



# Grace Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday after the  
Epiphany

February 9, 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:** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Charles Callahan

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

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

**OPENING HYMN:** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

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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.

Glory to God in the Highest and peace to his people 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 6:1-8, [9-13]

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" [And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend;  
keep looking, but do not understand.'  
Make the mind of this people dull,  
and stop their ears,  
and shut their eyes,  
so that they may not look with their eyes,  
and listen with their ears,  
and comprehend with their minds,  
and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said:

"Until cities lie waste  
without inhabitant,



## THE EPISTLE: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL HYMN:** *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing*

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

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

## THE GOSPEL: LUKE: 5:1-11

Once

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees,

saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE HOMILY

The Reverend Tim McRee

## THE NICENE CREED

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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 Anglican Church of Australia, and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Church of the Redeemer, Asheville, and Church of the Redeemer, Shelby. 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: Eva, Robert, Anne, Nancy, Becky, Bill, Walt, Al, Laura and Tsz-yan (GN), Bill, Nicholas Tom, Tim 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: Peter Sprague, Jackie Haines, and for those on the anniversaries of their deaths: Katharine Darnall, Earl Wayne Drake, Babs Armstrong, Patricia Carlton, Louise McKrерicher, Leslie Evans ... 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: Pat Stafford, Hannah Buckner, Cheri Potter, Andrew Beasley, Margaret Crum, Julian Nemethy, Al Dawson, and Gary Roper; also for those celebrating anniversaries: Glenn & Brenda Haller, Greg & Emma Plank ... 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:* O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

*People:* **Give grace to your servants, O Lord.**

*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.*

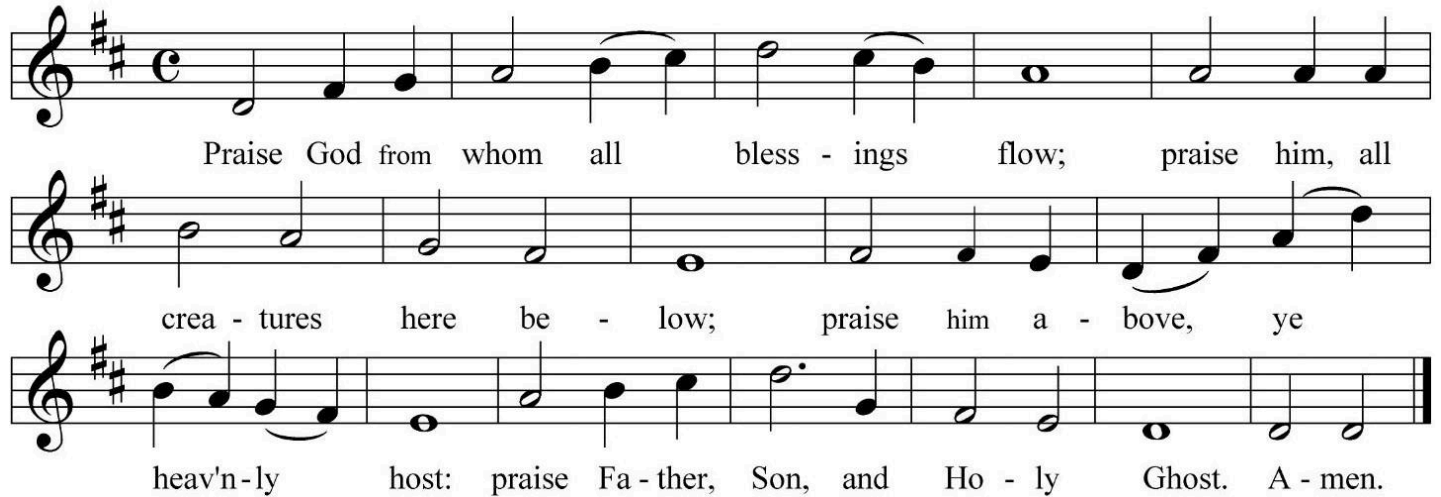
# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Donald Busarow

## DOXOLOGY



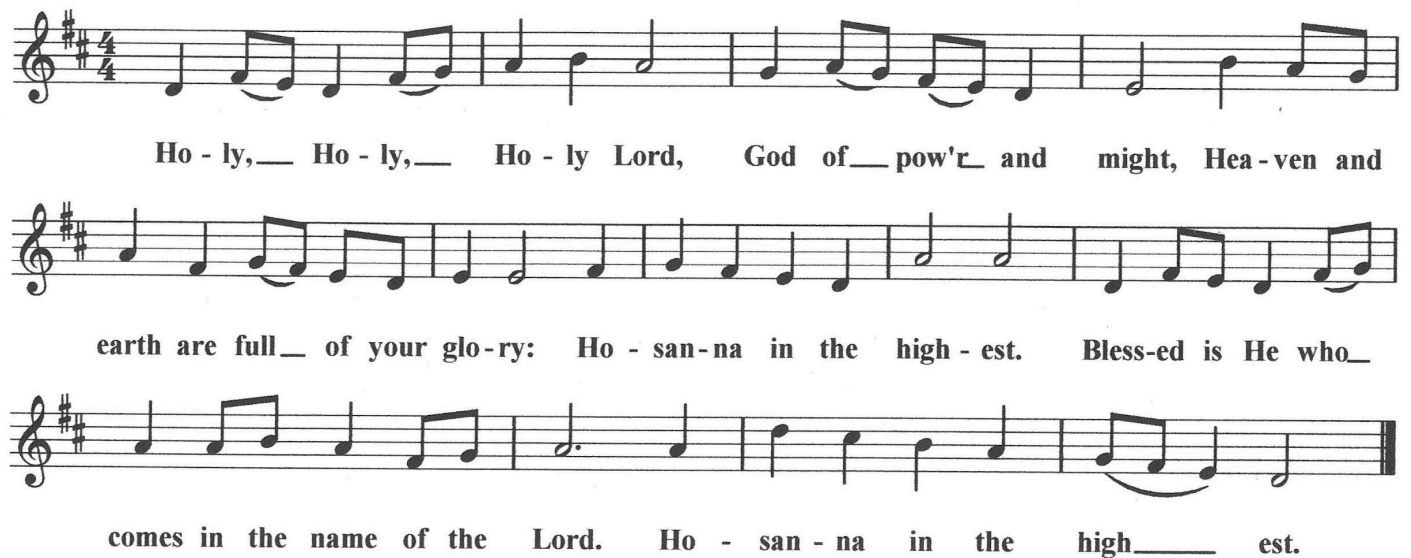
Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## 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*)

COMMUNION HYMN: *Here I Am, Lord* (Songs of Grace)

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

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THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: *Postlude Giocoso on "NICAEA"*

Roberta Rowland-Raybold



**The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God** by Nancy Anders & Vickie Sealock  
in memory of their mother, Mildred England Anders.

**The Flowers are given to the Glory of God** by Cheryl Aull in  
Thanksgiving for Joe's birthday.

## LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: James Cannon Chalicerist: Lorie Tola

Lectors: Elaine Potter, Kristen Dusenbery Intercessor: Nancy Lewis

Ushers: Elaine and Nate Potter Greeters: Bea & Jeff Russell

Vestry Member of the Day: Leslie Schoof

### Electronic Giving Made Easy

Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at [graceavl.com](http://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

### 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 10:15 a.m. and there is an additional Monday afternoon class now offered from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Children may attend either one or both at any time. Contact Shannon Townsend for a tour, or further information at [gstownsend@att.net](mailto:gstownsend@att.net) or 828-713-5081.

### Upcoming Adult Formation Class: Loving the Questions

Beginning on Sunday, February 16, 9:15 a.m. in the parish hall, you are invited to explore our Nicene Creed with Fr. Tim, using the book, *Loving the Questions*, by Marianne H. Micks. The book is available for \$11.00 in the parish hall. If you need financial assistance, just call the office and let us know. All are welcome.

### Immediate Request for Office Volunteers

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30-4:00 p.m.** Thanks to everyone who helped in the office over the holidays. With Anne Spruance, our new parish administrator, now in place, we hope you will continue to support this ministry of Grace hospitality by signing up again and encouraging your friends to do the same. Call the office for details.

## **Please 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 9:30 a.m. 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](mailto:jamescassarino@gmail.com)

## **Jones Backpack Program is in Need of Volunteers**

If you can help in March or May, please contact Sarah Beasley at [sdkbeasley@gmail.com](mailto:sdkbeasley@gmail.com) to sign up.

## **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](mailto:FrJohn@graceavl.com). You can also email, text or call Rev. John Rice at 828-371-7281.

## **Yard Sale and Soup Lunch to Benefit Habitat for Humanity**

This coming Saturday, February 15, you are invited to stop by Grace Church to shop for treasures and enjoy a delicious hot soup lunch provided by Chef/owner Bob Byron of Rye Knot Restaurant, all to benefit **Habitat for Humanity**.

- **Yard Sale** on the church lawn, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- **Soup Lunch** in the parish hall, 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., suggested donation \$20

Have fun shopping, then come on inside and warm up with a bowl of soup!

*If you plan to attend, if you can help on the day of, if you wish to donate to the yard sale, if you have questions -- please contact Al at [afseale1164@gmail.com](mailto:afseale1164@gmail.com).*

## **Learn How to Fill Out Your Simple Church Tree!**

**On Sunday, February 16, at Coffee Hour** following worship, get expert guidance on how to put all the useful Simple Church tools to work for you. Just bring your cell phone, tablet or laptop with you and let us help you get started.

# WEEKLY GATHERINGS

**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/](http://graceavl.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: [www.graceavl.com/taize-grace](http://www.graceavl.com/taize-grace)

**Women Walking the Way:** *Thursdays at 8:00 a.m.* Meet at the Bird Sanctuary parking lot by Beaver Lake.

**Members: Have You Checked Out 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](mailto:frjohn@graceavl.com).*



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## This Week's Services and Meetings

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Service or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sundays 9:15 am	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Atrium
Sundays 9:15 am	Adult Formation	Parish Hall
Sundays 10:30 am	Holy Eucharist Service *	Sanctuary
Mondays 10:30 am	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom
Mondays 1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Parish Hall
Mondays 3:30 pm	Chatechesis of the Good Shepherd	Atrium
Tuesdays 6:00 pm	Taize	Sanctuary
Wednesdays 9:30 am	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Library
Wednesdays 1 & 2 pm	Tai Chi Classes	Parish Hall
Wednesdays 5:30 pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom
Thursdays 8:00 am	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake

## Our Prayer List

For Parishioners: **Eva Dupree; Robert; Anne Jarema; Nancy Lewis; Walt Noble; Al Seale; Becky & Bill Smith; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder, Bill Warren, Nicholas, 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 six weeks unless we hear otherwise.) **Geraldine Allen** (aunt of Carole McClellan); **Allen** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Bob Brennan** (relative of Anne Jarema); **Crista Bridgeman** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Gabriel & Lara Brongel & 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); **Chris** (friend of Gary Coffey's son); **Tom Hunnicutt** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Chuck McDonald** (brother of Susan Robinson); **Megan; Barney Noble** (son of Joyce and Walt Noble); **Meredith Peppers** (cousin of Carole McClellan); **Kip & Val Pritchard** (friends of Cliff); **Anne Spruance; Wiley Thornton** (cousin of Carol McClellan); **Stacy Walker** (relative of Elaine Potter); **Sylvia & Bob** (friends of Kim Hayes); **Alex Watkins** (friend of Lorie Tola); **Mike Wilson** (friend of Jeff Russell).

We grieve and pray with the families of: **Peter Sprague, Jackie Haines**

For those celebrating birthdays: **Pat Stafford, Hannah Buckner, Cheri Potter, Andrew Beasley, Margaret Crum, Julian Nemethy, Al Dawson, Gary Roper**

For those celebrating anniversaries: **Glenn & Brenda Haller, Greg & Emma Plank**

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.**

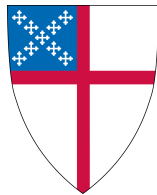
*For our President, Donald Trump, his Cabinet, Congress & our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.*

Please go to [graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:office@graceavl.com)