



Grace Episcopal
Church

The Second
Sunday in Advent

December 4, 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. Also feel free to email our Rector, Rev. Milly Morrow at Milly@graceavl.com or call her between 7 am and 7 pm at 828.772.1429.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

PRELUDE: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

J. S. Bach

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

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

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

Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *On Jordan's Banks*

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Light One Candle

Natalie Sleeth

1.Light one can-dle for hope, one bright can-dle for
2.Light one can-dle for peace, one bright can-dle for
3.Light one can-dle for joy, one bright can-dle for
4.Light one can-dle for love, one bright can-dle for

hope. He brings hope to ev - 'ry heart. He
peace, He brings peace to ev - 'ry heart, He
joy, He brings joy to ev - 'ry heart, He
love, He brings love to ev - 'ry heart, He

comes! He comes! comes! He comes! comes! comes!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 211

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 11: 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat
straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the
peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall
be glorious.

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

THE PSALM (CHANTED) 72:1-7, 18-19

BCP 685



Give the King your justice, / **O God,**
and your righteousness to / **the King's Son;**
That he may rule your people / **righteously**
and the / **poor with justice;**

That the mountains may bring prosperity to / **the people,**
and the little hills bring / **righteousness.**
He shall defend the needy a-**mong the people;**
he shall rescue the poor and crush / **the oppressor.**

He shall live as long as the sun and moon / **endure,**
from one generation / **to another.**
He shall come down like rain up-**on the field,**
like showers that wa-**ter the earth.**

In his time shall the right-**eous flourish;**
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall / **be no more.**
Blessed be the Lord God, the / **God of Israel,**
who alone does / **wondrous deeds!**

THE EPISTLE: ROMANS 15:4-13

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

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a

servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name"; and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

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

Reader *The Word of the Lord*

People **Thanks be to God**

SEQUENCE HYMN: *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

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Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12

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

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

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

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

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

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

THE HOMILY

Rev Mike

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR ADVENT

Lector: The people respond to "in your mercy" with **Hear our Prayer**

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: *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree* arr. Cassarino

DOXOLOGY: *Tune: Old 100th*

Praise to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous Source of every joy,
Let Thy praise our tongues employ,
All to Thee, our God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A (*standing*) BCP 361

Sanctus

James P. Cassarino

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow' r and might, Hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry: Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high est.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: *Never Weather Beaten Sail*

Thomas Campion

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: BCP 365

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *Hark the Glad Sound*

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THE DISMISSAL

Postlude: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* Carolyn Hamlin



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Nora and Steve Jones in celebration of the birthday of their grandson Walker Webb.

The Advent Wreath is given to the Glory of God by Sylvia and Buddy Greenwood in memory of Roy Wilson Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Greenwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Morrow.

LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Susan Robinson Chalicer: Nancy Walters

Lector: OT Elise Cassarino, NT Cliff Albertson

Intercessor: Sally Withers

Ushers: Jeanne and Ron Sims

Greeters: Louise Wernicke and Tahani Sticpewich

Vestry Member of the Day: Ron Sims

ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY: Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at 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

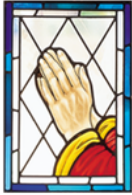
CONNECT WITH US IN-PERSON AND ONLINE! Sunday Services are open to all in the Sanctuary with masks optional, and by Live Stream on our YouTube Channel. Service links are at the top of our website graceavl.com. Click on "[YouTube Services](#)" for the service, on "**Sunday Service Bulletin**" for the bulletin,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

ANNUAL MEETING/CALL FOR VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Our Annual Meeting will be December 18, 2022 following the service. Please submit nominations for vestry to the Reverend Milly by December 1. Rotating off this year are: Scott McKenzie; Jim Compton; Joe Aull; and, Ron Sims. Additionally, there is currently one vacancy. Prayerfully consider those who will best serve our church in these roles.

CHILI COOK OFF

December 18th, during the annual meeting please join us for the Chili Cook off! Feed your competitive spirit and your congregation and bring your best Chili to share with everyone while we review the year and dream of 2023! Email the office at Office@graceavl.com if you plan to submit a winning chili!



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.

ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree gift tags are now available. Pick up one or more today! For many years now, our Angel Tree project has supported children and families through the Buncombe County Foster Care Association. The “Angels” on our tree in the foyer represent the children and their personal lists, both wishes and needs. Here are a few tips for selection and buying:

- Look carefully at the tags. Let your heart guide you in your choice of a child or children.
- In the same way that parents don’t always buy everything their children wish for, you are not obligated to buy everything on your Angel’s list. Again, listen to your heart.
- For a challenging list, consider combining efforts and resources with someone else in the parish.
- Be sure to attach your Angel Tree tag to the gifts and include a list of items purchased. The number on the tag corresponds to a specific child.
- Call Cheryl Deyton with questions: 828-337-9065.

Gifts should be returned to the church by December 11 for distribution to the families.

HOME IS KEY TOUR AND PRESENTATION

Please join us on December 4th at 12:30 for a tour of Homeward Bound’s new ‘Home is Key’ project, an initiative supporting

Permanent Supportive Housing for 85 of our community's most chronically homeless individuals. We will have a guided tour of the building project, and hear more about the Permanent Supportive Housing model in a presentation by Homeward Bound's Strategic and Major Gifts Officer, Jim Lowder. We will gather at 201 Tunnel Road in Asheville (formerly the Days Inn). For more info on the project, visit homewardboundwnc.org/home-is-key/ RSVP to Rev. Mike at mike@graceavl.com to reserve a spot.

ADVENT IN A BAG

As you walk through the lobby at Grace this Sunday (or during the week), please get your cloth Advent Bag and take it home with you. Enjoy reading the scripture for each day, coloring the calendar, and adding the indicated food items to your bag. When your bag is full, please bring it back to the lobby during Grace's office hours or when you come to church on Sundays through Christmas Day. Last year's Advent Food Drive blessed ABCCM and the folks they serve with close to 1,500 lbs. of much-needed food.

Advent Formation

Throughout Advent, Guy Sayles will lead us in our Formation gathering. With Mary as our primary guide, we will examine how to make room in our lives...as individuals and as a community..for new life with Jesus, a life characterized by joy, love and hope, and committed to justice, mercy and peace. We hope you will join us.

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.

PUBSING

Come join us for our PubSing, an informal monthly Sunday gathering to sing hymns, old-time gospel, folk music, and Americana inspirational. We'll meet on December 11 at Cork & Keg Bar, 86 Patton Ave., Asheville from 3:00-5:00 p.m. For directions go to <http://www.weinhaus.com/cork-keg-bar/>. For more information contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net.



“MEN OF THE CHURCH” WANTS YOU!

The group meets every second Tuesday eve, 6-8 pm. **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 December 13 in the Parish Hall. Jack Frue and Paul Taylor will host. Please join us!

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 online as an EPPN network member.



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. 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.



THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Service or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, Dec 4 9:15-10:15	Children's Sunday School	Meet in Atrium
Sunday, Dec 4 9a	Adult Formation with Guy Sayles	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
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, 6:30-7:30p	Choir Practice	Church
Thursdays, 8a	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
BULLETIN AVAILABLE ONLINE	SEE THE LINK AT TOP OF OUR HOME PAGE	graceavl.com

OUR PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Joe Aull; Joe Devlin; Don Hawkins; Michael Jenkins; Daniel and Hannah Johnston; Pat Mahon; Joseph McCormick; Ginny Moser; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder; Roger Snyder; Kelly and Sydnor Thompson; Lorie Tola; Barbara Wilcox; Wilma and Fred Wilson....

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: Bill Coward; Ed Denison; Bobbie Eblen; Dorothy Engel; Eunice

**Ferguson; 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); **Barney** (son of Walt and Joyce Noble); **Stephanie and Julia** (friends of Janice Orson and Rusty Herman); **Lara Brongel and family** (daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Cathy** (friend of Elaine Potter); **Porter Claxton** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Jimmy Cole** (lifelong friend of Sonny Rawls); **Ann Derwort** (Jeanne Sim's sister); **Robin Fulk** (niece of Charlotte and Travers Chiott); **Woody Geizentanner** (friend of Pat and George Davis); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Cherry Howe** (friend of Rusty Herman & Janice Orson); **Joan** (sister-in-law of Ginny Moser); **Geoffrey Kirsch** (Dodie King's son); **Molly B** (friend of Gary Coffey and family); **Lisa Mourant** (friend of the Sydnor Thomspson family); **Pam** (neighbor of Mike Reardon); **Donna Boone** (mother in law of Hannah Pennell's son); **Janet Moore** (Aunt of Jim Compton); **Sharon** (friend of Louise Wernicke); **Bonnie Strawn** (friend of Diane and Tony Wilkey); **Glenn Thomas** (brother-in-law of Ron Sims)....

We Grieve and Pray with the family of **Will Hamilton** who died November 23rd.....

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).

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.



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Cathy Adkins, *Organist*
Angel Stoudt, *Sexton*
Archie Clarkson, *Tech Director*
Katherine Johnson, *Wedding Coordinator*