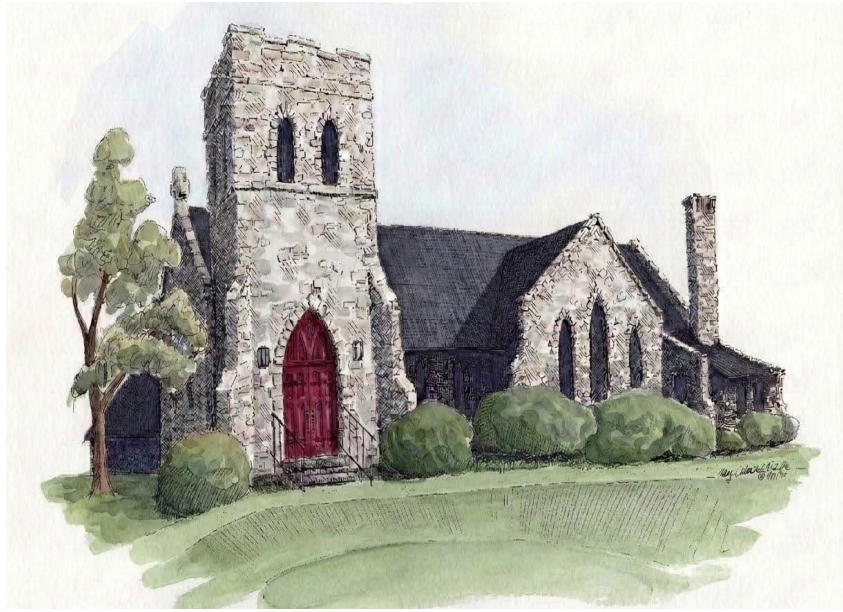




Grace Episcopal Church

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

Prelude

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: *O bless the Lord, my soul!*

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Collect for Purity

Gloria

Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bin; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

The Collect of the Day

from *Enriching our Worship*

O God our shield and armor of light, whom we adore with all the angelic host: defend us from evil; watch over any who are in danger, and give your angels charge over them; and grant that we may always rejoice in your heavenly protection and serve you bravely in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The people sit.

Children's Moment

Leader Good and Loving God, we thank you for all the gifts of our lives. Through these gifts, you show us love, feed our hunger, help us to be healthy, and give us the ability to live, to grow, and to serve and be served by others. Give all people in this world, we pray, your good gifts, and help us to do our part in serving others through our gifts. In Christ's name, **Amen.**

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

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the

pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people remain seated.

Psalm 114 (*chanted*)

When Israel came out / **of Egypt**,
the house of Jacob from a people / **of strange speech**,
Judah became God's / **sanctuary**
and Israel / **his dominion.**

The sea beheld it / **and fled**;
Jordan turned / **and went back.**

The mountains / **skipped like rams**,
and the hills / **like young sheep**.

What ailed you O sea, that / **you fled**?
O Jordan, that / **you turned back**?
You mountains, that you / **skipped like rams**?
you little hills / **like young sheep**.

Tremble O earth, at the presence of / **the Lord**,
at the presence of the / **God of Jacob**,
Who turned the rock into a / **pool of water**
and flint-stone into a / **flowing spring**.

The Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

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

The Gospel: Matthew 8:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the

debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Reverend Timothy McRee

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, Cliff Albertson, Joan Aldrich, 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, especially James R. Hartmans, Sr., and Kolton Maddox, and on the anniversary of their deaths we pray for Pat Bohan, James Wooten, Lucretia Warren, Arthur Cort, Will Army, Kathryn V. Bohan, and Mary Post. 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: *Forever Blest Are They Who Serve the Lord* G.F. Handel

Doxology

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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.**

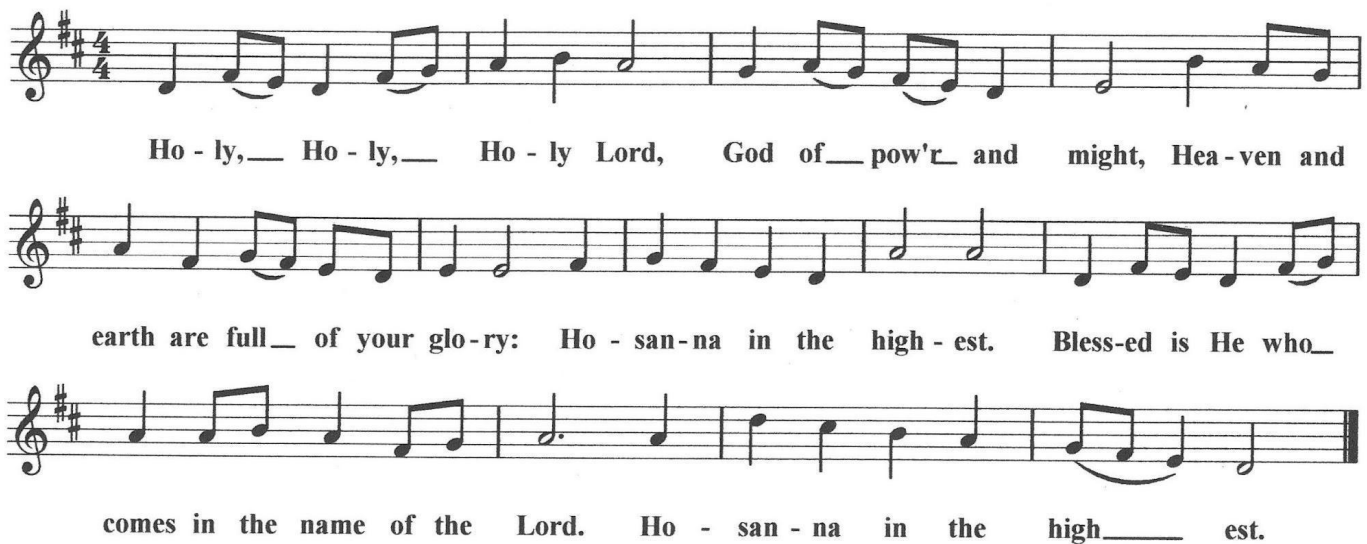
Presider

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:

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

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

from Taizé



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: Lord, make us servants of your peace

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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: *Now thank we all our God*

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Dismissal

Postlude



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
Katherine and Todd Kaderabek in thanks
for the support and prayers over the last year.



Congratulations, Elly!

Our own Elly Withers Kumar, daughter of Sally & David Withers, was ordained into the priesthood yesterday, September 12.
Prayers of joy and thanksgiving for Elly and her family.

LAY MINISTERS

Crucifer: Kyle Rhodes Torches: Steve Birkhofer Chalicerist: Lorie Tola
Lectors: Steve Birkhofer, Hannah Buckner Intercessor: Vicki Vest
Presenters: Cheryl Deyton, Monty Wooten Ushers: Jeanne & Ron Sims
Greeters: Kim Hayes Coffee Hour: Elaine Blanton
Vestry Person of the Day: Ron Sims



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.

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

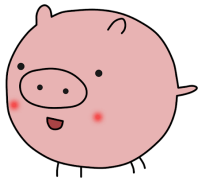
"Turn. Learn. Pray. Worship. Bless. Go. Rest." These six verbs define *The Way of Love*. Next Sunday at 9:15 a.m., come explore and discuss how we can live these verbs and follow the way of love in our personal lives and in our corporate life as Grace Church. Join us next week!

Acolyte & Chalicist 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 today at the home of Larry and Lucy Bowen, 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 advise that the best place to park is 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, but there is a discount for Grace members. 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, Cliff Albertson, 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); **Alex Freeman** (son-in-law of Rusty Herman); **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); **Ava Manley** (friend of Ginny Mosser); **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 the recently departed: **James R. Hartmans, Sr., Kolton Maddox.**

For those celebrating birthdays: **Charlie Scales, Emeline Scales, Patricia Hargrove, Carole McClellan.**

For those celebrating anniversaries: **Lucy & Larry Bowen, Suzy & Brett Young.**

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 Anglican Church of South America**; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, **Holy Cross, Tryon; Holy Cross, Valle Crucis**.

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*

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Katie Douglas, *Finance Manager*

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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.

