

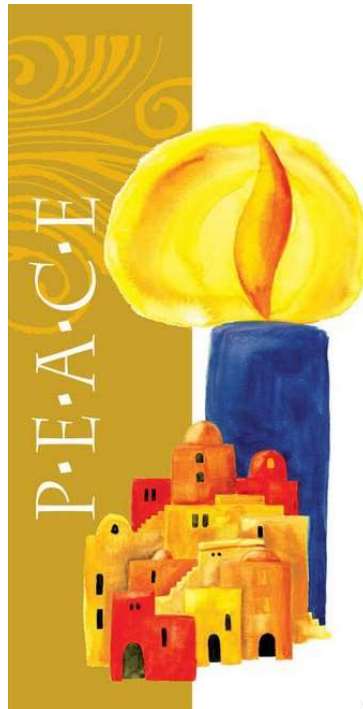


GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS



The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

WITH SERVICE OF HEALING



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, a.d. 2024 at 10:15 a.m.

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



Streaming Starts at 10:05 a.m. • Liturgy Starts at 10:15 a.m.
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Welcome

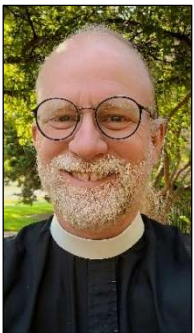
Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church. We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship in this place and in this community today. If you are new to Episcopal worship, this full-text bulletin has everything you need to participate.

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



ARE YOU HURTING? ARE YOU HURTING FOR SOMEONE?

Today's worship includes a service for healing. So if you are hurting or hurting for someone—in your body, in your mind, in your spirit, or your emotions—we invite you forward for the laying on of hands and anointing with oil that you might experience the healing power of Jesus' love.

The Liturgy of the Word

PRELUDE

“The First Noel” • Played by Vonda McKenna
17th cent. English carol arr. by Melody Bober © 1996 Lillenas Publishing Co.

PROCESSIONAL *stand*

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” • Hymnal 56 (vv. 1, 6, 7, 8)
Words: Latin, 19th ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.

**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 Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by the drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death’s dark shadow put to flight.**

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

**O come, Desire of nations,
bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.**

*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*

The Book of Common Prayer 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.**

KYRIE ELEISON “Lord, have mercy.”

Hymnal S-88

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison. Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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*

Micah 5:2-5a

A Reading from the Prophet Malachi

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7 *to be read in unison*

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- Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**
- In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

- 3 **Restore us, O God of hosts; ***
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.
- 4 **O Lord God of hosts, ***
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 **You have fed them with the bread of tears; ***
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 **You have made us the derision of our neighbors, ***
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 **Restore us, O God of hosts; ***
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

THE SECOND LESSON *sit*

Hebrews 10:5-10

A Reading from Paul's first Letter to the Hebrews

When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
 but a body you have prepared for me;
 in burnt offerings and sin offerings
 you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
 (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN *stand*

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” • Hymnal 66 (vv. 1-4)
 Words: Charles Wesley, Music: William Henry Havergal

Come, thou long-expected Jesus
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

**Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45, 46-55

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Fr. Bill Waln

A period of silent reflection 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.

LITANY OF HEALING: *kneel as able*

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers: We especially pray Abigail, Carson, Steve, Becki, Kent, Andrea, Ronja, Terry, Larry, Bob, Pam, Natalie, Laura, Floye, Sarah, Jaisah, Joel, Dallas, Jo Etta, Shawn, Laura, and Kathy. For those confined to home or care center, for Julie, Ken, Fifi, Clarice, Jane, Virginia, Wright, and Alice Jane.

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

You are the Lord who does wonders: **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

With you, O Lord, is the well of life: **And in your light we see light.**

Hear us, O Lord of life: **Heal us, and make us whole.**

Celebrant ends with a concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN *kneel as you are able*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

If oil for the Anointing of the Sick is to be blessed, the Priest says

O Lord, holy Father, giver of health and salvation: Send your Holy Spirit to sanctify this oil; that, as your holy apostles anointed many that were sick and healed them, so may those who in faith and repentance receive this holy unction be made whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The following anthem is said

Celebrant: Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us;
People: **Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

Note: It is an accepted practice for a person to receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil on behalf of others, and that is what we are doing today.



The person being prayed over and anointed on behalf of others reads the names of those for whom prayers of healing have been received online during the service.

N., I lay my hands upon you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with his grace, that you may know the healing power of his love.

Amen.

If the person is to be anointed, the Priest dips a thumb in the holy oil, and makes the sign of the cross on the sick person's forehead, saying

N., I anoint you with oil in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Priest concludes

The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *stand*

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

People: **And also with you.**

PEACE HYMN *stand*

“Where is This Stupendous Stranger” • WLP 726 (vv. 1-2)

Words: Christopher Smart, Music: Conrad Susa

**Where is this stupendous Stranger?
Gentle shepherd now, advise.
Lead me to my Master's manger,
show me where my Savior lies.
O most Mighty, O most Holy,
far beyond the seraph's thought,
art thou then so weak and lowly
as unheeded prophets taught?**

**Oh, the magnitude of meekness!
Worth from worth immortal sprung!
Oh, the strength of infant weakness,
if eternal is so young!
God all bounteous, all creative,
whom no ills from good disuade,
is incarnate, and a native
of the very world he made.**

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 right.
- ✓ Text **GIVE** to **620-542-8024**.

OFFERTORY *sit*

“We’ll Welcome Him” • Grace Choir

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 C

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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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Hymnal S-125

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER *kneel*

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *kneel*

BCP 364

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

“My Flesh Is Food Indeed” • Hymnal S-169
Ray W. Urwin ©1985 Church Publishing, Inc.

Cantor: My Flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed says the Lord.

People: **My Flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed says the Lord.**

Cantor: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.

People: **My Flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed says the Lord.**

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.



ONLINE: THE PRAYER OF ST. ALPHONSUS DE LIGUORI (1696–1787)

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Communion.

My Jesus,

**I believe that you are truly present
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.**

I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.

**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**As though you have already come,
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you;
never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**



IN-PERSON: 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 *sit*

“Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus” • Hymnal 269 (vv. 1-4)

Words: John Mason Neale Music: Richard Runciman Terry

**Ye who claim the faith of Jesus,
sing the wonders that were done
when the love of God the Father
over sin the victory won,
when he made the Virgin Mary
mother of his only Son.
Hail Mary, full of Grace.**

**Blessed were the chosen people
out of whom the Lord did come;
blessed was the land of promise
fashioned for his earthly home;
but more blessed far the mother,
she who bore him in her womb.
Hail Mary, full of Grace.**

**Therefore let all faithful people
sing the honor of her name;
let the church, in her foreshadowed,
part in her thanksgiving claim;
what Christ’s mother sang in gladness
let Christ’s people sing the same.
Hail Mary, full of Grace.**

**Magnify, my soul, God’s greatness;
in my Savior I rejoice;
all the ages call me blessed,
in his praise I lift my voice;
he has cast down all the mighty,
and the lowly are his choice.
Hail Mary, full of Grace.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant and People

**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.**

BLESSING

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name—the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lighted high.**

DISMISSAL AND SENDING FORTH

Deacon: Our worship has ended.

People: **Our mission begins. Thanks be to God.**

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



CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 am
Holy Eucharist II

and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us
John 1:14a

Joy to the World!

 **SIGN UP
TODAY!**

**SIGN UP SHEETS ARE ON THE
NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD**

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

In Memory or Thanksgiving of Someone

If you would like to order 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.



HOST FELLOWSHIP HOUR

If you would be willing to host a Sunday please sign up. This is a good way for people to connect with one another.

Upcoming Dates Available: January 5 – December 28

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: January 1 – February 25



**YOUR
YEAR-END
GIVING**

MAKES A DIFFERENCE

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Your giving is what makes the mission and ministry of Grace possible. Please consider a year-end gift. • If you want your gift included in this year's giving statement, please have it to the office by December 31st.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Epiphany Party

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH AT 4:00 P.M.

HOSTED BY : TONI COTTRELL

1007 OLD FARM ESTATES RD.

PLEASE BRING A HORS D'OEUVRES TO
SHARE. BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED.

All women of Grace are members of ECW! We are women who support each other, and the mission of the church through service, advocacy, fellowship, and fundraising.



WHO IS THE VESTRY?

What Is the Vestry's Role?

The vestry is the body within a congregation that, with the clergy, leads the parish. The vestry...

- helps to discern the vision toward which God is drawing that particular community;
- articulates and communicates the vision;
- holds the community accountable for its realization of that vision; and
- keeps the mission of the Church and that of the individual congregation clearly before the parish community.



God creates the Church, and invites us to participate in the process. A congregation's leaders are the stewards of that creation and hold it in trust. The congregation has been given the resources needed to do the job God has called it to do. Leaders identify and allocate those resources enabling the Church to carry out its mission. They also lead the congregation in celebrating and giving thanks for these resources.

Meetings of the Vestry

Vestry Night. On the first Monday of each month, the Vestry meets at the church from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. On Vestry Nights, we focus on the adaptive work of discerning and clarifying the mission of the church. We begin our evenings with a catered meal. We devote our time to the work of building community, developing our leadership capacity, learning new perspectives and skills, and finding ways to carry out God's mission in practical ways.

Vestry Zoom. On the third Monday of a month, the Vestry meets online from 6:30 to 7:00 pm via Zoom. At this meeting, we focus on the more technical work of finances, stewardship, building and grounds.

Who Can Serve on Vestry?

Nominees for Vestry must be baptized and confirmed, attend worship at Grace regularly, and contribute financially to the mission and ministry of Grace. Nominees will fill out a questionnaire that will be distributed to the congregation the week before the Annual Meeting on January 26.

Looking for 3 Nominations. We are looking for at least 3 nominations to serve three-year terms. You may nominate yourself, or you may nominate someone else, if you have their permission to do so. Signup sheets are in the Narthex or nominations may be given to Heidi in the church office.



Annual Church ELECTION



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

Upcoming EVENTS

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

December 25 – January 3

Office will reopen January 6.



ONLINE PRAYER

6:00 am • Every Morning — Ends on Dec 23Morning Prayer (FB LIVE)

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00 am.....The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 • Spoken

9:15 am.....Advent Film Series: The Light That Guides

10:15 am.....The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 • Music

After 10:15 am ServiceFellowship Hour in Parish Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00 pmAl-Anon

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pmStations of Advent

6:40 pmChristmas Music

7:00 pmChoral Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 • CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 am.....The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Chapel)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 am.....The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 • Spoken

9:15 am.....Advent Film Series: The Light That Guides

10:15 am.....The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 • Music



SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY • CHRISTMAS 1

- Isaiah 61:10-62:3
- Psalm 147
- Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
- John 1:1-18



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