



## Grace Episcopal Church

### The Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Baptism

May 10, 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

**Prelude:** *There is a Land of Pure Delight*

Margaret Sandresky

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

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

#### **The Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

*People* **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

**The Collect of the Day**

BCP 225

*The people sit.*

**Children's Moment**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**The First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn:** *Come down, O Love divine*

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

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

**The Gospel: John 14:15-21**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Homily**

The Reverend Robert Hartmans

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

*The candidate is welcomed to the altar along with parents, sponsors, and family.*

*Parents* **I present Charles John Ellmann to receive  
the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* **I will, with God's help.**

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father the almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and  
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever  
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the  
Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving  
your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,  
and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

### **Prayers for the Candidate**

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for this child who is to receive  
the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send him into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says*

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers some day and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way—those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. **Amen.**

### **Baptismal Hymn:** *Baptized in water*

*Children are welcome to join the procession to the font.*



1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the  
2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the  
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the



blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust-ing his  
tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing, Freed and for -  
sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, We are his



prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

*People*     **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*     **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through His death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in His death. By it, we share in His resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into His fellowship those who come to Him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Baptism**

*Celebrant* Charles John Ellmann, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage and will to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

**Amen.**

*Celebrant* Charles John Ellmann, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim His resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## **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.*

## **Presentation and Celebration of the Ministry of One Newly Ordained**

*The priests invite recently ordained Elly Withers Kumar forward for a blessing.*

*Presider* Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. God has called Elly into ordained ministry as a priest in your one holy catholic Church.

*People* **Praise be to God who has called you into this service!**

*Presider* Look with favor upon Elly whom you have called, O God, and grant that she may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that she may minister in her chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*A gift from the Parish and tool of ministry is presented to Elly.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Anthem:** *Kittery*

William Billings

## **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God above you heavenly host, Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3**

(from *Enriching Our Worship*)

*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.

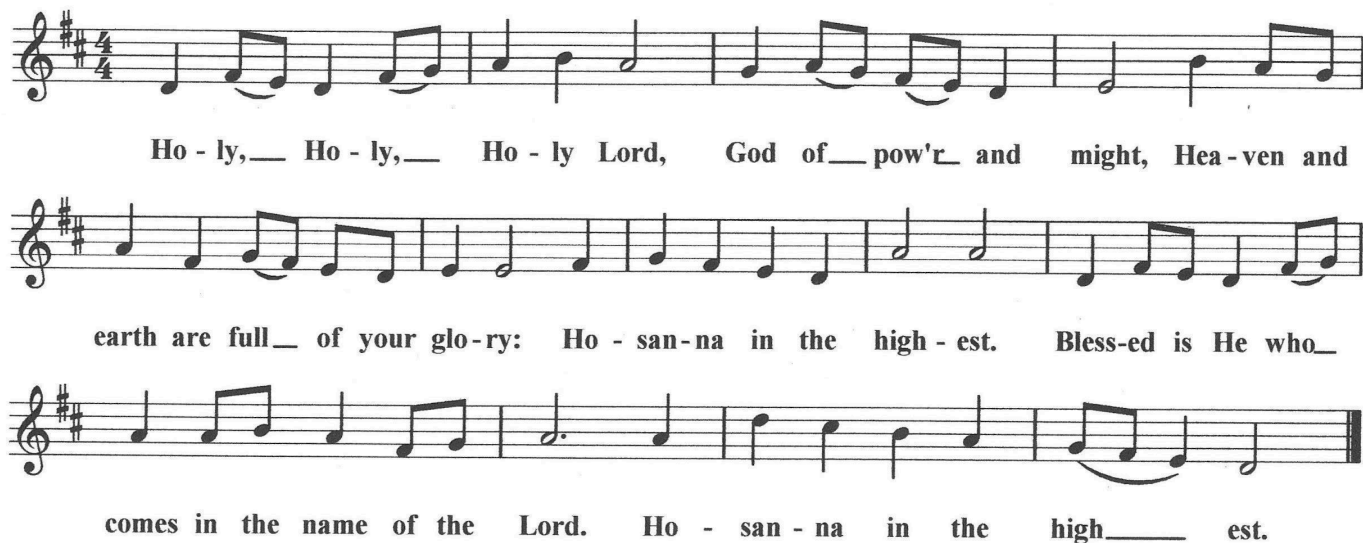
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

# Sanctus

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.

## *The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Celebrant and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Celebrant continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Celebrant and People*

**Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

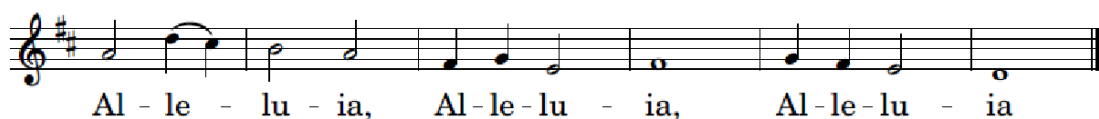
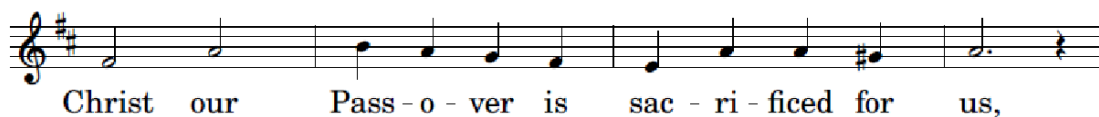
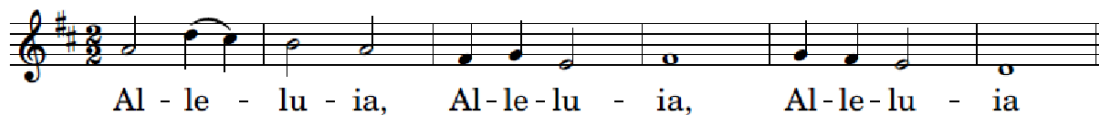
**The Lord's Prayer** *(Traditional)*

**BCP 364**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Anthem**

**Cassarino**



## **Invitation to Communion**

*(gluten free wafers available upon request)*

**Communion Hymn:** *I sing the almighty power of God*

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## **Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

*When a Eucharistic Minister is to be sent forth, the following is said*

*Celebrant* (Cliff/Lorie/James), in the name of God and this congregation,  
we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom  
You go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body  
and blood.

*People*     **We who are many are one body because we all share  
one bread and one cup.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn:** *All creatures of our God and King*

Verses 1-4 of **400**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude:** *Let All Things Their Creator Bless*

Alfred Fedak



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by  
Kim & Rick Hayes in thanksgiving for their Grace Church family.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by  
~~ Vicki & Paul Vest in loving memory of their mothers,  
Angie Vest and Linda Lovin.  
~~ Bea & Jeff Russell in honor of their mothers,  
Marjorie Timmons Smolka and Irene Tilley Russell.  
~~ Bonnie & Bob Kistler in loving memory of their mothers,  
Eleanor Savin Kistler and Rosemae Richards MacDougal.



### LAY MINISTERS

Crucifer: Steve Birkhofer Torches: Alex Thwaites, Mary Foster

Chalicer: James Cannon Lector: Elaine Potter

Intercessor: Vicki Vest Presenter: Louise Wernicke

Ushers: Mike Vines, Kyle Rhodes

Greeters: Ginny Moser, Melanie Druckenmiller

Streaming: Ben Scales

Vestry Member of the Day: Elaine Potter



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Rev. Robert's Office Hours

Rev. Robert can be found at the church on Tuesday afternoons, Monday and Thursday mornings, and by appointment. He can be reached in person or at [hartmansrobert@gmail.com](mailto:hartmansrobert@gmail.com) or by his cell 423-400-0826 for any pastoral care concerns.

**Foyer Groups are Back!** See the last page of the bulletin.

## **Children's Chapel**

Children will remain in church today to be part of today's Holy Baptism.

## **Church Access**

Now that the new door lock is working, the church building can be accessed during business hours and around regularly-scheduled worship services. If you need to get in at other times, please call the office at 828-254-1086.

## **May PubSing! Meeting**

PubSing meets today. We will gather at the home of David & Sally Withers, **55 Rocky Laurel Hill, Swannanoa**. We will play and sing from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. Afterwards, the Withers are doing a cookout with burgers and hotdogs. Please bring sides to accompany the meal. Also, bring a chair and a song about mothers. Hope to see you there!

## **Advocacy and Action**

Join us at noon on the fourth Sunday of the month in the downstairs conference room. All are welcome. If you're interested in meeting with a group of like-minded Grace members and friends to discuss how we might help bring justice in a more effective and joyful way, together rather than alone, please send an email or text to Tahani Sticpewich (828-301-0550; tahaniweb@gmail.com).

## **Jones Elementary School Annual Food Drive**

April 19-May 24 – Donate items listed below for the end of school year food drive for 50 families in need from Jones Elementary. Grace is collecting the donations and Mosaic Realty group will be packing and delivering bags to the 50 family homes in June. We need 50 of each item: Oatmeal, Rice, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Beans, Soup, Proteins, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Fruit and Canned Vegetables. Contact Sarah Beasley at sdkbeasley@gmail.com with questions.

## **Pastoral Care Team**

You might not know that there is a dedicated group of lay people who meet every week to pray for those on our parish prayer list and coordinate pastoral care. They are led by Lorie Tola and Cliff Albertson and they direct our clergy and other resources to meet people at Grace in difficult moments. If you are interested in their work please talk to Cliff, Lorie, or to Rev. Robert. We would love to plug you into the care network at Grace.

## **WEEKLY GATHERINGS**

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** *Sundays a.m.; Mondays p.m.* We offer the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for our children *Sundays between 9:00 and 10:15 a.m.*, and a *Monday afternoon class from 3:30-4:30 p.m.* Children may attend either one or both at any time. Contact Shannon Townsend for further information at [gstownsend@att.net](mailto:gstownsend@att.net) or 828-713-5081.

**Monday Morning Bible Study:** *Mondays at 10:30 a.m.*

We study the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday service. Please join us virtually by clicking on the button at [graceavl.com](http://graceavl.com).

**Chair Aerobics:** *Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m.*

All are invited! Join Susan Robinson for a chair exercise class in the Parish Hall. Bring a pair of dumbbells. There is no fee to participate. This class is appropriate for people of all abilities. It can be done standing or seated. If you have questions, email Susan at [SusanMac2@gmail.com](mailto:SusanMac2@gmail.com).

**Taizé:** *Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.*

Weekly Taizé services are held in the sanctuary. Healing prayer is offered throughout the service for oneself or on behalf of someone else. For more information on Taizé at Grace, visit: [graceavl.com/taize-grace](http://graceavl.com/taize-grace).

**Soaking Prayer:** *Wednesdays at 12:00 noon*

Our Soaking Prayer Service continues every Wednesday from noon to 12:45. Come and see if this might be that special spiritual discipline that you have been looking for. All are welcome!

**Women Walking the Way:** *Thursdays at 8:20 a.m.*

Meet in the Bird Sanctuary parking lot by Beaver Lake for a walk around the lake and some spiritual reflection with like-minded women. For more information, contact Ann Lewis at [annaflewis7@gmail.com](mailto:annaflewis7@gmail.com) or call her at 815-441-2282.

### GRACE'S PRAYER LIST

*For Congregants:* **Linda & David Adams, Judy Rhodes Baroody, Anne Jarema, Todd Kaderabek, Mike Miller, Natalie & Andrew Owens, Wayne & Laura Parton, Gael Paschall, Elaine Potter, Kyle Rhodes, Ann Robinson, Jeff Russell, Becky & Bill Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Jennifer Witt.**

*For Homebound Congregants and Those in Healthcare Facilities:* **Joan & Allyn Aldrich, Martha Boyette, Walt & Joyce Noble, Nancy Sink, Rita Spragg, Marla Woeckener.**

*For Others: (Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless we hear otherwise).* **Allen** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Geraldine Allen** (aunt of Carole McClellan); **the Anderson Family** (friends of Bonnie Kistler); **Aubrey** (friend of Joe & Cheryl Aull); **Betsy Baldwin** (mother of Karen Baldwin); **Susan Barr** (sister-in-law of Mary Foster); **Bob Brennan** (relative of Anne Jarema); **Channon, Mark & Tiffany Brown** (friends of Robert Hartmans); **the Brongel family** (daughter and family of Jackie Schauer); **Christa Brigman** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Betty Ann Bryant** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Marcie Coleman** (cousin of Linda McCredie); **Elizabeth & Mike Cogsdale** (friends of Fr. Timothy); **Presley Foxx** (granddaughter of Susan & Mark

Sudimak); **Kathy Gerhardt** (daughter of Nancy Clark); **Brady Gotwald** (great-nephew of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Tom Hunnicutt** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Robert & Katie Lyons** (friends of Ginny Moser); **Sally Mackay** (mother of Leslie Heiser); **Daniel McRee** (son of Fr. Timothy McRee) and **David** (husband of Daniel McRee); **Judy Wells Meehan** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Brian Moore** (nephew of Rusty Herman); **Robert Noble, Jr.** (brother of Walt Noble); **Meredith Peppers** (aunt of Carol McClellan); **Val & Kip Pritchard** (friends of Cliff Albertson); **Kevin Randall** (friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Sarah Ray** (cousin of Doug McClellan); **Sarah Schuman** (niece of Fr. Timothy McRee); **Wiley Thornton** (cousin of Carol McClellan); **Susan Thigpen** (friend of Jennifer Witt); **Tom & Joan** (friends of James Cannon); **Stephanie Tugurian** (daughter of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Bev Whiting** (friend of Rusty Herman).

*For the recently departed:* **Ed Woeckener, Ray Lutz.**

*For those celebrating birthdays:* **Dodie King, Jennifer Witt, Joe Rhatigan.**

*For those celebrating anniversaries:* **Sarah & Andrew Beasley, Chris & Rich Thompson.**

*For Those in Service to Our Country:* **Tommy Brown** (grandson of Marla Woeckener); **Matt & Martha Cardenas** (daughter & son-in-law of Hannah Buckner); **John Davids** (nephew of Elaine Potter); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **John Massey** (son-in-law of Mary Foster); **Brady Paschall** (granddaughter of Gael Paschall); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

*For Those in the Episcopal Church:* **Sarah**, Archbishop of Canterbury; **Sean**, our presiding Bishop; **José**, our Bishop; **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish**; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **Nippon Sai Ko Kai**; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, **Trinity Church, Spruce Pine, Trinity, Asheville.**

*For our Nation and the Wider World: For the President and his Cabinet; for Congress; and for our country; for victims of violence around the world; for local agencies and those who work for relief of the poor; for stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.*



### **Grace's Mission Statement**

*Grace Church exists as a diverse community of the Body of Christ, to serve Jesus Christ our Lord. Our mission is to nurture and develop each individual to reach out and share God's love.*



### **Grace Episcopal Church**

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop of WNC*

The Reverend Robert Hartmans

The Reverend Timothy McRee

The Reverend John Rice

*Clergy*

James Cassarino, *Director of Music*

Cathy Adkins, *Organist*

Anne Spruance, *Office Administrator*

Katie Douglas, *Finance Manager*

Angel Stoudt, *Sexton*

Paula Foggo

Caroline Parson-Chambliss

Trinity Mickens

*Nursery Workers*

## **Foyer Groups are Back!**

Foyer Groups are small lunch/dinner groups, usually eight people, who get together to share a meal and get to know one another better. You can meet in a home, restaurant, or somewhere else like a picnic by the river. Unless you're meeting at a restaurant, plan on bringing something to share. But don't worry. You don't have to be able to cook. In this "foodie town" there is plenty you can buy, and several restaurants offer takeout family-size servings if your group wants to chip in for a main dish and a salad. This isn't an effort to prove we're good cooks; it's an opportunity to get together and socialize. The plan is to meet once a month for four months. One of those four times will be hosted by Robert and Casey Hartmans at their home. This will be a good opportunity to also get to know them better. Hosts are needed to organize the dates, places, and meals.

If you are interested in participating or hosting, please fill out the form. It can be given to Lucy Bowen, left at the church office, or put in the collection plate. You may also contact Lucy at [lucyabowen@yahoo.com](mailto:lucyabowen@yahoo.com) or text 229-224-5891. She hopes to gather names of interested participants through the end of May with tentative start dates in June.

### **I am interested in participating in a Foyer Group.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to host \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to meet for Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner \_\_\_\_\_