



Grace Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday after the
Epiphany

January 19th, 2025

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE: *Break Forth, O Beauteous Morning Light*

Byron Adams

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

OPENING HYMN: *How Bright Appears the Morning Star*

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Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 seat - ed 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 Spi - rit in the Glo - ry of God the
 Fa - ther. A - - - - - men.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OLD TESTAMENT: ISAIAH 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: *The People Who in Darkness Walked*

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

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

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

Rev. John Rice

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Lector: God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith. We pray for your church, for our diocese, bishops, clergy and all people. We pray for Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for José our bishop; and for all bishops, for Milly, our Rector; and for John and Tim, our clergy. In

the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies, and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of St. Paul in Edneyville, Morganton, and Wilkesboro ... We pray to You, O Lord.

People: **Flame of abundant love, be our Joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world.**

Lector: We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who are exploring their faith, and all who are struggling with faith. We pray to You, O Lord.

People: **Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples.**

Lector: We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch, especially for those in our parish for whom our prayers are especially asked and desired: Steve, Ed, Eva, Robert, Anne, Nancy, Walt, Peter, Laura and Tsz-yan (GN), Bill, Nicholas and Gary.... Are there others? We pray to You, O Lord.

People: **Comforter of the suffering, prepare our hands and hearts for your loving service.**

Lector: We pray for those who have recently departed: Geri Tuck and Shirley Turner, and for those on the anniversaries of their deaths: Alton Cummings, Emily Hayes, Rachael Neilson, Webster Anderson, Alma Drake, Ernestine Jones, Angie Vest, Mary Helen Lasker, Carolyn Spragins, Robert Barnes, Hans Schleicher... Are there others? We pray to You, O Lord.

People: **God of Eternal love, we continue to commit our loved ones to your eternal care.**

Lector: We pray for all who celebrate in these days. Especially for those who have birthdays: Bonnie Burhans, Debra Rice, Brady Blackburn, Gavin Knapp, Judy Bohan, Cade Wooten, Pete Kuehne, Wayne Parton, Cheryl Deyton, Judy Booze... and those who have anniversaries: Patricia & Keith Hargrove... We pray to You, O Lord.

People: **Guiding Star of Love, shield the joyous and comfort the afflicted, that together we may come to know your blessed harmony.**

Lector: We pray for the world, where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby, especially for those who are suffering from violence and oppression. We pray to You, O Lord.

People: **Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation.**

Lector: We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life and waters around us. We pray to You, O Lord.

People: **Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation.**

Celebrant: God of radiant light, your love illuminates our hopes even before we know them, and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

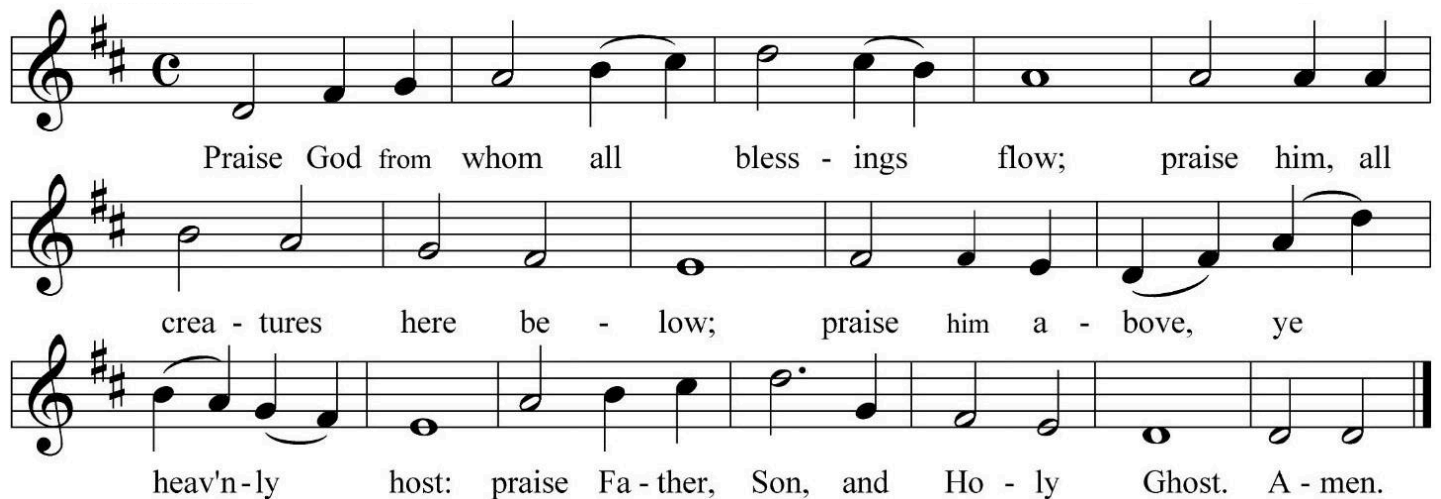
OFFERTORY

Celebrant Let us now offer to God the fruits of our labors and our love.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *The Only Son From Heaven*

Donald Busarow

DOXOLOGY:



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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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 LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM:

Cassarino

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us,
 There - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (gluten free wafers available upon request)

G Em Am C D G/B

1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

Am Dsus D G C Am D G

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

Em D/F# G Am Dsus D G C Am

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

D G Em C G/B Am D G

lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: *All Glory Be to God on High*

Johann Pachelbel



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Georgi Bruce and David and Sally Withers in memory of Mary and George Royer and Stella and William Bruce.

The Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Cheryl Deyton and Monty Wooten in honor of Cheryl and Cade's birthdays.

LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Steve Birkhofer Chalicerist: Lorie Tola

Lectors: John Woodson, Steve Birkhofer Intercessor: Lorie Tola

Ushers: Todd & Katherine Kaderabek Greeters: Jennifer Witt

Vestry Member of the Day: Katherine Kaderabek

ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY: Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website

at graceavl.com. There is a "Give to Grace" button on

the top blue banner of our home page. Additional ways to give to our "virtual collection plate" and various fundraising efforts are through the Simple Church app and the Venmo app @GraceEpiscopal-Church.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Adult Formation: Hebrew Testament

Beginning this morning at 9:15am we welcomed Rev. Debra Rice as she led the adult formation hour on the Hebrew Testament. If you didn't make it there are two other opportunities to come and learn! Join us at 9:15am in the Parish Hall Sunday January 26th, and Sunday February 2nd.

Jones Backpack Program is in Need of Volunteers

January-May 2025. Contact Sarah Beasley at sdkbeasley@gmail.com to sign up for a month to deliver food from MANNA to Jones Elementary. Unfortunately, due to damage caused by the hurricane, pick up is at MANNA's new location, 99 Broadpointe Drive, Mills River, at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays, and then delivered to Jones Elementary.

Monday Meals at Safe Shelter

Are you interested in helping provide Monday meals for Safe Shelter? Could you spend a day a month making a pot of soup or chili? If your answer is "Yes!" please contact Kim Hayes, kimhys53@gmail.com, or Tahani Sticpewich, tahaniweb@gmail.com for more information.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

We offer the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for our children here at Grace on Sundays between 9:00 and 10:15am, and there is an additional Monday afternoon class now offered from 3:30-4:30pm. Children may attend either one or both at any time. Contact Shannon Townsend for a tour, or further information at gstownsend@att.net or 828-713-5081.

Join the Choir!

Grace is blessed with a talented group of vocalists always ready to offer their gifts to enrich our worship. In a day when people are hesitant to give up their free time, Grace is truly fortunate to have a choir of giving and dedicated singers - a rarity in many churches today. As we move into the new year, choir rehearsals will take place on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love to make a joyful noise, all voices are welcome! Choir is a wonderful way to connect with others and help enrich our worship services. If you have any questions or would like more information contact Jim Cassarino, Music Director, at 802-558-6583 or jamescassarino@gmail.com

In-Gathering Sunday is February 2nd- Please Pledge Today!

People of Grace, you have an important role to play in defining our budget for 2025. The money received from annual pledging informs funding decisions that are being made right now, so please, if you haven't already, pledge to that work now. There are two quick, easy ways to make your 2025 pledge.

1. Use the QR code to the left to go to the 2025 pledge page on our website using your phone.
2. Pick up a paper copy of the pledge form in the foyer of the church, fill it out, and return it by In-Gathering Sunday, February 2nd.



As always, your continuing generosity is a blessing to all.

The Pastoral Care Team at Grace

Reach out to us with any pastoral care needs you, or your family, may have, by emailing the team at FrJohn@graceavl.com. You can also email, text or call Rev. John Rice at 828-371-7281.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Monday Morning Bible Study: Mondays at 10:30am We study the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday service. Please join us virtually by clicking on the button at graceavl.com/.

Taize: Tuesdays at 6pm Weekly Taize 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: www.graceavl.com/taize-grace

Women Walking the Way: Thursdays at 8:00am meet at the Bird Sanctuary parking lot.



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Members: Have You Accessed Our Directory? An online directory is available to our members. *If you want to know how to become a member of Grace, please contact Rev. John Rice at frjohn@graceavl.com.*

This Week's Services and Meetings

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Service or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sundays 9:15am	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Atrium
Sundays 9:15am	Adult Formation	Parish Hall
Sundays 10:30am	Holy Eucharist Service *	Sanctuary
Mondays 10:30am	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom
Mondays 1:00pm	Chair Aerobics	Parish Hall
Mondays 3:30pm	Chatechesis of the Good Shepherd	Atrium
Tuesdays 6:00pm	Taize	Sanctuary
Wednesdays 9:30am	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Library
Wednesdays 1:00pm	Tai Chi Classes	Parish Hall
Wednesdays 5:30pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom
Thursdays 8:00am	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake

Our Prayer List

For Parishioners: **Steve Booth; Eva Dupree; Robert; Anne Jarema; Nancy Lewis; Walt Noble; Al Seale; Peter Sprague; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder, Bill Warren, Nicholas and Gary Woods**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Ed Denison; Nancy Sink; Rita Spragg**

For Others: (Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks unless we hear otherwise.) **Geraldine Allen** (aunt of Carole McClellan); **Allen** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Wes Auret** (godson of Elaine Potter); **Bob Brennan** (relative of Anne Jarema); **Crista Bridgeman** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Gabriel and Lara Brongel and family** (grandson and daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Cherie Brown** (daughter of Ed and Marla Woeckener); **Marcie Coleman** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Joan Creasman** (friend of Ginny); **Glenn Fleishman** (friend of Anne Jarema); **Chris** (friend of Gary Coffey's son); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Chuck McDonald** (brother of Susan Robinson); **Megan; Barney Noble** (son of Joyce and Walt Noble); **Meredith Peppers** (cousin of Carole McClellan); **Kip and Val Pritchard** (friends of Cliff); **Liz Sides** (friend of Joyce Noble); **Stacy Walker** (relative of Elaine Potter); **Alex Watkins** (friend of Lorie Tola); **Mike Wilson** (friend of Jeff Russell).

We grieve and pray with the families of: **Geri Tuck; Shirley Turner**

For those celebrating birthdays: **Bonnie Burhans, Debra Rice, Brady Blackburn, Gavin Knapp, Judy Bohan, Cade Wooten, Pete Kuehne, Wayne Parton, Cheryl Deyton, Judy Booze**

For those celebrating anniversaries: **Patricia & Keith Hargrove**

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Matt & Martha Cardenas** (daughter and son in law of Hannah Buckner); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Sean** (our presiding Bishop); **José** (our Bishop); **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.**

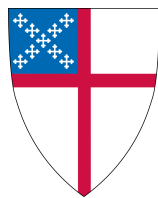
For our President Joe Biden, his Cabinet, Congress & our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.

Please go to graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/ for more opportunities to request prayer. Get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact our Pastoral Care Ministry by emailing FrJohn@graceavl.com or contact the church.

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The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop*
The Reverend Milly Morrow, *Rector*
The Reverend Timothy McRee, *Adjunct Clergy*
The Reverend John Rice, *Adjunct Clergy*
James Cassarino, *Director of Music*
Cathy Adkins, *Organist*
Anne Spruance, *Office Administrator*
Katie Douglas, *Finance Manager*
Angel Stoudt, *Sexton*
Archie Clarkson, *Tech Director*
Katherine Johnson, *Wedding Coordinator*

Grace Church is a place where we hope you experience the empowering presence of the living God and where we collaborate with God in building the Kingdom of Heaven, here on earth. We are grateful you are among us today.



Volunteers are at the heart of Grace ministry.

The volunteers at Grace keep things running smoothly. Our greeters and our ushers welcome you. Readers, intercessors, acolytes, and chalicists enhance your worship. Coffee hour hosts provide coffee, treats, and an opportunity to enjoy fellowship after church. Office volunteers are available throughout the week to assist you. Volunteers are so important, and we never have enough of them. If you have an interest in getting involved, please let us know by contacting our church office, office@graceavl.com