

Grace Episcopal Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE: *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

Dale Wood

THE ACCLAMATION

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

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

OPENING HYMN: *The Spacious Firmament On High*

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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: PROVERBS 1: 20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.

For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

THE EPISTLE: JAMES 3: 1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: *Take Up Your Cross*

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

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

THE GOSPEL: Mark 8: 27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

Rev. Milly Morrow

THE NICENE CREED *(standing)*

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE- THE WAY OF LOVE

Let us pray.

Creator God, by the mercies of your son, our Lord, Jesus, compel us to TURN our hearts to his Way of Love. That we might follow Jesus together as your faithful people, we pause, listen, and respond in prayer, saying: Jesus, guide us in your way.

Jesus, your life, death, resurrection, and ascension inspire the church to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship. Guide your people to LEARN your Word, that we might see God's story unfolding in our midst. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Son of God, you responded to your Father in PRAYER and pleaded that we might all be one. Guide the leaders and faithful citizens of this nation to respond to God and to one another in compassion — in thought and deed, with or without words — that the people of the United States might live in unity and peace. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Light of the World, you taught us to WORSHIP in spirit and in truth. Lead us to join with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, that the whole world might be united in the truth of your love. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Lord, you came not to be served but to serve. Empower us to BLESS one another and our neighbors in Asheville that your spirit of generosity, compassion, and selfless action transform us and the people in our midst. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Savior, you came into our midst that we might know life. Embolden us to GO among those who are weary, burdened, sick, or imprisoned, especially Elise and Jim; Nancy; Eva; Katherine; Ann and family; Rusty; Nancy; Cheri; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN); Jackie; Peter; and, Ed, that we might live like you, crossing the boundaries that divide rich from poor, sick from well, and sinner from saint. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Lamb of God, in your death you destroyed death and taught us the way to eternal life. Compel us to daily die to self and REST in your grace. May all who have died, especially the family of Don Lewis; and for those on the anniversary of their

death: Caroline Plowden; Lucretia Warren; Arthur Cort; Wendy Kuykendall; Alice Miller; Kathryn Bohan; Mary Post; Eleanore Brown; Elizabeth Clark...rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

The Celebrant offers this concluding collect:

Lord Jesus Christ, who gave your life for the life of all, we commit our lives to following you. Continually guide us in your way and draw us into life as your Beloved Community in this age and in age to come; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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 ANTHEM: *The Heavens Declare the Glory of the Lord*

Beethoven

DOXOLOGY:

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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 2 From Enriching Our Service

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.

It is a good and right and joyful thing to give you thanks and praise always and everywhere. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing.

SANCTUS:

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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which

is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

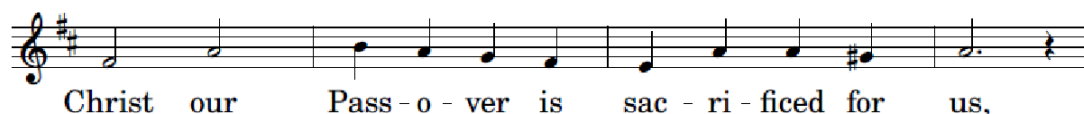
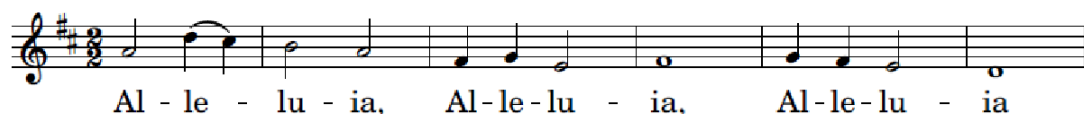
THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM:

Cassarino



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who seek God or a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. To receive the bread, extend your hands towards the priest. Gluten free wafers are available. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice with both hands. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, simply cross your arms across your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Humbly I Adore Thee*

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

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THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: *Psalm XIX*

Benedetto Marcello



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Jennifer Witt in memory of her brother, Kenneth Vance Matthews.

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

During the service, healing prayer is offered at the station in front of the altar.

LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Cole Woodcox Chalicerist: Elaine Potter

Lectors: Kristen Dusenbery, Cliff Albertson Intercessor: Nancy Lewis

Ushers: Pat and George Davis Greeters: Kim Hayes

Vestry Member of the Day: Kim Hayes

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.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOTE *faithfully*

Are you ready to “Vote Faithfully”? This Sunday after worship, please stop by the parish hall for coffee, treats and an opportunity to pick up comprehensive, non-partisan information about voting in November. Are you registered? Do you know where and when you can vote? Are you knowledgeable about the candidates and referendums that will appear on your ballot? Are there people you know – family, friends, neighbors – with whom you could share this information? Let’s start getting ready to vote! See you Sunday after worship.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Donald Alford, Junior Warden and Jackie Schauer for supervising the clean up of our grounds! The landscape crew did a great job.

TOWN HALL FOLLOW UP

Thanks to all who came to our Town Hall meeting last Sunday. Your vestry appreciated your concerns and affirmations. If you missed the meeting and would like a copy of the Mutual Ministry Review, please email Jill at office@graceavl.com.

CHOIR

Welcome back to our wonderful choir! Do you like to sing? Would you be interested in joining the choir? We meet on Wednesday night from 6:30-8 and again on Sunday morning at 9. For more information, please contact Jim Cassarino at jamescassarino@gmail.com. We'd love to have you!

NEW (ISH) MEMBER LUNCHEON

Are you a new (ish) member at Grace? If you have been attending Grace regularly or semi-regularly for 2 years or less, Rev. Milly is holding a new member luncheon.

Join her for conversation and a time to ask questions and further your discernment about your engagement with Grace Episcopal church.

Child care and a meal provided. Sunday September 29th at 12:00 following church and coffee hour.

Please register by emailing Jill @ office@graceavl.com. Include if you have any food allergies or if you need gluten-free or vegetarian or vegan, and if childcare is needed. Register for the new (ish) member luncheon by September 25th.

ABCCM FALL FOOD DRIVE

The need for food always increases as the seasons change and the weather gets cooler. Your food donations to our Fall Food Drive will make a big difference!

Especially needed right now are canned foods, especially meats, fish, chicken, beans, soups, vegetables, and seasonal fruits. Also needed are: cooking oil, hot and cold cereals, jellies and juices, pasta and sauce, self-rising flour and sugar, and boxes of saltine crackers.

Please look at this list, then fill your sacks and containers with these food items, and bring them all to Grace's lobby between now and September 29.



Have you joined the Grace Crop Walk Team yet? There's still time to sign up for "Crop Walk 2024," Sunday, September 29, 2:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 10 North Liberty Street. Participating is easy.

- Sign-up on the list in the foyer, where you'll also find more information about the walk.
- Ask friends and family to sponsor you with a donation. Walkers who turn in \$25 or more will receive a free Crop Walk t-shirt! **BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR T-SHIRT SIZE WHEN YOU SIGN UP!**
- And on walk day, pick up a delicious white chocolate scone courtesy of Chris Shaw – strength for journey!

25% of all donations support local food banks. The remainder helps teach farmers and others how to improve food production, drill wells, etc. worldwide.



PIG PICKIN' 2024:

Now's the Time to Place Your Order for Pig Pickin' Barbecue

The Men of the Church's annual Pig Pickin' feast will be here before you know it.

You have several ways of ordering your food and fixins' just the way you like it. You can:

Order a pound of BBQ if that's all you want for \$12.

If you'd like more, you can get BBQ in 2 lbs. to 5 lbs. portions for \$24 to \$60.

To Go Plates are available as well and include tasty BBQ along with a choice of sides: (cornbread wedges, beans and slaw).

And if you're hankering for tasty brisket, you're in luck. It's new on the menu for just \$21.

Your BBQ order and additional side items will be available for pick up from 5:30 pm to 7:30ish pm on Saturday, October 5 in the parking lot at Grace. You can pay with cash or check at pickup. Please email your orders soon to your designated MOC member, according to your alphabetized last name:

A - H: Ron Sims. ronjeannesims@charter.net

I - Q: Doug McClellan. dougkmcclellan@gmail.com

R - Z: David Withers. withersd@bellsouth.net



PUMPKIN PATCH

It's almost THAT time of year again!! The PUMPKINS are COMING NEXT SUNDAY, September 29th !!

Many thanks again to the Grace Episcopal community for hosting the Pumpkin Patch with all proceeds going to Consider Haiti, a local, grass-roots non-profit. As most of you know, the Patch is our single biggest fund-raiser of the year and all proceeds go to our programs in Haiti – medical clinics, community health agents, clean water, and sustainable nutrition (think goats!)

How can you help?

1. The pumpkins will arrive on Sunday September 29th at 1:00!! Volunteer to help unload them. Bring a friend or family member, a wheelbarrow or a wagon and plan to work in teams of two.
2. We will provide bottled water but no food. Please bring your own snacks if needed.
3. Sign up to tend the Pumpkin Patch for one or more shifts during the month of October. On-line signup is here:

<https://signup.com/go/pWmRWnG>

Again – thank you for your continued support!! We know we are making a difference in the lives of children and families in Montrouis, Fond Baptist, and Ivoire, Haiti despite the on-going difficult situation with gang warfare, political instability, and crushing inflation. Please Consider Haiti and consider volunteering a small amount of your time.

ECW NEWS

Join the ECW for their Fall PotLuck on Saturday, September 28th from noon until 2. Bring a dish to share and learn all the details about our upcoming Rummage Sale in November. Questions? Contact Cheryl Aull at ckaul@charter.net. All women of the church are welcome. We hope you will 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 Rev. John Rice at 828-371-7281, Sunday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., unless it's a pastoral emergency.

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.*

For further information about ongoing programs at Grace, please visit our website at graceavl.com.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Service or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday 9/15 9am	Children's Sunday School	Atrium
Sunday 10:30am	Holy Eucharist Service *	Sanctuary
Mondays, 10:30 am	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **
Monday 1pm	Chair Aerobics	Parish Hall
Mondays 3:30-4:30	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Atrium
Tuesdays 6pm	Taize	Sanctuary
Wednesday, 9:30 am	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Library
Wednesdays 1pm	Tai Chi classes	Parish Hall
Wednesdays, 5:30pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom**
Wednesdays, 6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8am	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake

OUR PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: **Elise and Jim Cassarino; Eva Dupree; Rusty Herman; Ann Lewis and family; Nancy Lewis; Cheri Potter; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder; Jackie Schauer; Ed Woechner.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Bill Coward; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Nancy Sink; Rita Spragg; Peter Sprague.**

For Others: (Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks unless we hear otherwise.)

Geraldine Allen (aunt of Carole McClellan); **Wes Auret** (godson of Elaine Potter); **Allen** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Bob Brennan** (relative of Anne Jarema); **Gabriel and Lara Brongel and family** (grandson and daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Cherie Brown** (daughter of Ed and Maria Woeckener); **Marcie Coleman** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Glenn Fleishman** (friend of Anne Jarema); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Jim Kaderabek** (father of Todd Kaderabek); **Geoff Kirsch** (son of Dodie King); **Tony Lewis** (friend of Dodie King); **Chuck McDonald** (brother of Susan Robinson); **Megan; Barney Noble** (son of Joyce and Walt Noble); **Meredith Peppers** (cousin of Carole McClellan);

Liz Sides (friend of Joyce Noble); **Alice Watkins** (friend of Lorie Tola); **Jane Whitman** (friend of Joyce and Walt Noble).

We grieve and pray: for the family of **Don Lewis**; the family of **Pete Parker**.

For those celebrating birthdays: **Sophia Medina; Emeline Scales; Patricia Hargrove; Carole McClellan; Joe Reardon; Pat Davis.**

For those celebrating anniversaries: **Suzy and Brett Young; Cheryl Deyton and Monty Wooten; Michelle and Kate Janson Foltz; Bonnie and Robert Kistler.**

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); **Sean** (our presiding Bishop elect); **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 graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/ 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 pastoralcare@graceavl.com or contact the church.

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The Reverend Milly Morrow, *Rector*

James Cassarino, *Director of Music*

Cathy Adkins, *Organist*

Jill Stevenson, *Office Manager*

Katie Douglas, *Finance Manager*

Angel Stoudt, *Sexton*

Archie Clarkson, *Tech Director*

Katherine Johnson, *Wedding Coordinator*

Grace Church is a place where we hope you experience the empowering presence of the living God and where we collaborate with God in building the Kingdom of Heaven, here on earth. We are grateful you are among us today.

GRACE GREETER MINISTRY

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you wish you knew more of your fellow parishioners at Grace? Do you long to be Jesus's feet and hands at work in our parish?

If you respond with "Yes!" to any of these questions, please consider joining the Greeter Ministry. We have gotten wonderful feedback from visitors and newcomers saying how welcome they felt at Grace. Maybe you are new to Grace yourself and would like to "pay it forward" by letting others know they belong at Grace.

All you need for this ministry is to show up at Grace by 10:10 on the Sunday morning you have chosen, don a simple cross that hangs on a red ribbon, and invite people coming into the church to wear their name tags or allow you to make them a stick-on tag. Your warm welcome goes even further when you invite them to join us at the coffee hour, and then join them there to chat and introduce them to other parishioners. Such a simple but vital and rewarding ministry! We hope you'll join us!

For more information or to join the ministry, please email Diane Wilkey at the_wilkeys@gmail.com