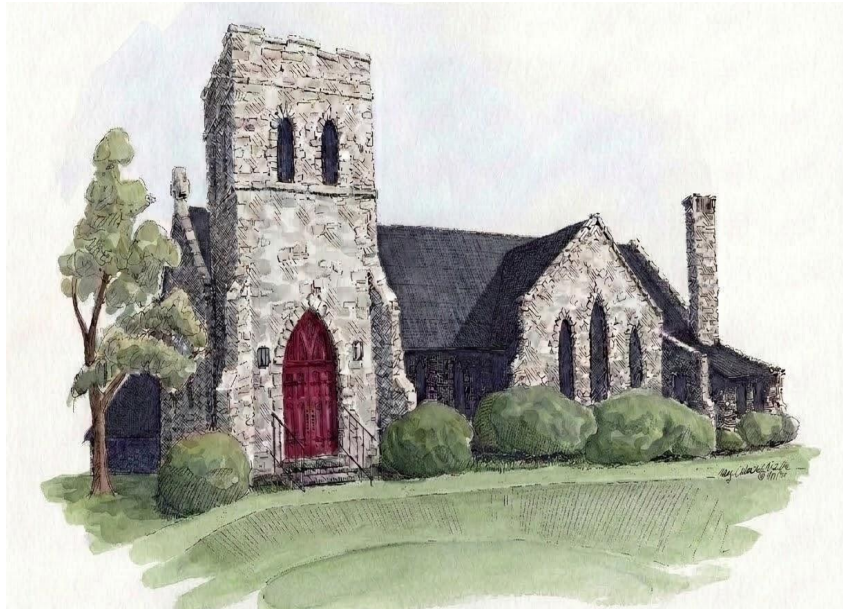




Grace Episcopal Church

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September, 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

Prelude: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Wayne Wold

Welcome and Announcements

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

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

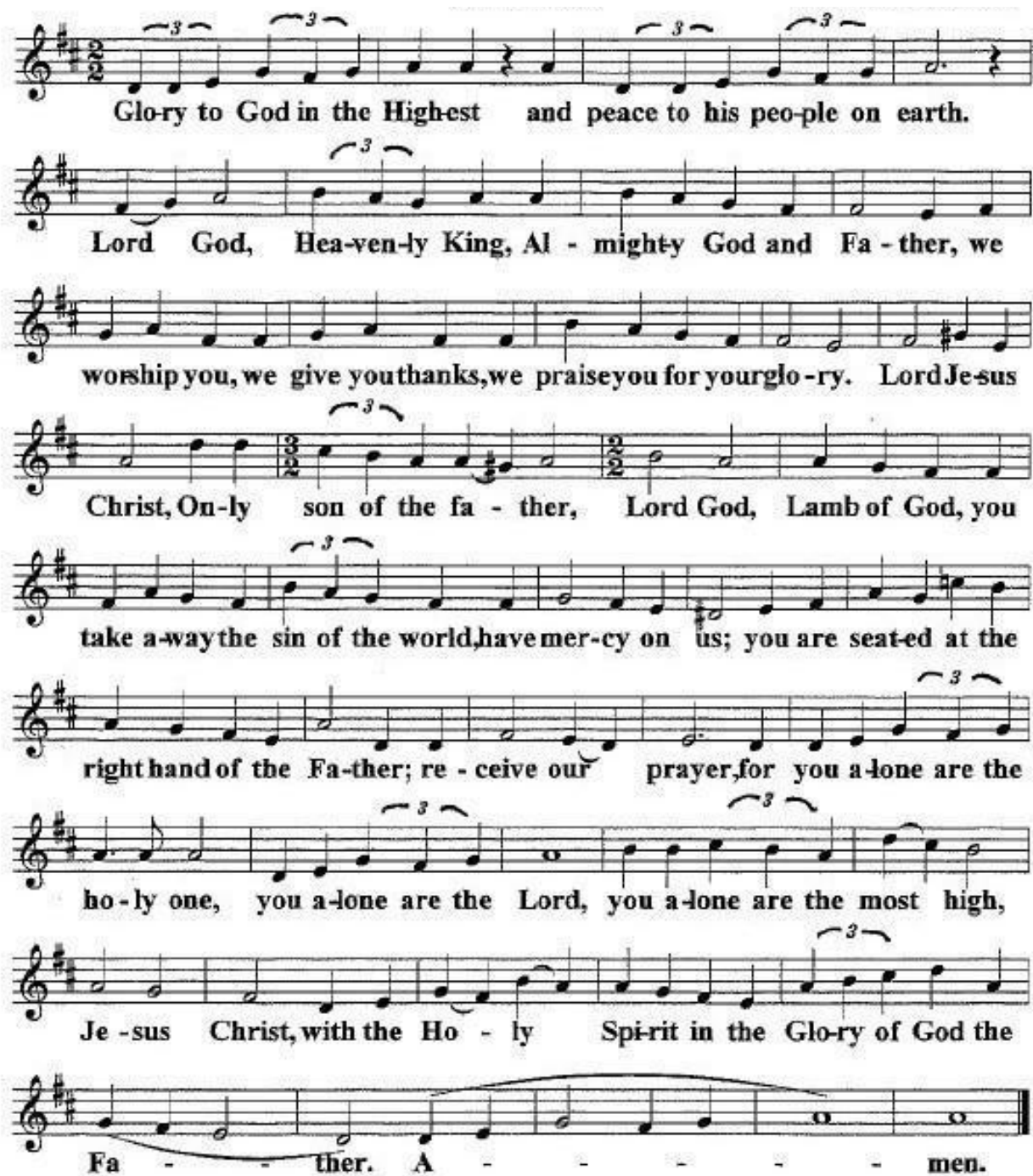
Opening Hymn: *Morning has broken*

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Collect for Purity

Gloria

Cassarino



The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/2. The melody features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) and a long, sweeping melisma at the end. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes.

Glo-ry to God in the Highest and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, Hea-ven-ly King, Al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we

worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus

Christ, On-ly son of the fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us; you are seate-d at the

right hand of the Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer, for you a-lone are the

ho - ly one, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the most high,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit in the Glo-ry of God the

Fa - - - ther. A - - - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

from *Enriching our Worship*

Christ our true and only Light: receive our morning prayers, and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no evil desires may possess us who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace.

Amen.

The people sit.

Children's Moment

Music in Procession: *I have decided to follow Jesus (Songs of Grace)* *verse 1* **25**

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people remain seated.

Psalm 149 (*chanted*)

Sing to the Lord a / **new song**;
sing his praise in the congregation / **of the faithful**.
Let Israel rejoice / **in his Maker**;
let the children of Zion be joyful / **in their King**.

Let them praise his Name in / **the dance**;
let them sing praise to him with tim-brel and harp.
For the Lord takes pleasure / **in his people**
and adorns the / **poor with victory**.

Let the faithful rejoice / **in triumph**;
let them be joyful / **on their beds**.
Let the praises of God be / **in their throat**
Singing / **Hallelujah!**

The Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Hymn: *God is Love and where true love is*

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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 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Reverend Debra Rice

The Nicene Creed

The people stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The people remain standing.

Priest I invite your prayers on behalf of this our human family, for communities, for leaders, and for the good creation.

Leader God and author of true religion, be present in the world through your church, bless and inspire its members, direct its mission, and promote the saints. Pray for the church.

All may add their own prayers and petitions silently or aloud.

Leader Father who guides, establish righteousness in this and every nation, so that our actions may be in line with your love for the world, teach our leaders, guide us into new pathways of peace. Pray for our nation.

All may add their own prayers and petitions silently or aloud.

Leader Mother of all creation, give us an ever-expanding love of the created order, so that we may protect our home and continue to live in its safety. Care for those enduring natural calamities, be it fire, flood or earthquake. Pray for the world.

All may add their own prayers and petitions silently or aloud.

Leader Brother in our midst, protect our community, help us to build pathways of your love, give us the ability and will to work with each other and direct us to your will. Pray for this community.

All may add their own prayers and petitions silently or aloud.

Leader Sister in times of suffering, be present with those who are hungry, sick, or in danger. Lead us to be present with each other in times of need. We especially pray for Linda & David Adams, Joan Aldrich, Carol Booth, Judy Rhodes Barood, James Cannon, Anne Jarema, Muriel & John Kimbrough, Walt, Joyce & Diana Noble, Natalie & Andrew Owens, Wayne & Laura Parton, Gael Paschall, Sonny Rawls, Kyle Rhodes, Ann Robinson, Jeff Russell, Guy Sayles, Nancy Sink, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, Rita Spragg, Laurie Strickland, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Barbara Wilcox, Jennifer Witt.

All may add their own prayers and petitions silently or aloud.

Leader God who calls us home, reassure us in the hope of the resurrection, and provide true and holy rest for those who have departed this life. What saints do you now name?

All may add their own prayers and petitions silently or aloud.

Priest Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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: *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

Thomas Tallis/arr. Brenda Portman

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 2 from *Enriching our Worship*

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.

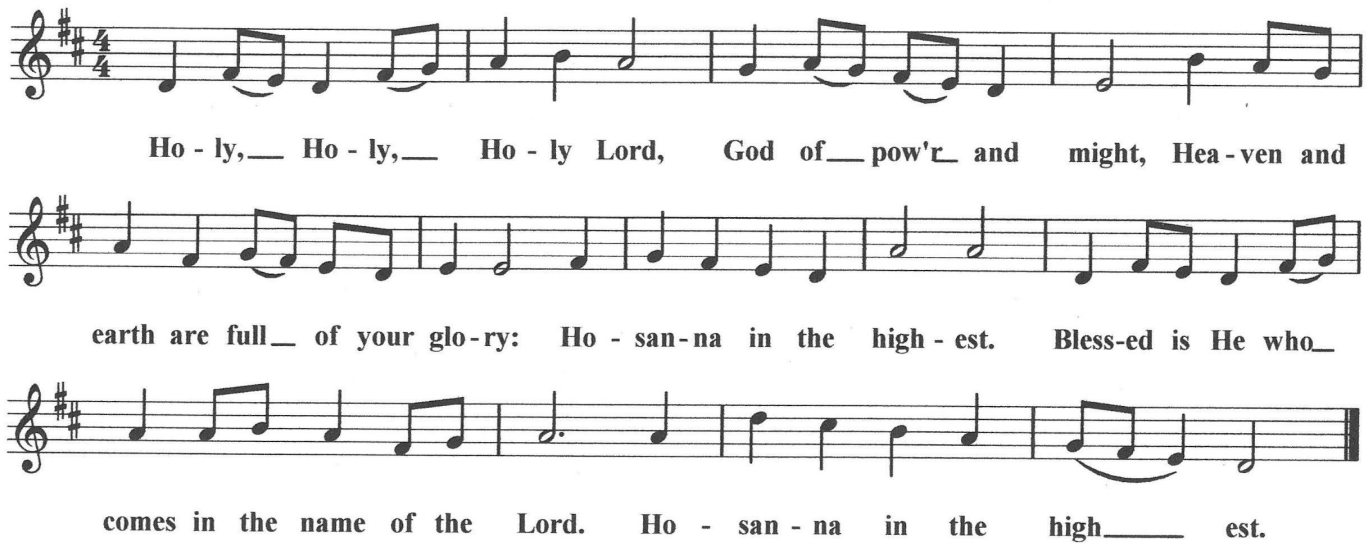
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider

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

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 Presider continues

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.**

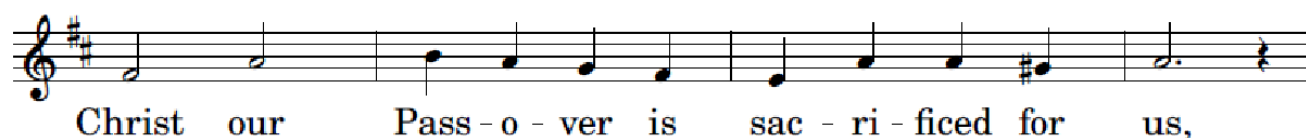
The Lord's Prayer *(Traditional)*

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Cassarino



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: *Come with us, O blessed Jesus*

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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

BCP 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

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Dismissal



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

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Bill Coward in loving memory of his wife, Sherry.

LAY MINISTERS

Crucifer: Steve Birkhofer Chalicerist: Susan Robinson

Lectors: Patrice Crabtree, Bruce Beasley Intercessor: Jenny Thomas

Presenters: Jenny Thomas, Jackie Schauer Ushers: Vicki & Paul Vest

Greeters: Ginny Moser , Melanie Druckenmiller

Coffee Hour: Kim Hayes

Vestry Person of the Day: Jenny Thomas



ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Sunday Offering

Today is the first Sunday of the month, when our open plate offering (undesignated cash, change and checks) goes to support the clergy's discretionary fund, enabling them to respond quickly to the emergency needs of others. Please be generous.

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.

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.

Stewardship Envelopes

Please stop by the Greeter's table after the service today to pick up the envelope with your name on it, containing a pledge card and Rev. Robert's letter. There will also be unaddressed envelopes available.

Running for Vestry

Vestry nomination forms are available upon request. We will elect three persons to the vestry in January. Rev. Robert and Paul Vest are happy to speak to you about vestry. Please see them if you are interested in a nomination form.

Changes at the Altar

Starting Sunday, September 27, the chairs around the altar will be newly arranged. This will be to accommodate a new piano and musician section of the Chancel across from the organ. If you have any questions about how that arrangement was chosen, please reach out to Rev Robert.

Adult Formation – The Way of Love

"Turn. Learn. Pray. Worship. Bless. Go. Rest." These six verbs define *The Way of Love*. Next Sunday 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!

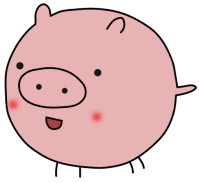
Acolyte & Chalice Training – September 13 or 20, 12:00 Noon

There are some changes coming to how lay ministers serve at the altar during church. Current and interested acolytes and chalicists should attend one of the sessions to learn about these updates. Meet in the library.

September PubSing!

The next PubSing! is happening on Sunday, September 13. We will meet at the home of Larry and Lucy Bowen, located at 103 Coleman Avenue. Singing and socializing starts at 3:00 p.m. and goes until 5:00 p.m. Bring a chair and whatever you want to drink. The Bowens advised that the best place to park is probably the accounting firm parking lot located at the corner of Merrimon and Coleman. Hope to see you there!

Pig Pickin' is Coming Up on September 26



Ready for some mouth-watering barbecue with all the tasty sides? Then make your plans now to come to the Parish Hall on September 26 at 5:30 p.m. for Grace's Annual Pig Pickin' Feast offered by the Men of the Church. You can enjoy a tasty, sit-down meal inside a comfortable, weather-proof setting with your fellow parishioners.

Your meal will be cafeteria-style where you move through a line, select from pre-made items, choose your scrumptious dessert and drinks, and then pay our cashier before sitting down.

Menu items include smoked pork, coleslaw, baked beans, cornbread and dessert. Adult meals are \$17.50. Children's plates are \$10. No phone orders please.

If you want to stock up for the cooler days ahead, gallon (\$45) or quart (\$12) bags of leftover pork will be available.

Proceeds from the Pig Pickin' will go directly to the church. Parishioners are also encouraged to round their meals up to the nearest dollar to help the Men of the Church contribute toward improvement projects at Grace.



Rosette Chamber Concert at Grace

September 19 at 7:30 p.m. The theme is *Autumn in Leipzig*. Tickets are \$25.00. For inquiries, email rosette.asheville@gmail.com.

Parking

Our staff and leadership recognize that we do not have an abundance of parking. We are working on potential solutions for this problem. We ask that if you are not dealing with mobility issues that you park in the upper lot. We have enough parking for approximately 150 people. In the event that you find the lot full, please stay!! One temporary solution is to park across Merrimon Avenue and take a brief walk across to the church.

Grace's Prayer List

Over the months, Grace's prayer list has grown extremely long. Names on our Other's list are supposed to be updated every six weeks, but it hasn't been updated in months. Therefore, unless the Pastoral Care Team hears from you by September 15 concerning your loved one's name on the Other's list, they will be removed.

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

It's almost impossible not to have heard that more people in our area are falling into food insecurity. However, all of us at Grace can help by donating food to ABCCM throughout the month of September.

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.

Episcopal Church Women's Fall Potluck Luncheon

ECW's Fall Potluck Luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 17, in the parish hall from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and join us as we prepare for our upcoming rummage sale. All women of Grace are automatically members of ECW. We especially encourage newcomers to come join the fun!



Follow the QR Code to Our Newsletter

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.



A Peals for Peace: *Mondays at 6:00 p.m.*

Stop by and hear the bells ring every Monday at 6:00 p.m. until election day.

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.

Garden Prayer Gathering: *Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.*

Parishioner Mark Sudimak is leading a weekly Intercessory Prayer Gathering in the Urban Garden next to the church on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Prayers will be lifted up for the spiritual, mental and physical needs of our families, friends, church, community, city, country and the world. During inclement weather, it will be held inside the church. For more information, please contact Mark at 302-242-6807 or msudimak60@gmail.com.

GRACE'S PRAYER LIST

For Congregants: **Linda & David Adams, Carol Booth, Judy Rhodes Baroody, James Cannon, Anne Jarema, Muriel & John Kimbrough, Natalie & Andrew Owens, Wayne & Laura Parton, Gael Paschall, Sonny Rawls, Kyle Rhodes, Ann Robinson, Jeff Russell, Guy Sayles, 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, Walt, Joyce & Diana Noble, Nancy Sink, Rita Spragg.**

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); **Anne Bentzen** (friend of Cliff Albertson); **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); **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); **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); **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); **Lynn Whitehead** (friend of Ann Lewis); **Bev Whiting** (friend of Rusty Herman).

For those celebrating birthdays: **Lynda McCredie**.

For those celebrating anniversaries: **Beth & John Woodson**.

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; the **Standing & Search Committees for our new bishop; the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish;** in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Church of Southern Africa**; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, **St. Giles Chapel, and residents and staff of Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community**.

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 Family Pig Pickin'



SATURDAY, SEPT. 26, 5:30 P.M.

Don't miss an old-fashioned, cafeteria-style BBQ Feast hosted in the parish hall by Men of the Church. This annual dinner includes tender pulled smoked pork, coleslaw, baked beans, cornbread and desserts.

Bottled water, soft drinks and tea provided.

Adults, \$17.50 • Children, \$10

Also, for take-home and the holidays, bags of pork in 1-pound quart and 4-pound gallon size are available.

No orders by phone, please.

All proceeds from the Pig Pickin' benefit church improvement projects. Parishioners are encouraged to round up to the nearest dollar if possible.

Y'all come!



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The Standing & Search Committees for the New Bishop

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*

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Paula Foggo, *Nursery Care Leader*

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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.

