



Grace Episcopal Church

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

Prelude: *Sacred Joy!*

Phil Lehenbauer

Welcome and Announcements

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

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy, Living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever.**

Opening Hymn: *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim*

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Collect for Purity

Hymn of Praise

verse 1 of 8

Morning has broken like the first morning,
black-bird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

The Collect of the Day

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The people sit.

Children's Moment - Sanctuary Scavenger Hunt

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people remain seated.

Response: *Spirit of the Living God*

(Songs of Grace) **54**

The Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *Father, we thank thee who has planted*

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Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there

will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Reverend Debra Rice

The Prayers of the People

The people stand.

Leader We give you thanks and praise, O God of creation, for the
 grandeur of all that you have made, saying

People **We thank you, God.**

Leader For the healing waters of creation, which bring pleasure and
 health, purity and life,

People **We thank you, God.**

Leader For the richness of the good Earth that brings forth fruits and
 flowers, a pleasure to taste and a joy to behold,

People **We thank you, God.**

Leader For the soaring birds of the air, the crawling creatures on the
 Earth, the gliding fishes in the seas, for all creatures great and
 small with whom we share this precious web of life,

People **We thank you, God.**

Leader For the invigorating sunlight of day, the deepening mystery of
 night, the wonder of the stars, and the call of the unknown in the
 universe,

People **We thank you, God.**

Leader For those of your creation who are in sickness or trouble, especially: Linda & David Adams, Joan Aldrich, Judy Rhodes Baroody, Carol Booth, Martha Boyette, James Cannon, Anne Jarema, Todd Kaderabek, Muriel & John Kimbrough, Walt, Joyce & Diana Noble, Natalie & Andrew Owens, Wayne & Laura Parton, Elaine Potter, Kyle Rhodes, Ann Robinson, Jeff Russell, Nancy Sink, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, Rita Spragg, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Jennifer Witt, Marla Woeckener, and all those you now name...

(All are invited to pray silently or aloud)

We remember those who have recently died, especially Shauna & Darren Nelson, and David Currence, and on the anniversary of their deaths we pray for Elmo Ghormley, Henry Watt Sr., and Betty Hall, and for those who still grieve for them...Are there others?

(All are invited to pray silently or aloud)

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Leader From squandering resources, abusing our companion species, and polluting the habitat we all share,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader From the folly of imagining ourselves free from the fate of your whole creation,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader For the courage and wisdom to confess how little we have cared for your gifts,

People **Strengthen us, O Spirit.**

Leader For the conviction that you have called us to love and restore the Earth,
People **Strengthen us, O Spirit.**

Leader For repentance and the determination to begin our stewardship anew,
People **Strengthen us, O Spirit.**

Priest O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever, Amen.

The Peace

Presider 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: *In Thee is Gladness* Giovanni Gastoldi/arr. Robert A. Hobby
Kristen Dusenbery, soloist

Doxology

Old 100th

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. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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 Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly

country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

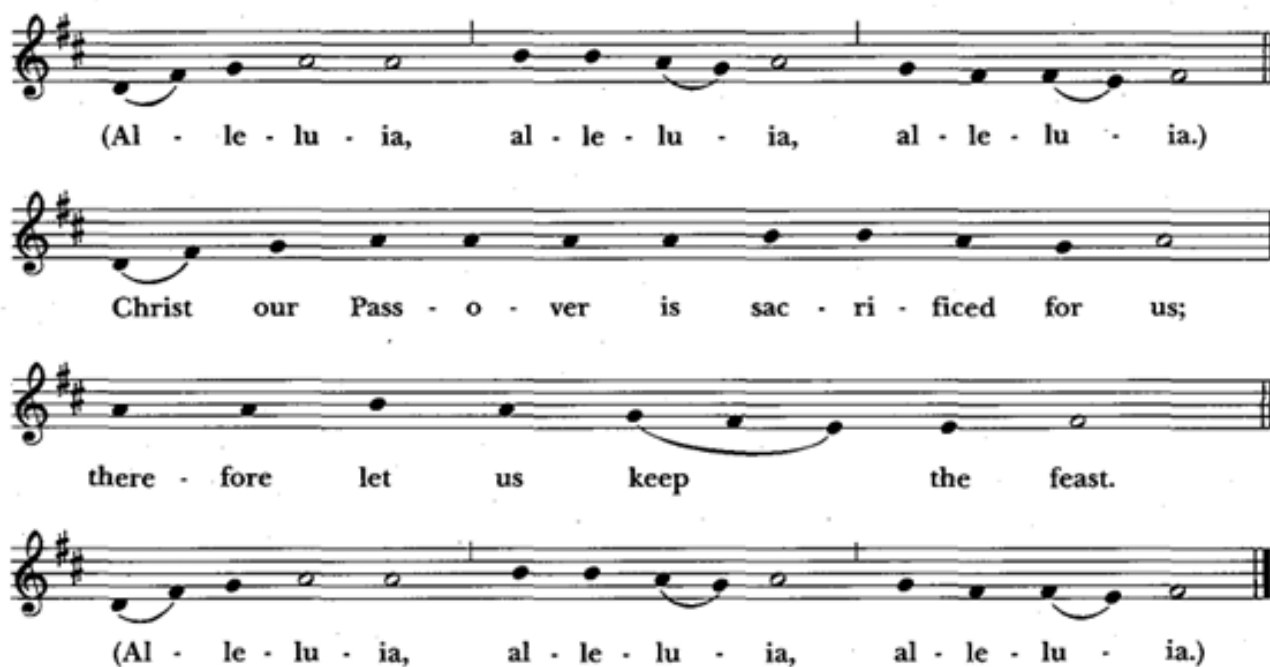
The Lord's Prayer *(Traditional)*

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The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Hurd



An Invitation to Communion

All are invited to receive communion. Your participation is a blessing to us, and we want you to feel welcome and at ease to participate. The ushers will direct you from your pew. When you arrive at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel or stand. As the priest comes to you, they will provide the host in wafer form; if you need gluten free, indicate this by placing your right hand over your heart. You may consume the host or hold it to dip in the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of the host, cross both hands over your chest. Next, the Chalice Bearer will come to you, and they will offer real wine consecrated from a common cup. You can drink from the cup, allowing the chalice

bearer to guide the cup to your mouth. If you wish to dip your host wafer, hand that to the chalice bearer and they will do it for you. It is considered full communion to only receive the host if you do not wish to drink from the cup.

Communion Hymn: *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

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Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

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

Presider (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.**

The people stand.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

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Dismissal

Postlude: *Voluntary in C Major*

Phil Lehenbauer



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by
Balfour & Carol Lynn Knight in loving memory of their parents.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Bonnie & Robert Kistler
in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren



LAY MINISTERS

Crucifer: Ali Schaefer Torches: Sally Withers, Kyle Rhodes

Chalicer: Elaine Potter Lectors: Kristen Dusenery, Bonnie Kistler

Intercessor: Patrice Crabtree Presenters: Cliff Albertson

Ushers: Katherine & Todd Kaderabek

Greeters: Kim Hayes, Melanie Druckenmiller Streaming: Ben Scales

Vestry Person of the Day: Ali Schaefer



Coffee Hour: Great Grace Pie Bake-off – Join Us!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contacting Rev. Robert

Rev. Robert can be reached at hartmansrobert@gmail.com or by his cell: 423-400-0826 for any pastoral care concerns or to set up an appointment.

Outreach Committee Meeting Today

Curious about the Grace Outreach Ministry? You are welcome to sit in on the meeting today in the library following worship.

Wiggle Church – Beginning July 26

During July and August, Grace Church will offer “Wiggle Church” during the 10:30 a.m. service. Children are welcome to join two adult supervisors for fun on the playground or in the parish hall, depending on weather. The group will be welcomed back to the sanctuary for communion. Children ages 5-12 are welcome to participate.

Newcomer Potluck – July 31 at 6:00 p.m.

If you are new to Grace, have recently come back to us, or feel like a newcomer no matter how long you’ve been here, please join us on Friday, July 31 in the parish hall for a pot luck dinner and meet-and-greet. We will provide fried chicken. You bring your favorite sides or dessert, and plan to have a friendly, welcoming evening. Call Grace at 828-254-1086, or email office@graceavl.com to let us know you’re coming.

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).



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WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: *Sundays a.m.; Mondays p.m.*

(no class July 20) We offer the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for our children *Sundays 9:00 and 10:15 a.m.*, and *Monday afternoon 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 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.

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.

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.

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 or call her at 815-441-2282.

GRACE'S PRAYER LIST

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

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

For Others: (Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless we hear otherwise). **Geraldine Allen** (aunt of Carole McClellan); **Aubrey** (friend of Joe & Cheryl Aull); **Mike Baldwin** (friend of Beth & John Woodson); **Susan Barr** (sister-in-law of Mary Foster); **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** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Elizabeth & Mike Cogsdale** (friends of Fr. Timothy); **Presley Foxx** (granddaughter of Susan & Mark Sudimak); **Kathy Gerhardt** (daughter of Nancy Clark); **Nick & Gerry** (Bea Russell's sister-in-law); **Tom Hunnicutt** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Laura & Hanna Keith** (friends of Shannon Townsend); **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); **Steve Noble** (brother of Walt Noble); **Meredith Peppers** (aunt of Carol McClellan); **Carol Peindel** (friend of (Anne Jarema); **Kevin Randall** (friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Sarah Ray** (cousin of Doug McClellan); the **Roberts Family** (friends of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Sarah Schuman** (niece of Fr. Timothy McRee); **Bill Staton** (friend of Jennifer Witt); **Wiley Thornton** (cousin of Carol McClellan); **Tom & Joan** (friends of James Cannon); **Stephanie Tugurian** (daughter of Jeanne & Ron Sims); **Ray Wesolowski** (father of Tim Wesolowski); **George White** (friend of Lorie Tola); **Lynn Whitehead** (friend of Ann Lewis); **Bev Whiting** (friend of Rusty Herman).

For the recently departed: **Shanna & Darren Nelson** (parents of Muriel Nelson Kimbrough); **David Currence**.

For those celebrating birthdays: **Ingrid Adelsbach, Rich Thompson, Kristen Dusenbery, Bea Russell, Cate Scales, Diane Wilkey.**

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Danny Brossart** (grand-nephew of Louise Cate Wernicke); **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); **Jude Waigand** (grandson of Jennifer Witt); **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 **The Church of Pakistan (United)**; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, **Faith Memorial Chapel; Cedar Mountain, Whiteside Summer Chapel, Cashiers.**

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.



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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.

The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop of WNC*

The Reverend Robert Hartmans

Priest in Charge

The Reverend Timothy McRee; The Reverend John Rice, *Clergy*

James Cassarino, *Director of Music*

Cathy Adkins, *Organist*

Judy Rhodes Baroody, *Taizé Music Coordinator*

Anne Spruance, *Office Administrator*

Katie Douglas, *Finance Manager*

Angel Stoudt, *Sexton*

Paula Foggo, *Nursery Care Leader*

Caroline Parson-Chambliss, Trinity Mickens

Nursery Workers



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Founded in 1867 as Beaverdam Mission, we are members of the Body of Christ, the worldwide Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church in the USA, and the Diocese of Western North Carolina. Grace Episcopal Church is a gathering place of those seeking to follow Jesus and to serve the world.

We would be happy to have you join our journey!

Our liturgy follows the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. We use the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, the Hymnal 1982, and Songs of Grace (SOG). We print as much of the service in the bulletin as we can, so that it is easier to follow. There are also notations in italics about when to stand, kneel or sit.

Children are welcome and encouraged to join us in worship. There is also a nursery for children aged 0-4, and during July - August, Wiggle Church is available for people aged 5-12.

Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee and refreshments after the service.

Use the QR code below to link to Grace's Welcome Newcomer's page.

