the ty - and

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 10:15 am

HYDE PARK LUMINARIES & SOUP SUPPER

Saturday, December 20, 6:00 to 8:00pm



We are looking for volunteers to help prepare and set out sacks for the Hyde Park Luminaries. We are looking for helpers at 4:30 pm to set up and 9:00 pm to put away.

We are also looking for people to provide a pot of soup or bread item for our soup supper put on by our youth. During the luminaries the church will be open as a warm spot for those who will be out to see all the beautiful lights. The youth need our help to ensure we can feed all our guests.



**Sign-up sheets for both of these items are in the Narthex,
or you can sign up online using the QR Codes.**



SIGN UP TO HELP WITH LUMINARIES

www.tinyurl.com/GECSoup2025

SIGN UP TO BRING SOUP OR BREAD

www.tinyurl.com/GECSoup2025



YOUTH BREAKFAST

NEXT SUNDAY

BETWEEN SERVICES • 9:00 – 9:45 AM





GRACE CHURCH ECW

BAKE SALE December 7 & 14th

The Bake Sell will take place between Services and during fellowship hour after the late service.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- You can contribute your homemade goodies such as cakes, cookies, pies, and other baked delights, as well as frozen casseroles ready for busy holiday nights. Jams, jellies, salad dressings, pickles, and rolls made with care.
- You can purchase the homemade goodies to share with your guests during the Holiday Season.
- Join us, stock up on holiday favorites, and be part of a tradition that blends faith, fellowship, and generosity.

You can bring your goodies to the Church on Saturday, December 6, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

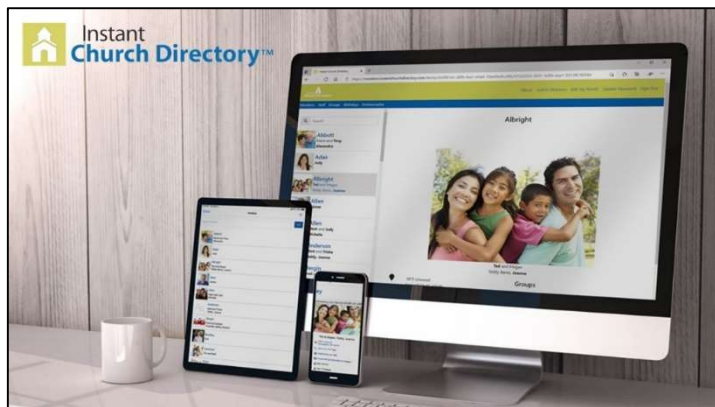
A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Central Kansas Justice Ministry Project.

HELP US GET THE CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATED

In January, we will be printing the latest edition of our church directory, and we want to make sure that everybody at Grace is in the directory and that their information is updated.

- Have you downloaded the Instant Church Directory app?
- Have you set up an account?
- Is your information up to date?

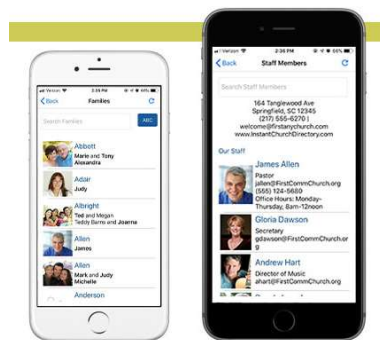
If you answered, “No,” to any of these questions, Stephen Armstrong will be available after the service to help you.



VIEW ONLINE. To view our directory online, go to **members.InstantChurchDirectory.com** and follow the prompts under “Sign In” to “Create a login now.” Please note, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

FREE MOBILE APP. There is also a free mobile app available at the Google Play™ store, the Apple® App store in iTunes®, and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for “**Instant Church Directory**” to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.



REVIEW & UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Once you have logged into the directory, review and update your information. *All changes will be reviewed and confirmed by the office before they go live.*

- ✓ Add a photo
- ✓ Update your address, email, and phone numbers
- ✓ Add any birthdays or anniversaries (You don't have to give the year.)

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm

Stations of Advent

A Family Friendly Service

7:00 pm

Choral Eucharist

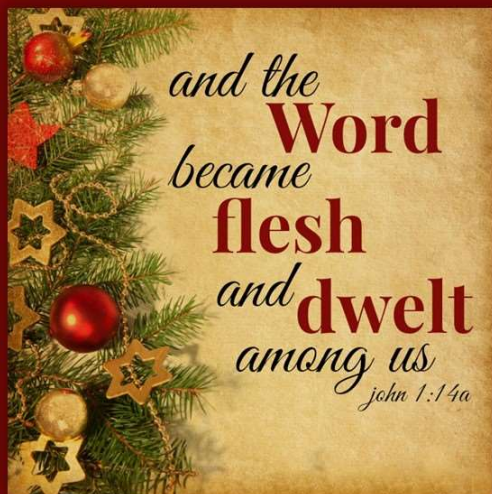
- 6:40 Christmas Music
- 6:30 Streaming Starts

THE PEOPLE
WALKING IN
DARKNESS
HAVE SEEN A
GREAT LIGHT

- isaiah 9:2 -



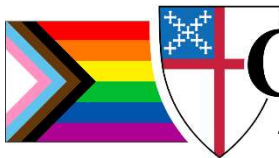
CHRISTMAS DAY



10:00 am

Holy Eucharist II

Joy to the World!



GRACE EPISCOPAL

Serving Christ by Ministering to the Needs of the Community & the Parish



Mondays thru Thursdays
9:00 am – 1:00 pm



ONLINE PRAYER

9:00 pm • Every Night Compline Online at Nine (FB LIVE)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 • Spoken
9:15 am Adult Sunday School: Sermon Sojourners
9:15 – 9:45 am ECW Bake Sale
10:15 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 • Music
After the Service Fellowship Hour in Parish Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:00 pm Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite 1
10:00 am Adult Bible Study
1:00 pm DOK meeting
6:30 pm Elementary and MS-HS Youth Groups

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00 pm Blue Christmas Service at First Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 • FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

9:00 am – 9:45 pm Youth Breakfast & ECW Bake Sale
10:15 am Festival of Lessons & Carols

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:00 – 8:00 pm Hyde Park Luminaria & Soup Supper



SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY • ADVENT 3

- Isaiah 35:1-10
- Canticle 15
- James 5:7-10
- Matthew 11:2-11

**Read
ahead.**



CLERGY, STAFF, AND COORDINATORS

The Rev. Dr. J. Ted Blakley	Priest and Rector
The Rev. Amy Long.....	Assistant Priest
The Rev. Bill Waln.....	Assistant Priest
The Rev. Larry Steadman.....	Priest Associate
The Rev. Larry Carver	Priest in Residence
The Rev. Todd Ray	Deacon
The Rev. Shane Schneider	Deacon
Mackenzie Spears.....	Elementary Youth Group
Nancy French.....	MS-HS Youth Group
Missy Waln.....	Music Director
Vonda McKenna	Pianist
Jan Howard	Organist
Em Moss	Nursery
Heather Harper	Sexton
Julie Kimmel	Bookkeeper
Heidi Kohls	Office Administrator
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