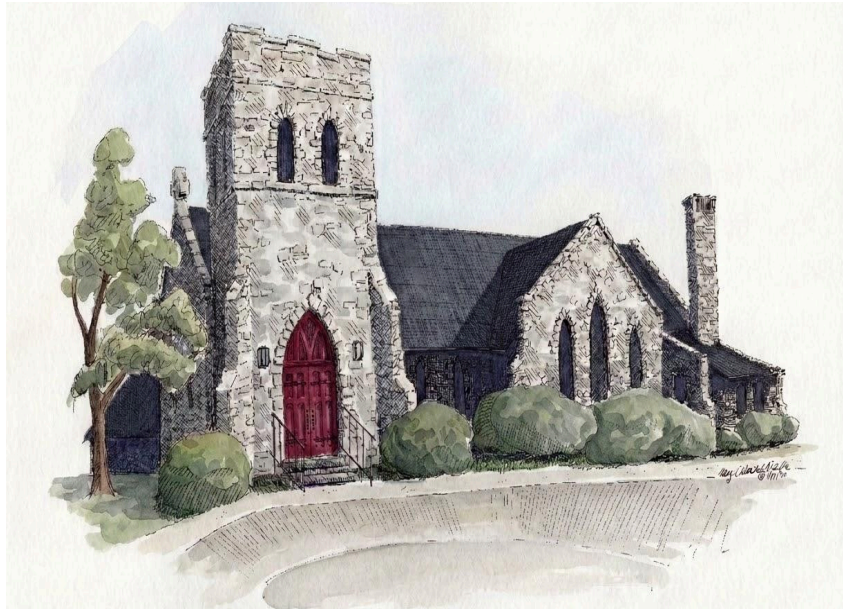




Grace Episcopal Church

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

Prelude: *Toccata in D Minor*

Johann Jakob Froberger

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: *Christ for the world we sing!*

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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 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me

lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

The people remain seated.

Response: *Praise the Name of Jesus* – sing twice (Songs of Grace) **47**

The Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

Gospel Hymn: *There's a wideness in God's mercy* **470**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

The Homily

The Reverend John 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, Muriel & John Kimbrough, Walt, Joyce & Diana Noble, the Moser family, Natalie & Andrew Owens, Gael Paschall, Wayne & Laura Parton, Kyle Rhodes, Debra Rice, Ann Robinson, Jeff Russell, Guy Sayles, Nancy Sink, Becky Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, Rita Spragg, Laurie Strickland, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Barbara Wilcox, 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 Ray Wesoloski, and on the anniversary of their deaths we pray for Henry Sinclair, Helen MacDonald, Louise Speed, Kimberly McFarland, and Theresa Sabo, 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: *I Need Thee Every Hour*

arr. Earlene Rentz

Soloist: Hannah Buckner

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.

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:



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



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.



1 Let us break bread to - ge-ther on our knees;____
 2 Let us drink wine to - ge-ther on our knees;____
 3 Let us praise God to - ge-ther on our knees;____



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 let us drink wine to - ge-ther on our knees.
 let us praise God to - ge-ther on our knees.

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,



O____ Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Hymnary.org

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: *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun*

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Dismissal

Postlude: *Toccata in E Minor*

Johann Pachelbel



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by
Mary Foster in loving memory of her husband, Edward Michael Foster.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Joe Aull
in thanksgiving for Cheryl, Michael, Lael, Bill, Debbie, Harrison,
Mallory, Chelsea, Joel, and Daniel.



LAY MINISTERS

Crucifer: Ali Schaefer Torches: Cheryl Deyton, Steve Birkhofer

Chalicer: Lorie Tola Lectors: Jackie Schauer, Sara Howard

Intercessor: Elaine Potter Presenters: Monty Wooten, Cheryl Deyton

Ushers: Katherine & Todd Kaderabek Greeter: Ginny Moser

Vestry Person of the Day: Monty Wooten



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.

Have Questions about Being an Episcopalian?

Rev. Robert is available Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. to answer your questions.

Wiggle Church

Wiggle Church is available during the service. Children aged 5-12 are welcome to join two adult supervisors for fun on the playground or in the parish hall, depending on weather. The group will come back for communion.

Adult Formation – The Way of Love

"Turn. Learn. Pray. Worship. Bless. Go. Rest." These six verbs define *The Way of Love*. On Sunday, August 30 at 9:15 a.m., come explore and discuss how we can live these verbs and follow the way of love in our personal lives and in our corporate life as Grace Church. Join us next week!

Let's Help ABCCM Beat Seasonal Hunger with Our Food Donations!

All of us at Grace can help by donating food to ABCCM September 6 - 27!

What's especially needed are:

- Canned meat, veggies and fruit
- Canned hearty soups (beef stew, potato, bean & chicken)
- Ramen noodles; Macaroni & cheese
- Boxes of cereals; Breakfast bars; Snack foods
- Basics (dried beans, peanut butter & jelly, self-rising flour, sugar)

Food donations in both kitchen-sized and pop-top cans are welcome!

Canned foods with no-salt and low-sugar are especially needed!

Feel free to bring your donations to the lobby at Grace in boxes, sacks, and other containers that work best for you.

"χαρά" Joyful, Joyful! A Season of Stewardship

Grace Church will begin a season of stewardship late in the month of August. Our goal is to reach out to our community with joy and invite total participation in making a pledge of time, ministry, and resources to our exciting initiatives. Our theme: *χαρά*, is the Koine Greek word for "joy". Transliterated Chara, pronounced *Ka'rah*, this is the New Testament concept of joy. It is the joy that herald angels proclaim at the birth of the Christ, the joy that overwhelmed the magi when they saw the star over Bethlehem. It is the inner peace giving joy that filled the hearts of the disciples when they encountered Jesus alive, and the hopeful joy proclaimed by those who heard the good news and received the healing of the Apostles. It is the joy we celebrate at Altar week by week, the joy we share in fellowship and mission, and the joy and excitement of what is possible.

This Chara joy is our stewardship theme this year. We are inviting you to respond to this joy at Grace by participating in ministry, and committing to support and be a part of what we are doing together. You will soon learn more about how to participate, but until then, please consider the many joyful things that God has done in your life through this vibrant community at Grace.

Like to Sing? Join the Choir at Grace

As the summer starts to wind down, parishioners are invited to consider joining the choir. The first rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. Thereafter, rehearsals will be held every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. In addition to old favorites, the choir will be offering many new anthems this year. Questions can be directed to Music Director, Jim Cassarino, at jamescassarino@gmail.com or 802-558-6583 (cell).



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Scan the QR code to take you to Growing in Grace, our weekly newsletter. If you'd like it to come to your inbox, send your email address to kimhys53@gmail.com.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

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

We offer Catechesis for our children *Sundays 9:00-10:15 a.m.*, and *Monday afternoon 3:30-4:30 p.m.* Children may attend either one or both. 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. 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 meets every Wednesday from noon to 12:45. 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, Muriel & John Kimbrough, the Moser family, Natalie & Andrew Owens, Wayne & Laura Parton, Gael Paschall, Kyle Rhodes, Debra Rice, Ann Robinson, Jeff Russell, Guy Syles, Becky Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan and Roger Snyder, Laurie Strickland, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Barbara Wilcox, 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). **Allen** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Geraldine Allen** (aunt of Carole McClellan); **Aubrey** (friend of Joe & Cheryl Aull); **Mike Baldwin** (friend of Beth & John Woodson); **Ann Brown** (mother of Katherine Johnson), **Channon, Mark & Tiffany Brown** (friends of Robert Hartmans); **the Brongel family** (daughter and family of Jackie Schauer); **Cathy** (friend of Elaine Potter); **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); **Kim & Bill Crain** (friends of Ann Lewis); **Anne Dentzen** (friend of Cliff Albertson); **Declan Douglas** (son of Katie Douglas); **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); **Ashley Israel** (daughter of Jennifer Witt); **Kathy Kopani** (friend of Ann Lewis); **Isabel Lewis** (daughter-in-law of Ann Lewis); **Lisa & Ford** (friends of the Knights); **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); **Carol**

Peindel (friend of (Anne Jarema); **Matthew Pennell** (son of Hannah Buckner); **Meredith Peppers** (aunt of Carol McClellan); **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); **Susie Shaw** (wife of Chris Shaw); **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); **George White** (friend of Lorie Tola); **Lynn Whitehead** (friend of Ann Lewis); **Bev Whiting** (friend of Rusty Herman).

For the recently departed: **Ray Wesolowski.**

For those celebrating birthdays: **Pam Landgraf, Rich Thompson.**

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 Scottish Episcopal Church**; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, **All students, faculty & staff returning to school; College and Campus Ministries at ASU, WCU, and UNCA.**

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.



Come join the fun! You're invited to our annual

Welcome Back Celebration!

Bring swimsuits and towels for the kids, a side dish or dessert to share, a picnic blanket, and a pop-up tent if you have one! We'll take care of the rest.

Playground!

Waterslide!

Cookout!

**Sunday,
August 23
12n-2pm**

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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 August, Wiggle Church is available for wiggly 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.

