

Grace Episcopal
Church

The Last Sunday After Pentecost

Christ the King

November 22, 2020

Everyone is welcome here at Grace! While these times may call for social distancing, we gather in Spirit and in worship to greet one another and praise our Sovereign God. If you are our guest this morning, we would like to hear from you. If you are tuning in online, please email or call us and tell us a bit about yourself. You may reach us through the church office at 828-254-1086 or at grace.church.asheville@gmail.com. Also feel free to email our new Rector Rev. Milly Morrow at Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com or call her between 7 am and 7 pm at 828.772.1429.

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

At the tolling of the tower bell, the congregation is asked to stand.



OPENING HYMN: Crown Him with Many Crowns



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: S-277 Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly 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 WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but

also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

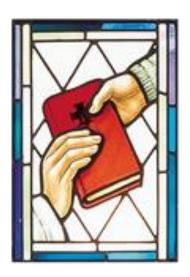
PSALM 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; * serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.



The Gospel Hymn: A Clean Heart



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Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(Quiet Time for Reflection)

THE NICENE CREED (standing)

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.

The response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "Hear our prayer."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

All 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.

Celebrant 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*

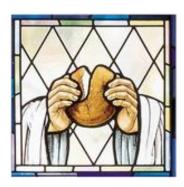
THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

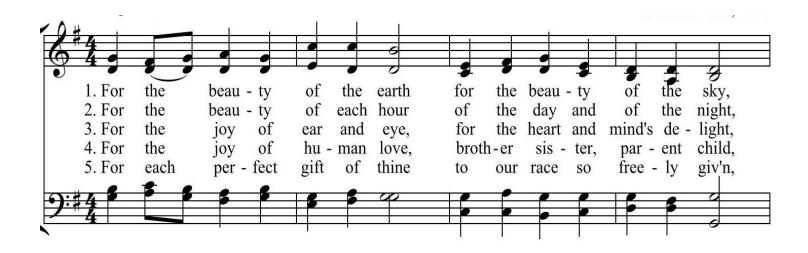
People And also with you.

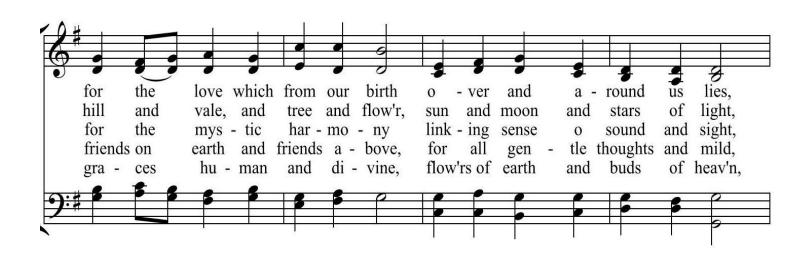
The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION



THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: For the Beauty of the Earth







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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A (standing)

BCP 361

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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant

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

A Proper Preface

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

Celebrant and People

SANCTUS Land of Rest tune

Holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional Version)

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

All Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM: (recited)

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (standing)

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Lord of the Feast,

we thank you for gathering us as your people.

We call to remembrance the many times

we have been fed at your table

and we lament our distance now.

Be present Lord Jesus

as you were present with your disciples,

be known to us in the breaking of the bread,

and may your Holy Spirit sustain us

and all your Church

until we can gather together again.

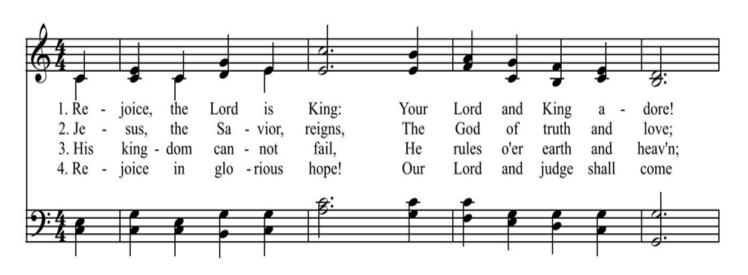
We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

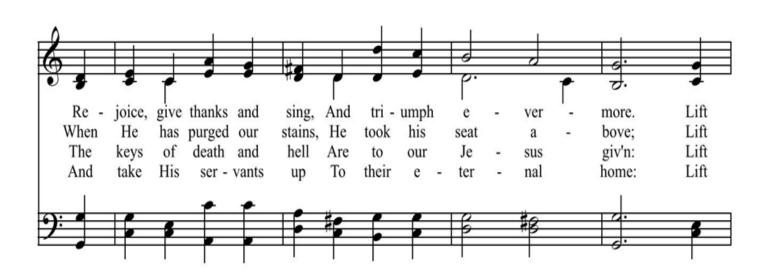
THE BLESSING

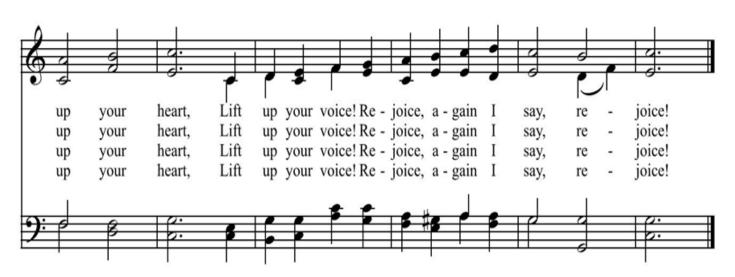
Friends, Life is short, and we don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk the way with us.

So, be swift to love and make haste to show mercy and may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us and remain with us forever.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION: Rejoice, the Lord is King







THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Friends our liturgy has ended and now our service begins. Let us go out to

love and serve the lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia

THE POSTLUDE



The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Greg and Shannon Townsend in loving memory of his mother, Ruth Ann Fair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME REVEREND AMY CANTRELL, OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY!



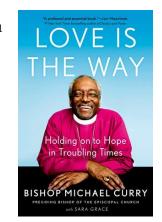
Rev. Amy Cantrell lives and works in the intentional community, BeLoved Asheville. BeLoved is a community of people putting love into action every day. We bring people from all walks of life together to tackle some of the most challenging problems of our time: homelessness, poverty, and racism. BeLoved's projects include: BeLoved Village of deeply affordable

homes, Homeless Voice Project, the first homeless Street Medic Team in the nation, Proud to Be Brown initiative, BeLoved Mexico, Rise Up Art Studio, being the first declared sanctuary in WNC, Elders Free Farmers Markets and community gardens, as well as advocacy campaigns around affordable housing, gentrification, systemic racism. She is a pastor in the Presbyterian Church, USA. She is the delighted mom of twin six year olds and frequents playgrounds all over Buncombe County. She loves the color purple, playing guitar, and studying movement history. For more information about BeLoved Asheville, visit https://belovedasheville.com.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE! Join us at our YouTube Channel, Facebook page, or via Zoom Web Conferencing. Access a link at the top of our webpage at www.graceavl.com and see more information below. Our physical Church building is

mostly closed due to recommendations made regarding protecting us all from the COVID-19 virus. All in-person meetings are by appointment only.

ADVENT OFFERING: This Advent season join your community in a study of our Presiding Bishop's newest book "Love is the Way." Led by Rev. Milly - we will meet on zoom at 1:00 pm on Sundays, beginning Sunday, November 29th and ending December 20th. All are welcome to attend but please register here: https://tinyurl.com/GraceAdvent.



Book purchase and reading is required before the beginning of our group. What better way to prepare ourselves for the coming of

Christ at Christmas than to prepare ourselves to walk the way of Love. (A search will find it easily at www.penguinrandomhouse.com, on www.amazon.com and other places.)

Walk the path of love with one of the warmest, most beloved spiritual leaders of our time, and learn how to put faith into action.

HAVE YOU HEARD BISHOP CURRY'S "WAY OF LOVE" PODCAST? Please be sure to check out numerous episodes and sign up for his newsletter at the following link: https://wayoflove.episcopalchurch.org/episodes/season/3/episode/6.



DO YOU HAVE AN EXTRA LAPTOP COMPUTER OF TABLET

THAT YOU DO NOT USE? Donate it to Grace and we will offer it to a congregant that needs technological assistance to connect with

weekly services. If you have a computer or computer skills to offer us in this effort please email Milly at Rev.milly4grace@gmail.com

ADVENT WREATH MAKING 2020: Last call for orders by Monday, November 23. One of our favorite holiday traditions at Grace is making Advent wreaths on Advent I. This year things need to be just a little bit different. We would like to provide you with what you need to build your own wreath at home. We'll have greenery, candles and wreath forms available for you to preorder. Please go to http://tinyurl.com/GraceWreath to place your order and check which items you want.



Then, pick up your kit between 3:00 pm and 4:00 p.m., Sunday afternoon, November 29 (the first Sunday of Advent). The cost is \$5 per kit; please bring cash or a check. You can also use Venmo or the "Give to Grace" button on our website, choosing "Altar Guild" from the donation fund drop down menu.

THE ANNUAL ANGEL TREE AT GRACE CHURCH will happen again this



year! And although you won't find the traditional tree in our foyer decorated with angel wish lists, there are still ways to get involved to help seventy children, ages 1-18, in local foster care whose Christmases can be made happier with our help.

A simple, touch-free way to help out is to calculate what you would normally spend on Angel Tree gifts and donate that amount on the Grace website at www.graceavl.com or

with a check to Grace Church mailed to the church office. *Either way, please remember to add a memo indicating that your donation is for the Angel Tree*. Outreach shoppers will then use that money to buy gifts on your behalf.

If you would rather choose an Angel and do your own shopping, that's fine, too. It's a great way to get the whole family involved, whether you're shopping in stores or online. Contact Courtney Booth (court5656@hotmail.com) or Cheryl Deyton (cherylpersonaldeyton@gmail.com) for some smart no-contact shopping tips and information about our Angels. They'll be glad to help you get started.

We hope you won't delay. Our deadline for receiving all gifts and donations is Sunday, December 13, so please consider how you and your family want to participate and then, get started early. As always, thank you. It's your support of the Grace Angel Tree that makes this special project a success year after year.

Peace and blessings,
The Grace Outreach Committee



STILL TIME TO PLEDGE! If you haven't done so yet, please make your 2021 pledge, by contacting the church for a pledge card or pledge online at https://tinyurl.com/GracePledge. Our

Vestry is creating the 2021 budget based upon the pledges that have come in.

NOW'S THE TIME TO NOMINATE MEMBERS FOR VESTRY! Nominations due by



November 28th! Who do you believe has the gifts of leadership to serve on the vestry in 2021? We will need to elect five parishioners to "take up the mantel of the vestry" passing to us from vestrypersons Larry Bowen, Jackie Schauer, Lorie Tola, Greg Townsend and Pat Walters. These five parishioners will be joining the other

vestrypersons who are continuing their service: Anne Jarema, Ben Scales, Jim Compton, Doug McClellan, Ron Sims and Scott McKenzie. To learn more about eligibility and expectations of a Vestry Member, please refer to the email sent out by our Senior Warden, Doug McClellan on Tuesday, November 10th. You can find it at https://mailchi.mp/79afb5fe63e9/nows-the-time-to-nominate-parishioners-to-serve-on-the-vestry? Please prayerfully consider those who you would like to nominate and send in their names to Rev. Milly by November 28th at Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com.

WOMEN WALKING THE WAY: Thursday at 8:00 am

meet at the Bird Sanctuary parking lot. Women of Grace, please consider joining Rev. Milly for a weekly walk at Beaver Lake. This time together (while socially distancing and wearing masks) will be devoted to deep listening to how we as women walk the way of Jesus, in the world and in our community of Grace. No need to register or even email her, just show up! The Bird



Sanctuary parking lot is located just past the library going north at 1030 Merrimon Avenue.

COMPLINE EVERY EVENING AT 8 P.M. except Sunday on Grace's Facebook Page.



Join us at facebook.com/pg/graceasheville/videos/. Access a link and **An Order for Compline Booklet** at graceavl.com/ which you can download or read online. We are grateful to the following folks who do Compline:

- Mondays: Bill & Becky Smith
- Tuesdays: Nancy & Pat Walters
- Wednesdays: Sydnor Thompson

Pinch hitter: Cliff Albertson

- Thursday: Jim & Elise Cassarino
- Fridays: Elaine Potter
- Saturdays: James Cannon

PRAYING TOGETHER: Rev. Milly will be holding open spiritual direction sessions for individuals or couples weekly Wednesdays 1-3 pm in the sanctuary. This is a time to receive pastoral care and to let yourself rest in the comfort of the sacred sanctuary space. Masks and social distancing are required.



Please email Rev. Milly to schedule your time with her. <u>Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com</u>

THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM AT GRACE: Our pastoral care team meets via Zoom



on Wednesdays at noon. Our weekly tasks are to pray for all people on our prayer list, to make regular phone calls to those on the prayer list, to visit when possible those who are homebound or in need of care, to connect through cards of celebration or sympathy, to bring the Eucharist (when safe and possible) to those who request the sacrament, to be

aware of and provide for the basic needs of those among us who are struggling with transportation, food, clothing or assistance. We invite you to reach out to us with any pastoral care needs you, or your family, may have. We also invite any among you to join us in this work if God is calling you to extend yourself in care of your neighbor. To contact the Pastoral Care Team please either call Rev. Milly at 828.772.1429 or email the team at Pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com.

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT is in full swing. Beneficiaries have until December 7 to make changes to their drug plans for 2021. There have been significant



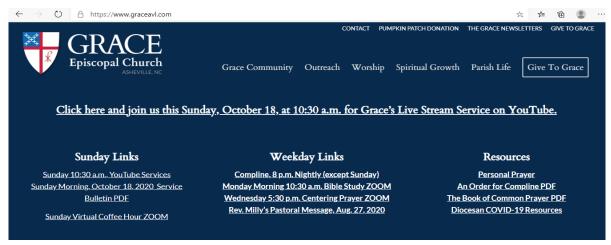
changes in premiums and drug coverage this year. Council on Aging volunteers are doing consultations by phone or computer. If you need help, call them at 828-277-8288, to set up an appointment.



SUPPORT LAKE LOGAN AND CAMP HENRY WITH THEIR AUCTION:

New items will be released every Monday in November throughout the auction, and bidding will end at 8 PM on Wednesday, December 2. Here's the link: https://www.32auctions.com/llccch.

VIRTUAL SERVICES AND MEETINGS



Go to <u>www.graceavl.com</u> and look for links near the top of the page that link to most of our online services and bulletins, and to many parish-wide Zoom meetings.

Sunday Holy Eucharist Service, 10:30 a.m.

Live Streamed: Find links to the service, bulletin and Book of Common Prayer near the top of our homepage at <u>graceavl.com</u>.

Note: If you miss the Live Stream at 10:30, it will take some time to post on the Grace YouTube Channel. However, just go to YouTube and put **Grace Church Asheville** in the search field. Scroll down beyond the "Latest from Grace Church Asheville" and the video should be there.

Join Us for a VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR right after this service: on Zoom

Go to www.graceavl.com/ and look under "Sunday Links."

To join in, click Sunday Virtual Coffee Hour Zoom.

Or at https://zoom.us Meeting ID: 516 234 308---Password: 204005

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Date and Time	Service or Meeting	Location
Nightly Except Sunday 8 PM	Compline *	Facebook Videos **
Sundays, 10:30 AM	Sunday Holy Eucharist Service	YouTube Channel **
Sundays after Service	Virtual Coffee Hour	Zoom **
Mondays, 10:30 AM	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **
Wednesdays, 12 Noon	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Zoom
Wednesdays, 1-3 PM	Praying Together with Rev. Milly - by appointment	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 5:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Zoom**
Thursdays, 8 AM	Women Walking the Way - cancelled this week	Beaver Lake
Thursdays, 10:30 AM	Leadership Meeting - cancelled this week	Zoom
Thurs Nov 26 & Fri Nov 27	Happy Thanksgiving Day and Weekend!	Office Closed
Thursdays, 6 PM	EfM ~ Education for Ministry - cancelled this week	Zoom
Fridays, 3 PM	Sunday Liturgy Check-In - cancelled this week	Zoom
Saturday, Nov 28, 10 AM	Flower guild preparing Advent Wreath packages	Lawn
	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE **LINK AT TOP OF HOME PAGE	graceavl.com



FORWARD DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS: We have the November through January Issue of "Forward Day by Day!" If you'd like to receive one, be sure to email grace.church.asheville@gmail.com or call the church.

Our Prayer List

<u>For Parishioners</u>: Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); Randy and Martha Carson; Nancy Clark; Sally Coburn; Cuyler Dupree; Eva Dupree; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Jack Frue; Doug Haldane; Marzy Israel; Dodie King; Shari Lane; Don and Ann Lewis; Walt and Joyce Noble; Nancy Porter; Sonny Rawls; Jeanne & Ray Robertson; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Corinne Spencer; Rita Spragg; Sydnor and Kelly Thompson; Mickey Trinite; Pat Walters; Judy Warner; Katie Warren; Don Wills.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: Henny Caldwell; Bobbie Eblen; Ed Denison, Straudia Luedtke; Rita Lyda; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Tom Paine; Deb Pegel; BobTurner.

For Others (names will stay on the list for six weeks; call the office to keep names on the list for a longer time): Bruce Appeldoorn (friend of Kathleen Griffin); Carolyn Brown (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson); Deane Brown (brother of Barbara Wilcox); Kari and Dave Chadwell (niece and nephew of Pat and George Davis); Walt Deyton (father of Cheryl Deyton) Melinda Franks (sister of Becky Smith); Robin Fulk (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); Laura Julian (daughter of Rusty Herman); "Bunky" Ray Manship (friend of Rusty Herman); Forrest McCann (cousin of Kim Hayes); Chuck Morrow (brother of Rev. Milly Morrow); Sally Morrow (mother of Rev. Milly Morrow); Janice Orson (friend of Rusty Herman); Joanne Poston (sister-in-law of Corinne Spencer); Tara Smith (aunt of a friend of Pat and Nancy Walters); Jenean (niece of Kathleen Griffin) Mary, Rebecca, Michael and Turtle (great nieces and great nephews of Kathleen Griffin); Patricia (friend of Kathleen Griffin).

For Those Who Have Died and their Families: Dee Long (cousin of Karen Compton).

For Those in Service to Our Country: Tommy & Danny Brown (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); Matthew George (son of Zoe Davis); Spencer & Erica High; Jason Marino (son of Lynda McCredie); Daniel Schultz (son of Judy Rhodes); Nancy Smith; Charlotte (daughter of Pam Stein); Sarah Jane Wilkey (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey); Gus Whitman (grandson of Jane Whitman).

<u>For Those in the Episcopal Church</u>: **Michael** (our presiding Bishop); **José** (our Bishop); **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.**

For our President Donald Trump, his Cabinet, Congress & our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.

For Protection from COVID-19: Protect all who have been or are being affected by this virus spreading around the world. Be with those who are sick and those who are caring for them. Be with those who have died. Be with those people who we often have ignored in the past, who are now proving to be our heroes: grocery store workers, baggers, cashiers, those who stock the shelves; pharmacy workers and pharmacists, truck drivers who ensure the goods and supplies we need are delivered. Be with our Healthcare workers, nurses, doctors, those who cook, clean and do the laundry. Be with the scientists and researchers who are working on a cure so that this virus may be eradicated.

Please go to <u>www.graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/</u> for more opportunities to request prayer. Please get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact the office.



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