



# Grace Episcopal Church

The Fifteenth Sunday  
After Pentecost

September 18, 2022

*Everyone is welcome here at Grace! If you are our guest this morning, see Rev. Milly after worship. 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 [office@graceavl.com](mailto:office@graceavl.com). Also feel free to email our Rector, Rev. Milly Morrow at [Milly@graceavl.com](mailto:Milly@graceavl.com) or call her between 7 am and 7 pm at 828.772.1429.*

## 10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

**PRELUDE** *Choral Triste*

*Brenda Portman*

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Opening Hymn:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* 390

*We begin our service on **page 355 of the red Book of Common Prayer**; you can find that in your pew rack. Please feel free to ask your neighbor if you have any questions about how to follow along in our common worship. Welcome to Grace!*

**THE COLLECT OF PURITY:** BCP 355

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE:** *Gloria in excelsis* BCP 356

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:** PROPER 20 BCP 234

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON: AMOS 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

*Reader*      **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 113 (*read in unison*) BCP 756

### THE EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*Reader*      *The Word of the Lord*

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Reader*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE GOSPEL: LUKE 16: 1-13**

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

**THE NICENE CREED** BCP 358

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST**

*Lector:* The people respond to "in your mercy" with  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** BCP 360

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## **LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

*Offertory Anthem: The Heavens are Telling*

*Ludwig van Beethoven*

**DOXOLOGY:** *Tune: Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

**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

**COMMUNION ANTHEM:** *Ave Verum*

*W.A. MOZART*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** BCP 365

**THE BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN:** *God of Grace, and God of Glory*

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**THE DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE:** *FESTIVAL VOLUNTARY*

*FLOR PEETERS*

**The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mary Ann and Bill Warren in loving memory of Lucretia Rhodarmer Warren.**

**Thanks to the Reverend David Roberts, II for today's sermon.**

### **LAY MINISTERS**

Acolyte: Greg Townsend Chalicer: Cliff Albertson

Lector: OT Bill Smith, NT Cole Woodcock ;

Intercessor: Vicki Vest Ushers: Pat and George Davis

Greeters: Kim Hayes, Vicki Vest

Vestry Member of the Day: Elaine Potter



**ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY:** Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at [graceavl.com](http://graceavl.com). There is a "Give to Grace" button on the top blue banner of our home page. Additional ways to give to our "virtual collection plate" and various fundraising efforts are through the Simple Church app.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONNECT WITH US IN-PERSON AND ONLINE!** Sunday Services are open to all in the Sanctuary with masks optional, and by Live Stream on our YouTube Channel. Service links are at the top of our website [graceavl.com](http://graceavl.com). Click on "[YouTube Services](#)" for the service, on "**Sunday Service Bulletin**" for the bulletin, and on "**Sunday Hymns**" to sing along with the choir.

**ADULT FORMATION EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30 IN THE PARISH HALL**

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:15 IN THE ATRIUM**

## **PIG PICKIN'**

On Saturday, September 24, the Men of Grace will host the annual Pig Pickin'. Beginning in the church parking lot around 5:30 pm, gather with your friends and family to enjoy BBQ ribs, pulled pork, cole slaw, beans, deserts of all kinds, and drinks - soft and adult. The famous PubSing Band will provide plenty of toe-tapping music. Tickets are \$15 for a regular plate, \$18 for a premium plate(includes ribs), and \$40 for a family of four. There will also be "to-go" items to take home for later.

We welcome volunteers to help with preparing the BBQ, set-up and take-down of chairs and tables, serving, etc. To volunteer, put in an order for extra helpings, or for additional details, contact the Pig Pickin' team: Steven Birkhofer ([sbirkhof@unca.edu](mailto:sbirkhof@unca.edu) or [goldenlane@charter.net](mailto:goldenlane@charter.net)), Jack Frue ([jack@frue.net](mailto:jack@frue.net)) or Ron Sims ([ronjeannesims@charter.net](mailto:ronjeannesims@charter.net)).

## **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

A Penny Saved...

Many of you gave feedback that you prefer electronic communication from Grace. This fall if you do not wish to receive a Stewardship letter and pledge card via the mail, please inform Jill Stevenson in the church office and it will save us a stamp! Pledge cards will be available at church and electronically. Save the date: October 2 will be an ice cream social after the 10:30 service as part of the kick-off for the Stewardship Season.

## **PUB SING**

Come join us for our PubSing, an informal gathering on the fourth Sunday of each month to sing hymns, old-time gospel, folk music, and Americana inspirationals. We'll meet on September 25 at Zillicoah Beer Company, 870 Riverside Dr., Woodfin from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Bring a chair for the outdoor event.

## PUMPKIN PATCH

Pumpkin Patch starts on September 25th! We need volunteers to help with unloading pumpkins and working shifts.

Here's the link for signing up for shifts: <https://signup.com/go/KhSbVju>

Or you can scan this code with your smartphone camera now:



We are also desperately seeking 8 volunteers to put together the tent for Pumpkin Patch at 10:00 on Saturday, September 17th. No prior experience or engineering degree necessary. A modicum of strength and a happy heart would be helpful. We'll be done well before noon! Please call, text or email Katherine Kaderabek to sign up ([katherine@beverly-hanks.com](mailto:katherine@beverly-hanks.com), 828-712-1334).

**AUMBRY CANDLE DONOR NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER:** If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Witt.

**FLOWER DONOR NEEDED FOR OCTOBER 16:** Please contact Jennifer Witt at 828-423-4941 if interested.



**PRAYING TOGETHER:** Rev. Milly holds open spiritual direction sessions for individuals or couples weekly by appointment Wednesdays 1-3 pm in the sanctuary. *Please email Rev. Milly to schedule your time with her.* [Milly@graceavl.com](mailto:Milly@graceavl.com).

**WEEKLY TAIZÉ, TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 6PM** These ecumenical services are known for their melodic chants, prayers, and comforting periods of silence allowing for contemplation. Lighted mostly by candlelight in the Sanctuary,



the vesper light of approaching evening offers a safe and nurturing space for a well-deserved moment of peace in our hectic lives.



**“MEN OF THE CHURCH” WANTS YOU!** The group meets every second Tuesday eve, 6:00pm-8:00pm. **Who are we?** We are contributing members of the church whose meetings typically include fellowship, a nice meal, an assortment of beverages, and an opportunity to grow in both the Church and broader community. A small collection is taken at the meeting to cover costs, typically \$15. Meeting locations are sometimes hosted at respective member’s homes or the Church Parish Hall. Beyond monthly meetings, the group is noted for staging an annual fundraising initiative for outreach (the Pig Pickin’!). Our next meeting will be October 11.

## PASTORAL COMMITTEE

Grace Pastoral Committee needs extra greeting cards to distribute to our parishioners. There is a labeled box in the foyer for your contributions.

### "DEMOCRACY MAY NOT EXIST BUT WE'LL MISS IT WHEN IT'S GONE"

*Stories from DC: A conversation about activism, advocacy and the importance of getting out the vote*

**Sunday, September 25, 9-10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall**

When Tahani Sticpewich and Kim Hayes participated in the Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Worker's Assembly and Moral March on Washington and the Polls in June, their goal was to distill what they learned and bring something home to share with everyone. What did that march really want to say to us as Americans? "Democracy May Not Exist but We'll Miss It When It's Gone" is the beginning of that conversation. We hope you'll join us. All are welcome.

**VOTE**  
*faithfully*

Are you registered to vote? It's easy to find out about this and much more at

<https://www.vote411.org/north-carolina>

*"Cast your vote, not on a partisan basis, not based on your biases, but vote your values. Vote the values of human dignity and equality. Vote the values of the rock on which this country was built. Vote."*

*-Presiding Bishop Michael Curry*





The EPISCOPAL PUBLIC POLICY NETWORK (EPPN) is a grassroots effort of The Episcopal Church’s Office of Government Relations to educate, equip and engage individual Episcopalians in federal public policy advocacy, guided by the resolutions of the General Convention and the Executive Council. To sign up for EPPN Action alerts that come to your personal email AND to receive a unique code to listen in on the fast-paced, 30-minute Zoom call every Thursday at 1 pm (“Congress Weekly”), register here as an EPPN network member.

[EPPN sign up – The Episcopal Church](#)

Here are the latest resources prepared by EPPN for your information and use:

- Tell Congress to Reform the Electoral Count Act EPPN is pushing for a number of vital voting rights reforms, including reform of the Electoral Count Act. The U.S. must shore up its processes for the clear transfer of power in future elections. Please reach out to your Senators to pass this legislation!
- Love God, Love Neighbor: Advocacy in Action On September 21, at 12:00pm EDT, The Episcopal Church’s Office of Government Relations (OGR) and Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) will present “Advocacy in Action” to increase participants’ advocacy skills and offer messaging tools that can be applied directly with members of Congress and their staff to advocate for refugees, asylum seekers, and all migrants seeking a better life.

**WOMEN WALKING THE WAY:** *Thursdays 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, devoted to deep listening to how we as women walk the way of Jesus. Come join us!

**THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM AT GRACE:** Reach out to us with any pastoral care needs you, or your family, may have, by emailing the team at [pastoralcare@graceavl.com](mailto:pastoralcare@graceavl.com). You can also email, text or call Fr. Mike at

860-771-1656 or Rev. Milly at 828-772-1429, Sunday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., unless it's a pastoral emergency.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP:** Rosalyn Carter reminds us that caregiving provides us with challenges and opportunities. Participating in a caregiver support group helps you turn challenges into blessings. It also helps you avoid burnout. The group is a place to lessen stress and be uplifted by compassionate hearts in a confidential setting. The group meets at **10:30 on the first and third Thursdays** of each month. Patrick Mahon, a caregiver for five years, facilitates the group. If you need further information, call him at 404.375.4737. He will also be available in the coffee area after Sunday Eucharist.



## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Service or Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sunday, Sept 18 9:15	Children's Sunday School	Meet in PH
Sunday, Sept 18 9:30a	Adult Formation	Parish Hall
Sunday, 10:30a	Holy Eucharist Service*	Sanctuary *YouTube*
Mondays at 10:30a	Monday Morning Bible Study	*Zoom*
Mondays, 3p	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Zoom
Monday, Sept, 19 5:30p	Vestry Meeting	Library
Tuesdays, 6p	Taizé Service	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 1-3p	Praying Together with Rev. Milly - <i>by appointment</i>	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 5:30p	Centering Prayer	*Zoom*
Wednesdays, 6:30 p	Choir Practice	Church
Thursdays, 8a	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
Thursday, Sept 22 6p	20's & 30's Bible Study	*Zoom*
Saturday, Sept. 24 5:30p	Pig Pickin'	Church Parking Lot
	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE **LINK AT TOP OF HOME PAGE	graceavl.com

## OUR PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: **Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Michael Jenkins ; Ginny Moser; Joe Devlin; Jackie Schauer; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Roger Snyder; Lorie Tola**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Ed Denison; Bobbie Eblen; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Deb Pegel; Rita Spragg; Shirley Turner.**

For Others: (Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks unless we hear otherwise.)  
**Angela** (sister of Steve Booth); **Wes Auret** (Godson of Elaine Potter); **Nancy Ernst** (friend of Linda Miller); **Lara Brongel and family** (daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Jimmy Cole** (lifelong friend of Sonny Rawls); **Ann Dewort** (Jeanne Sims' sister); **Robin Fulk** (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); **Susie Gentry** (friend of Kathleen Griffin and wife of David Gentry); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Jennifer Hall** (friend of Tim Collins & Tom Wolff); **Cherry Howe** (friend of Rusty Herman & Janice Orson); **Joan** (sister-in-law of Ginny Moser); **Geoffrey Kirsch** (Dodie King's son); **Cathy** (friend of Elaine Potter); **Bonnie Strawn** (friend of Diane and Tony Wilkey); **Glenn Thomas** (brother-in-law of Ron Sims); **Marilyn White** (friend of Elaine Potter); **Richard Greene** (friend of Nancy Clark); **Cedric Nash** (friend of Shannon and Greg Townsend)

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Martha and Matt Cardenas** (daughter & son-in-law of Hannah Pennell); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

We grieve and pray: *for the people of Great Britain and the British Commonwealth at the death of Queen Elizabeth.*

For Those in the Episcopal Church: 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, 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.

Get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact our Pastoral Care Ministry at [pastoralcare@graceavl.com](mailto:pastoralcare@graceavl.com).

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