

Grace Episcopal
Church

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2021

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: Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen

THE WORD OF GOD

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: 62:6-14

For God alone my soul in silence waits; *

truly, my hope is in him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, *

my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my safety and my honor; *

God is my strong rock and my refuge.

Put your trust in him always, O people, *

pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *

even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

On the scales they are lighter than a breath, * all of them together.

Put no trust in extortion;

in robbery take no empty pride; *

though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

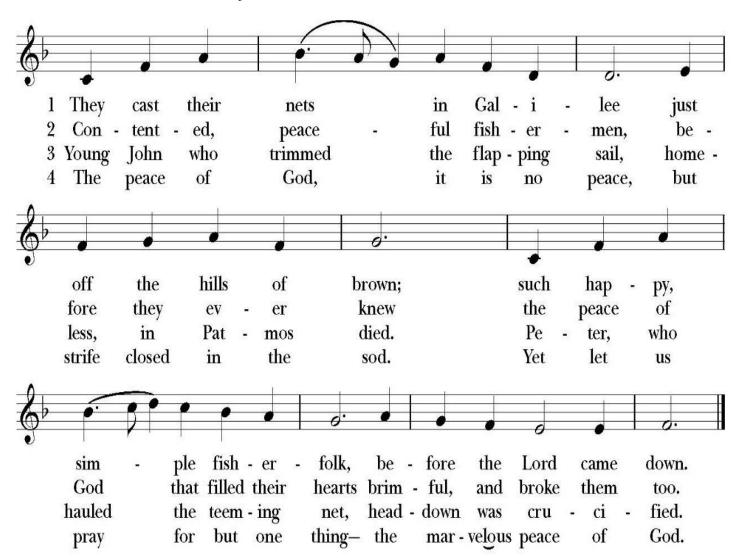
God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *

that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *

for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

THE GOSPEL HYMN: They Cast Their Nets



Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to MarkPeople Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

THE HOMILY Rev. Milly

(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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Lector: God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.

We pray for your church, for our diocese, bishops, clergy and all people.

..... we pray to You, O Lord.

People: Flame of abundant love, be our Joy in proclaiming your Good News to

the world.

Lector: We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who are exploring their faith,

and all who are struggling with faith.

People: Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples

Lector: We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing

touch, especially those for whom our prayers are especially desired

We pray for those who have recently departed and for those on the

anniversaries of their deaths: we pray to You, O Lord.

People: Comforter of the suffering, prepare our hands and hearts for your loving

service.

Lector: We pray for all who celebrate in these days. Especially for those who have

birthdays and those who have anniversaries we pray to You, O

Lord.

People: Guiding Star of Love, shield the joyous and comfort the afflicted that

together, we may come to know your blessed harmony.

Lector: We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far

away or nearby

People: Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and

violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation

Lector: We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life

and waters around us.

People: Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home,

and to heal the circle of creation

Celebrant: God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them,

and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in

the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 HYMN: I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light



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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 C (standing)

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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.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of

glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant 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.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant 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.

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

Celebrant 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.

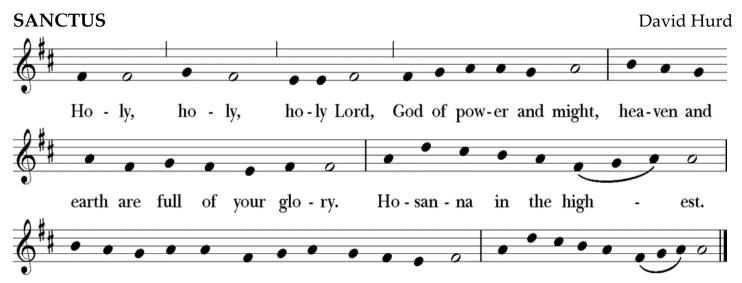
People By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant 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:



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues...

Celebrant: Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this

sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection,

as we await the day of his coming.

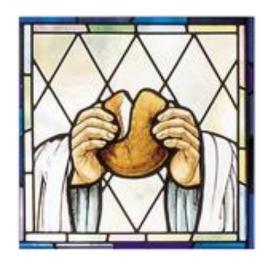
The Celebrant continues...

Celebrant: 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.

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

The Celebrant continues...



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.

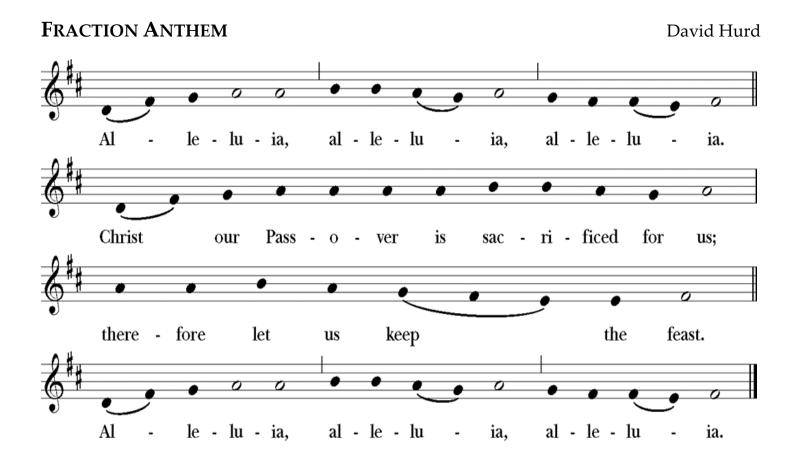
And lead us not into temptation,

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



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

Celebrant 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: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus



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 Cheryl Deyton and Monty Wooten in honor of Cheryl's and Cade's birthdays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SUNDAY MORNING VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR, after Service on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting: See link near top of website or go to https://zoom.us/signin Meeting ID: 868 1220 4994, Passcode: 333294



TABERNACLE MINISTRY GROUPS HAVE BEEN FORMED!

Watch the video below for more information and look for a communication from your Tabernacle Ministry Host. You can find the link to the video on our website or at https://youtu.be/ML3muh6Cy9s.

Each parishioner has been placed in a Tabernacle Group made up of 10-12 couples or individuals. The purpose of these groups is to care for and connect members of Grace to each other as we travel toward the "promised land" of regathering in our sacred space for worship together. Please expect to hear from your Tabernacle Group Host over the next week. If you do not hear from a Host, please feel free to email Rev. Milly at rev.milly4grace@gmail.com and she will make sure you have been connected to a Tabernacle Group. Your group host will further explain this ministry and work with you and your group members regarding how the Tabernacle Group will begin to form and function. I hope this ministry blesses you all. Thank you to all who offered themselves to be host and thank you to each of you for your presence in this, our Body of Christ. Blessings on you as we travel the way, together.

Peace, Rev. Milly

FASTING FROM ALL THAT DIVIDES US FROM LOVE: In a time when "fasting" from so much we love seems to be the norm, how do we enter into this season of Lent with fresh eyes and an open heart? Lent has never truly been a time to fast from what we love, but is a time to empty ourselves of all that divides us from the Love of God and neighbor. Join Rev. Milly as we explore together the Temptations of Christ as a

practice of discernment for understanding what threatens to divide us, as God's people, from true Love. *Mark your calendars for every Sunday of Lent at 9:00 am: Feb* **21**, **28**, *March 7*, **14**, **21** by Zoom at Meeting ID: 863 5824 3136, Passcode: 282737 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86358243136?pwd=VEV2dkUzclJLOXdUOFJBb3hEamVmdz09

CREATE + CONNECT CIRCLE DURING LENT AT GRACE:

Dates: Feb 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 7-8:30pm



Join Katie Warren and Ginger Huebner for a Create + Connect Circle each week during Lent. We will gather (virtually) to share, reflect and connect in response to the sermon and readings through Ginger's Create + Connect process. This process guides participants by using simple tools of collage and color to interpret ideas and emotions that are often

beyond words. There is no artistic experience necessary. To learn more about watch a short video at: https://youtu.be/jnOqLVuXHZU Call Katie Warren with any questions: 828-275-3871

EPIPHANY PRAYERS

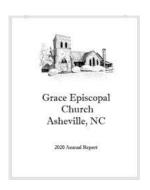
Here is a link to a booklet of Epiphany Prayers to use for this Season of Epiphany.

Epiphany 2021



ANNUAL REPORT ~ AVAILABLE ONLINE AND AS A BOOKLET:

Here is a link to the <u>2020 Annual Report</u>, found under the Parish Life tab on our website. It contains introductions of our new Vestry Members, *Steve Birkhofer*, *Mathes Mennell*, *Elaine Potter and Vicki Vest*. *Ben Scales* is our new Senior Warden, and *Jim Compton* continues as our Junior Warden. To view the recording of the <u>Annual Zoom Meeting</u>, click on the link and use Passcode: 2AWN?0@Q.



It is good to read and reference this report any time throughout the year to learn more about all things Grace! If you would like to pick up an Annual Report at the Church, Valerie is available Mondays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (please call the church in advance to let her know you're planning to come for a report.) You can also call or email grace.church.asheville@gmail.com and ask that one be mailed to you.



EDUCATE YOURSELF FOR MINISTRY THROUGH EFM

Grace Episcopal Church attendees, members, and member friends are invited to join the Grace Church Education for Ministry (EfM) class.

Last year's class managed (4 of the 6) to finish off the first year of EfM. Now, this was quite a challenge due to the pandemic, but it happened! We became a close-knit group and were able to help each other through thick and thin and learned a lot. So, we want to keep ongoing and welcome others to join the class.

Here are the details about EfM (Adult Formation):

1. Sponsored by:

- a. Grace Episcopal Church, AVL and the Diocese of Western North Carolina
- b. Aided with Funds that have been Donated to the Rector's Discretionary Fund

2. Education for Ministry Program –

- a. 4 Year Program (year=36 classes/weeks) of Adult Christian Formation
- b. Developed & administered by the School of Theology, University of the South (Sewanee)
- c. See: https://efm.sewanee.edu/ It explains the program, the curriculum, books, study/classroom discussion, etc.
- d. Year 1 of the program is about the Old Testament and Year 2 studies the New Testament. Year 3 focuses on Christianity and Church History. Year 4 is an integrative year that covers Anglican ethics, living in today's World as a Christian. NOTE: EfM is not a straight Bible Study.
- e. Cost \$ 375 per student per year for sponsored classes (our class is WNC Diocese sponsored). The Grace Rector's Discretionary Fund for this coming class will be able to subsidize up to 10 students with \$ 200 per student.

3. EfM Class will be held: Face2Face & Virtual.

- a. F2F Will be in the Parish Hall @ Grace Church This can be done with up to 8 people if we sit at tables at least 6 feet apart, wear masks, bring our own snacks, and help clear up the tables & chairs/sanitize them/put them away after class. Bring your own snacks/beverages, mask, and clean up wipes to use.
- b. Virtual + On ZOOM at the same time.

- c. Day of Week Thursday or Friday evenings or Sat or Sun? We cannot hold EfM on Mon-Wed evenings because the Grace AVL ZOOM account is in use for other groups/programs.
- 4. EfM Year 36 weeks long 2021
 - a. We propose to run EfM from the Week of February 15^{th} thru to the end of June 4^{th} week, then off some of the summer, and then run from the last Week of August through December 16^{th} .
 - b. We will negotiate the time off at Easter, Summer, Federal Holidays, & Thanksgiving as the group desires.
- 5. Mentors
 - a. Chris Jaquette <u>cajaquete@gmail.com</u>, 828-713-2519
 - b. Nancy Walters ngwaltrdldl@aol.com, 706-833-0233
 - c. Minimum class number is 6 (Counting the 2 mentors if they are registered students too, maximum is 12.)

Please call Chris or Nancy if you have any questions. We are working hard to keep this class going.



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. Rev.Milly4Grace@gmail.com

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

<u>facebook.com/pg/graceasheville/videos/</u>. Access a link and **An Order for Compline Booklet** at <u>graceavl.com/</u> which you can download or read online.

We are grateful to the following folks who do Compline:

- Mondays: Bill & Becky Smith
- Tuesdays: Pat & Nancy Walters
- Wed: Sydnor & Kelly Thompson
- Thursday: Jim & Elise Cassarino



- Fridays: Elaine Potter
- Saturdays: James Cannon
- Pinch hitters: Cliff Albertson & Anne Jarema



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 on Merrimon Ave.

THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM AT GRACE: Our pastoral care team meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at noon. 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

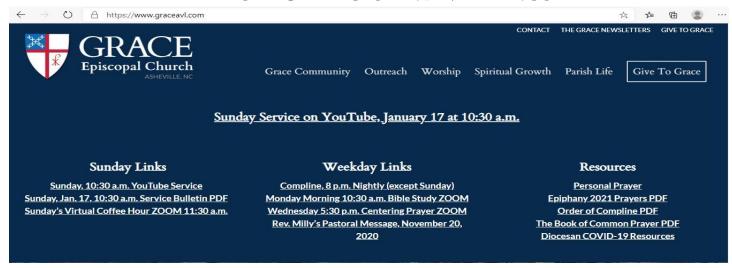




at Pastoralcare4grace@gmail.com.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at www.graceavl.com. There is a "Give to Grace" button on the top blue banner of our home page, in the right-hand corner. You will have an opportunity to choose the fund to which you'd like to give.

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.

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	Beaver Lake
Thursdays, 10:30 AM	Leadership Meeting	Zoom
	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE **LINK AT TOP OF HOME PAGE	graceavl.com

Our Prayer List

<u>For Parishioners</u>: Chris Carson; Sally Coburn; Chip Coon; Cheryl Deyton and Monty Wooten; Cuyler Dupree; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Kathleen Griffin; Doug Haldane; Dodie King; Don and Ann Lewis; Carole McClellan; Nancy Porter; Elaine Potter; Sonny Rawls; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Rita Spragg; Alex and Briar Thwaites; Sydnor Thompson; Mickey Trinite; Pat Walters; Katie Warren; Don Wills.

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

<u>For Others:</u> (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); **Becky Blaylock** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Deane Brown** (brother of Barbara Wilcox); **Wendy Davis** (friend of Eunice Ferguson); **Walt Deyton** (father of Cheryl Deyton); **Melinda Franks** (sister of Becky Smith); **Robin Fulk** (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); **Riley Hood** (father of Karen Compton); **Jenna Kenner** (friend of Sonny Rawls); **Veronica Litun** (mother of Valerie Heavens); **Sally Morrow** (mother of Rev. Milly Morrow); **Cindy & David Tunnell** (daughter of James Cannon); **Patricia** (friend of Kathleen Griffin).

<u>For Those Who Have Died and their Families:</u> Rev. David Brighton (pastor of Karen Compton's father).

<u>For Those in Service to Our Country</u>: **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 Joe Biden, their Cabinets, 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.

<u>For Protection from COVID-19:</u> 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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The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop*The Reverend Milly Morrow, *Rector*James Cassarino, *Director of Music*; Cathy Adkins, *Organist*Valerie Heavens, *Office Manager*; Angel Randy Stoudt, *Sexton*James Cannon, Elaine Potter and Ali Schaefer, *Technology Directors*

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