

Grace Episcopal Church

The Feast of Pentecost Whitsunday

May 28, 2023

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.

We are now receiving the Cup either by sipping or simply touching the Cup. <u>Please do not</u> "dip" your wafer in the Cup as that is the best way to spread germs. Thank you!

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE ACCLAMATION

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

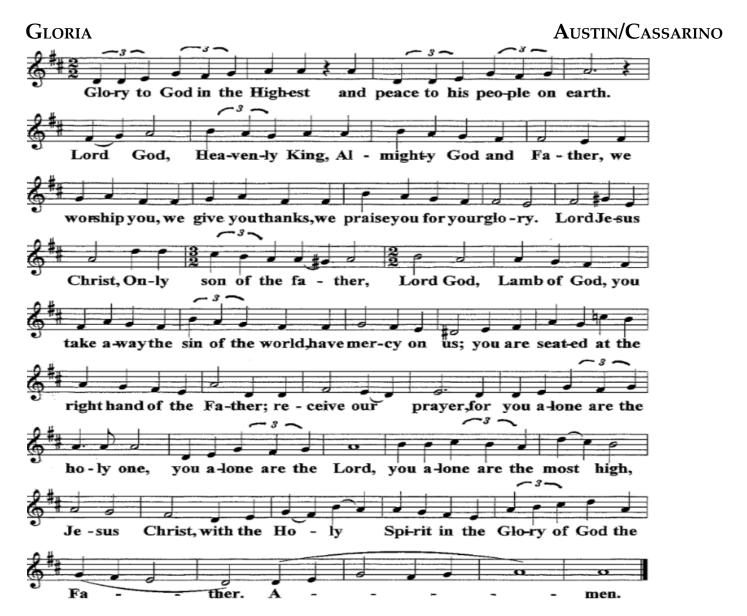
OPENING HYMN: Come, Gracious Spirit

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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.

All Amen.



THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING ACTS 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

PSALM **104**: **25-35**, **37** (*spoken in unison*)

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.

- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; * may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; * he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
 I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; * I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. * Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE: 1 CORINTHIANS 12: 3B-13

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in

everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

Gospel Hymn: Come Down, O Love Divine 516

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY Rev. Milly Morrow

THE NICENE CREED (standing)

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector: The people respond to "in you mercy' with Come Holy Spirit

Lector: Ever living and ever loving God,

We praise you for your indwelling presence with us.

Gracious God

take and transform our societies-

that broken people find healing,

that lonely people find love,

that angry people find peace,

that fearful people find hope,

that unjust systems are destroyed.

In your mercy,

People: Come, Holy Spirit

Lector: Loving God

take our world's leaders and governments and bring reconciliation-

that communication can be open,

that relationships between hostile people and hostile nations will be healed,

that a hunger for justice will meet the hunger for food, the need for shelter, the cry for care.

In your mercy

People: Come, Holy Spirit

Lector: Wise and Wonderful God

fill your church-

that our worship will encourage faithful action,

that our lives will make a real difference to real people in the real world.

Especially to those who have asked for our prayers and support today....James Cassarino, Jeanne and Ron Sims, Rusty Herman, Daniel and Hannah Johnston, Joan Mahon, Walt Noble, Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder, Tim Wrinn, Kelly and Sydnor Thompson... are there others?

In your mercy

People: Come, Holy Spirit

And for those celebrating birthdays.... James Cannon, George Davis, Jeanne Sims, Johnny Robinson, Bill Edwards, Kendall Beasley, Harriotte Oxford, Emma Plank, Steve Booth, Heather Path, Levi Godfrey.

In your mercy

People: Come, Holy Spirit

Lector: God of all the ages,

Grant us the peace that passes all understanding. We commend to your mercy all those who have died, especially Ann DeWort and Glenn Thomas.

Comfort those who mourn.

We pray especially for these on the anniversary of their death: Katherine Talman, Eleanor Smith, Bob Griffin, Virginia Sherwood, Jim Topp, Bill Krauss, Kathy Rion, Alice Settle, Lois Ann White and those that still grieve them.

Are there others?

In your mercy

People: Come, Holy Spirit

Celebrant: Compassionate God

fill our lives with your presence-

so that more and more every day,

all that we do and say and hope

will be an act of worship to you and an expression of love to others.

In your mercy

People: Come, Holy Spirit

The celebrant leads a concluding prayer.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

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

OFFERTORY **A**NTHEM: Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me

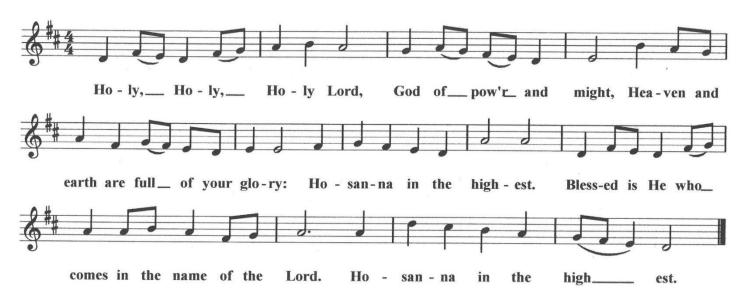
arr. K.L. Scott

Doxology:

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP 361

SANCTUS: James P. Cassarino



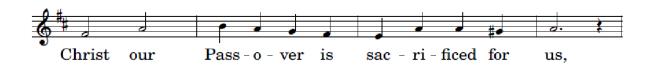
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem: Cassarino









Invitation to Communion

(gluten free wafers available upon request)

COMMUNION ANTHEM: The Lone Wild Bird

Southern Harmony/arr. J. Nelson

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: O God Our Help in Ages Past

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THE DISMISSAL

Postlude: A Joyful Ode

Phil Lehenbauer



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by God by Rick and Kim Hayes in thanksgiving for their children Rachael and Greg and their grandchildren Kael and Lydia.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Bonnie Kistler in honor of her late aunt, Ruth MacDougal Phillips.

LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Jack Frue; <u>Chalicist:</u> James Cannon <u>Lectors:</u> John Woodson, Elaine Potter; <u>Intercessor:</u> Vicki Vest <u>Ushers:</u>William and Nate Potter

Greeters: Diane Wilkey, Tahani Sticpewich, Lorie Tola

Vestry Member of the Day: Vicki Vest

Pentecost Readers: Angela Taylor (French); Mike Reardon (Spanish); Carol Booth

(Latin); Cathy Adkins (German); Bill Smith (Irish/Gaelic)

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 and the Venmo app @GraceEpiscopal-Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ADULT YOUTH GROUP

Do you remember the joy of Youth Group? That joy came from service, fellowship and yeah, all the pizza you can eat!

Join Rev. Milly after services on June 4th for pizza, games and a service project! And let's remember the joy of belonging and fellowship - centered in loving service. (18 and older are welcome!)

Rsvp to Milly@graceavl.com

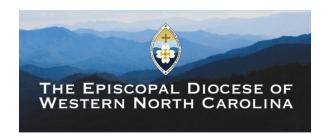
MEN OF THE CHURCH

Men of the Church will meet at 6:30 on June 13th at the home of Ron Sims (2 Kimberly Knoll). For further information, please contact Ron at <u>ronjeannesims@charter.net</u>.

Blessings for the 51 Items Donated for ABCCM

It always feels good walking in the lobby of Grace and seeing the food and personal hygiene items donated to ABCCM stacked on the table in the lobby.

Thanks to you who recently brought these items, some of Asheville's hungry individuals and families in crisis can enjoy the peace and mercy of our God and Savior.



The <u>EPISCOPAL PUBLIC POLICY NETWORK (EPPN)</u> is a grassroots effort of <u>The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations</u> 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"),

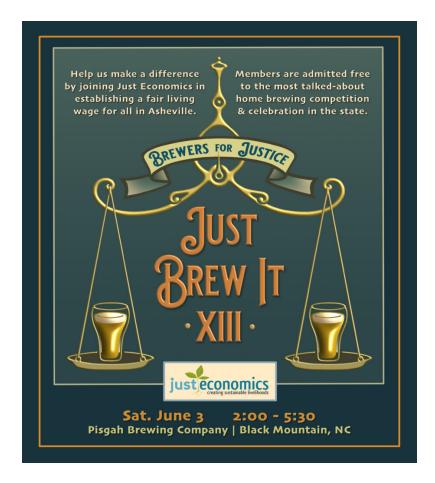
<u>register here</u> as an <u>EPPN</u> network member. If you need assistance, or to learn more about any Action Alert, go to https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ogr or contact eppn@episcopalchurch.org for more information.

Here is the latest resource prepared by EPPN for your information and use:



- Important anti-poverty programs like Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP formerly known as Food Stamps) are at risk in the current Debt Ceiling negotiations. See the letter signed by The Episcopal Church calling on President Biden and Speaker McCarthy to protect these and other vital programs serving poor people throughout our state and nation.
- Haiti: Reports from the Ground -- New on-line workshop added! Wednesday, June 7th, 3:00 pm EDT. The Episcopal Parish Network (EPN) is committed to keeping the people of Haiti in the consciousness of members of the church at large. Register for free to learn more from Locally Haiti, a new local partner with the EPN.
- Urge Congress to Save Oak Flat -- Western North Carolina is home to sacred sites of the Eastern Band of Cherokee that must be protected. The same is true for sacred sites across the country, which is why we must stand in support of efforts even when they are far from home. Apache tribal leaders in Arizona have said a mining project on Oak Flat would be "a grave human rights violation and an environmental catastrophe." Click here to raise your voice to save Oak Flat.

JUST ECONOMICS JUST BREW IT ON SATURDAY JUNE 3RD

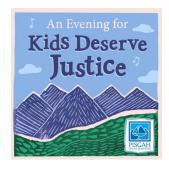


Just Economics is one of our Outreach partners; this is their biggest fundraising event of the year -- and a lot of fun too. Even people who don't like beer will find something palatable; those who do will be very happy indeed. JE membership is required for entry and costs \$30 -- you can sign up at the Just Brew It website here:

https://www.justeconomicswnc.org/news-events/just-brew-it

Just Economics' work is crucial to Asheville's beleaguered low-wage worker population, both through empowering workers to advocate for themselves, and for making it clear to the whole community what a living wage is.

PISGAH LEGAL SERVICES EVENT



An evening for Kids Deserve Justice, Wednesday, May 31, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Salvage Station. Join Pisgah Legal Services for an evening of community and celebration at the Salvage Station! Come together for local food, drinks, music, and family fun at this mainly outdoor event for all ages. There will also be a silent

auction full of fun packages and experiences. All proceeds from the auction will support Pisgah Legal's Children's Law Program.

For details and to purchase tickets, visit https://www.pisgahlegal.org/kidsjusticeevent

DONATION INFORMATION FOR ECW RUMMAGE SALE COMING THIS FALL!

ECW will be holding a rummage sale on Saturday, November 4 th, from 8AM until noon. We are so grateful for your donations which make our sale possible. We will be accepting donations in the storage house (located to the left of the upper parking lot) on the following weekends:

June 10th – 9AM until noon June 11th – for one hour after the church service

July 8th – 9AM until noon July 9th – for one hour after the church service

August 12th – 9AM until noon August 13th – for one hour after the church service

September 9th – 9AM until noon September 10th – for one hour after the church service.

The week prior to the sale, October 30th through November 3rd, we will be accepting donations from 9AM until 3PM in the parish hall and the storage house. Clothing should be delivered to the parish hall and household items should be delivered to the storage house. By providing these days for donations, we are requesting that you not bring items at other times. Your help is greatly appreciated!

We accept the following items:

Clothing (on hangers) – clean, something you would want to purchase! No underwear please!

Books – (no textbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries, condensed books, books that are written in or heavily highlighted, or magazines)

Office Supplies and arts/crafts kits or supplies

Children's and baby items – toys, games, puzzles, sports equipment if in good repair Jewelry Small household and kitchen items – should be working and have all the parts!

Linens – please label size of sheets/bedspreads/tablecloths.

Christmas/holiday items

Garden supplies (no hazardous materials) and small garden tools

We do not accept any electronics or medical equipment! No old TVS, monitors, computers, printers, etc.

Large furniture will be accepted only during the week prior to the sale. Our storage house space is limited.

If these times or requirements do not work for you, please take your items to another suitable agency!

Thanks so much for your help and understanding!

Weekly Taizé Tuesday evenings at 6pm

These ecumenical services are known for their melodic chants and prayers. Although music forms a central part of the service it is mixed with comforting periods of silence allowing for contemplation. Lighted mostly by candlelight in the sanctuary of Grace Church, the vesper light of approaching evening offers a



safe and nurturing space for a well-deserved moment of peace in our hectic lives. Healing prayer is offered throughout the service for oneself or on behalf of someone else.

For more information on Taizé at Grace visit: www.graceavl.com/taize-grace

Monday Morning Bible Study: Mondays at 10:30 AM, we study the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday service. Please join us virtually by clicking on the button at graceavl.com/.



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.

WOMEN **W**ALKING THE **W**AY: *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. No need to email or notify Milly; just come!

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.

Have You Accessed Our Membership Directory? An online directory is available to our members. *If you want to know how to become a member of Grace*, please contact Rev. Milly Morrow at milly@graceavl.com.



THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Date and Time	Service or Meeting	<u>Location</u>
Sundays, 9a	Adult Forum	Parish Hall
Sunday, 10:30a	Holy Eucharist Service*	Sanctuary/YouTube**
Mondays, 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 - by appointment	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 5:30p	Centering Prayer	Zoom**
Wednesdays, 6:30p	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8a	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake
	* BULLETIN AVAILABLE **LINK ON HOME PAGE	graceavl.com

OUR PRAYER LIST

<u>For Parishioners</u>: James Cassarino; Jeanne and Ron Sims; Rusty Herman; Daniel and Hannah Johnston; Joan Mahon; Walt Noble; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Tim Wrinn; Kelly and Sydnor Thompson.

<u>For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities</u>: Bill Coward; Ed Denison; Bobbie Eblen; Eunice Ferguson; Dorothy Engel; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Deb Pegel; Rita Spragg; Shirley Turner.

For For Others: (Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks unless we hear otherwise.) Linda Adams (neighbor of Cliff and Anne); Allen (brother of Cheryl Aull); Angela (sister of Steve Booth); Wes Auret (godson of Elaine Potter); Molly Breslin (friend of Gary Coffey and family); Gabriel and Lara Brongel and family (grandson and daughter of Jackie Schauer); Cherie Brown (daughter of Ed and Maria Woeckener); Porter Claxton (friend of Ginny Moser); Jimmy Cole (lifelong friend of Sonny Rawls); Cody Ervin (friend of Hannah Pennell); Woody Geizentanner (friend of Pat & George Davis); Patricia Grace (friend of Gael Paschal); Jackie Haines (sister of Carol Booth); Angela High (friend of Vicki Vest); Cherry Howe (friend of Rusty Herman & Janice Orson); Laury Keen (friend of James Cannon's sister); Candy Kelly (friend of Dodie King); Carroll Lambert (mother of Rachel B); Mary and Rachel Lewallen (daughters of Debbie Lewallen); Gene Mahon(brother of Pat Mahon); Sandra McPeters (friend of Cheryl Aull); David Moltke-Hansen and Patricia Poteat (friends of Jeanne and Ron Sims); Barney Noble (son of Joyce and Walt Noble); Bob Noble (brother of Walt Noble); Pam (neighbor of Mike Reardon); Judy Phillips (friend of James Cannon); Michele and Kevin Randall (niece and nephew in law of Jeanne and Ron Sims); Lindsey Rice (daugher in law of Debra and John Rice); Sarah and Bo (friends of Amy and Phillip Trees); Ara Vickers (friend of Tahani Sticpewich).

<u>For Those Who Have Died and Their Families</u>: **Ann Dewort** (sister of Jeanne Sims); **Glenn Thomas** (brother in law of Ron Sims).

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy 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.

Please go to <u>graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/</u> for more opportunities to request prayer. Get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact our Pastoral Care Ministry at <u>pastoralcare@graceavl.com</u> or contact the church.

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Archie Clarkson, Tech Director
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