



Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | NOVEMBER 28, 2021 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

“Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.”

~ 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

Welcome to Grace Church

Welcome! We are so glad you are joining us for worship this morning.

If you have children, during the 10am Service, we have a special program for them called Wonder Kids. Children aged 4-12 are welcome to join this children's church in the Wonder Room located in our Office Building across the street.

Here we use a curriculum that mirrors the liturgy of the adult service into a children's liturgical service and activities that match your child's ability to understand. Your child will bring a Walk it All Week page home so that you can continue to discuss what they learned that week. We also provide a small snack and a restroom opportunity just before we come into the Sanctuary at the Passing of the Peace. We want the children to be ready to enjoy family time together in Church!

The Nursery is open during the the entire 10am Service for children ages 0-3.

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PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light:

People

On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Celebrant

Our Savior Jesus said, "You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

People

All will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant

Christ himself has given apostles, prophets, pastors and teachers to make God's people ready for works of service.

People

He will strengthen our hands to do his work and open our lips to declare his praise.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you strengthen us that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. With Word and Sacrament, make ready our hearts. Make us ready to receive your Word and live by it daily. Make us ready to live our faith through love and service. And finally, make us ready to meet you face to face on the day your Son comes to judge the living and the dead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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ADVENT WREATH

The lighting of the Advent Wreath is a tradition rich in symbolism. Most importantly, it reminds us of the Light of Christ: "...in him was life, and the life was the light of all people." (John 1:4)

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PROCESSION

The liturgy of the Eucharist is best understood as a journey or procession. It is our entrance into the presence of Christ, and this presence allows us to see the ultimate reality of life, the way God sees it. In the procession, we are called to come together in one place, to be more than what we were: a new community with a new life.

Making the sign of the cross is a tangible way to mark ourselves as Christ's. Crossing yourself is an act of sanctification, a physical reminder that you are set apart as holy for Christ. Because it is often done at the mention of the Trinity ("Father, Son, and Holy Spirit"), the sign of the cross is also a physical reminder of belief in the Triune God. Many find it a helpful expression of their faith, although it is not mandatory.

COLLECT OF PURITY

This collect (prayer) is a deeply personal prayer of need. Even though we attempt to hide, the Lord sees the secret desires of our hearts. It is only by the moving of His Spirit in our hearts that we are enabled to overcome our fallen nature of sin and death.

PROCESSIONAL

Please stand

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

HYMN 66

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT OF PURITY

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.

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SONG OF PRAISE

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GLORIA

Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to His people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.

Refrain

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Refrain

Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness,
and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in

COLLECT OF THE DAY

This prayer is centered on the readings of the day. As we prepare to receive the food of God's Word, our Celebrant (lead pastor) prays this prayer to focus our hearts and minds on God's Word.

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which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE FIRST READING

Reader

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 25:1-9

Reader

The Psalm for today is Psalm 25, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
***let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.***

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

THE PSALM

The psalms are older than Christianity itself. In reciting them, we are praying the prayers used by Jews in the Temple centuries before the coming of the Messiah. The Psalm comes after the First Reading and gives us an opportunity to respond to God's Word, and invites us to join in the prayer of the Church.

Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Reader

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE SECOND READING

Reader

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

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And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN

PREPARE THE WAY

**We've heard the revival stories
Of ancient and old time glory.
Spirit of God, come do it again.
Miracle-working power
Moving in signs and wonders,
Spirit of God, come do it again.**

Refrain:

**Prepare the way; He's coming through.
Ready or not, our God's on the move.
We're gonna see heaven on earth.
Come Holy Spirit, awaken Your church.**

**God, You're just getting started,
A testimony of more to come.
Spirit of God, come do it in us.
We join in the faith of heaven
And prophesy Your kingdom here on earth.
Spirit of God, come do it in us.**

**Fire fall, wind come blow;
We're ready for more, ready for more,
Break down the walls, push back the doors;
We're ready for more, ready for more,**

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**We've heard the revival stories
Of ancient and old time glory.
Spirit of God, come do it again.**

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THE GOSPEL

LUKE 21:25-36

Deacon

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

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL READING

As God's Word comes down the aisle to literally "dwell among us," we stand for this Gospel reading to show the particular importance we place on the words and actions of Jesus.

The "little" sign of the cross is used at the beginning of the reading of the Gospel, when the Deacon says: "The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ." It is the marking of small crosses, using the thumb, on the forehead, mouth, and heart. It's meant to signify the sanctification of our thoughts, speech, and affections for God.

THE SERMON

The exposition of God's Word helps us reflect on God's will for our lives, and the ways we can respond to His call for redemption in our current world. We have provided space near the end of this bulletin or in the side panels for taking notes.

SERMON

FR. FRANS VAN SANTEN

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THE NICENE CREED

The creed reminds us of the core of Christianity. It contains the raw elements that every follower of Christ believes. As we recite this together our unity as the Body of Christ is strengthened.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for others and ourselves. Through these guided prayers, we begin to see the world as God sees it.

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant

Let us stand together and affirm our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed:

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.

Please kneel or be seated as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader

We pray to you, O Lord.

People

Lord, have mercy.

Reader

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People

To you, O Lord our God.

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THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE AND CHRISMONS

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Please be seated

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Celebrant

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

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CONFESSION

Confession and repentance go hand in hand. Confession of sin is a large element of our corporate worship because we recognize how much we need forgiveness.

ABSOLUTION

The celebrant, absolving our sins, is acting as a representative of our heavenly Father, who “is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” Psalm 145:8

THE PEACE

Our entire church family embodies the peace of Christ in one another’s lives. This holy moment is a sharing of the fellowship we claim in Christ’s church.

CHRISMONS

Chrismons are ancient symbols of Christ. They have been used by Christ’s followers since Biblical times and are the heritage of all Christians. The word chrismon in a combination of the words Christ and monogram.

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OFFERTORY

*In giving our gifts of time,
talent and treasure, we pray
that God, the maker of all
things, would take our
offering and turn it into
something greater.*

COMMUNION

*In communion we share
one bread and one cup to
be bound together with
those with whom the cup
and bread are shared, to
express one's faith, and to
reaffirm one's commitment
to God and the community.
All baptized Christians
are welcomed to receive
communion.*

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

HYMN 56

O come, o come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel!

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel!

Please Stand

THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN 380, VERSE 3

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. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant
The Lord be with you.

People
And also with you.

Celebrant
Lift up your hearts.

People
We lift them to the Lord.

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Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The celebrant offers a preface and concludes saying...

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

DUBAY

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.
Lord, we sing Your praise.**

**Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we sing Your praise.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we sing Your praise.**

Please kneel as able

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and

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REAL PRESENCE

"He was the Word that spake it, he took bread and brake it, and what that Word did make it, I do believe and take it."

Hymn 322, John Donne.

The elements of the Eucharist of bread and wine are not mere signs or symbols. Christ's body and blood really become present and are really given. They are present so that, in receiving them, believers may be united in communion with Christ the Lord.

EPICLESIS

At this moment, the priest invokes the active presence of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharistic prayer so that the bread and wine may become the body and blood of Christ. The term is based on the Greek word that means "to call upon," "to invoke."

eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

EVEN SO COME

**All of creation, all of the Earth
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord;
Jesus is coming soon.**

**Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame;
Jesus is coming soon.**

**Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.**

**There will be justice, all will be new.
Your name forever, faithful and true;
Jesus is coming soon.**

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray the prayer Jesus taught together with one voice. As a family we acknowledge our needs, our lackings, our desires and God's solution.

EUCCHARIST INSTRUCTIONS

We will be taking special precautions during the Eucharist. Please follow these instructions when you go up to receive.

1. The ushers will dismiss each row, one at a time.
2. Walk up the center aisle.
3. When it is your turn to receive the Eucharist, kneel down at the altar rail and extend your hands together, palm up. The priest will place a piece of bread with wine in it into your hand. You may consume at the rail.
4. Return to your seat by the side aisle closest to you.

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**So we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait; You're coming soon.
So we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait You're coming soon.**

**Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come**

JESUS MESSIAH

**He became sin, who knew no sin;
That we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing love so amazing,**

Refrain:

**Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners,
The Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.**

**His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.**

Refrain

**All our hope is in You,
All our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God,
The Light of the world.**

Refrain

**Jesus, Messiah,
Lord of all.
The Lord of all!
The Lord of all!**

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

HYMN 335

**I am the bread of life.
They who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.**

Refrain:

**And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.**

**The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever, they shall live for ever.**

Refrain

**Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.
you shall not have life within you.**

Refrain

**I am the resurrection, I am the life.
They who believe in me
even if they die, they shall live for ever.**

Refrain

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**Yes, Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who has come
into the world.**

Refrain

Please kneel as able

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

People

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

THE BLESSING

THE BLESSING

This pronouncement is a blessing from God to His people. This is not a prayer to God, but a blessing from God. Be encouraged! As we leave this family gathering, God is going with us into the world.

Celebrant

May the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand

RECESSIONAL

LION AND THE LAMB

**He's coming on the clouds,
Kings and kingdoms will bow down.
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?**

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Refrain:

Our God is the Lion,
The Lion of Judah.
He's roaring with power,
And fighting our battles.
And every knee will bow before Him.
Our God is the Lamb,
The Lamb that was slain.
For the sins of the world,
His blood breaks the chains.
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.
Every knee will bow before Him.

So open up the gates,
Make way before the King of kings.
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Refrain

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord?
Bow before Him.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ADVENT GREENS

The Advent Greens on the altar today are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Jim and Sadie Mathews.

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THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon reminds us
that as followers of Christ
we are empowered to go into
the world, now that we have
worshipped God and been
filled with the Holy Spirit.
And with God in us, we are
to go and serve.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS



It is time to order Christmas Poinsettias and Wreaths. If you would like to sponsor these decorations, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate, or bring or send it to the Church Office by December 19. Please include payment. The poinsettias and wreaths are \$20 each.

Name: _____

(As you wish it to appear in the bulletin – ie: Mr. and Mrs. John Doe, John and Jane Doe, the Doe Family, etc.)

Number of Poinsettias / Wreaths: _____ \$20 each

Total Paid: _____

Please make check out to Grace Episcopal Church and note "Poinsettias / Wreaths" on the memo line.

Message (E.g., "In memory of...", "In honor of:...")



Advent Events

**11.28.21 - Advent Wreath Workshop
Undecorate the Tree**

12.5.21 - Undecorate the Tree

12.12.21 - Undecorate the Tree

12.14.21 - Lessons and Carols, 7:00pm

12.19.21 - Undecorate the Tree

**12.24.21 - Christmas Eve Services
6:00pm - without Incense
10:00pm - with Incense**

12.25.21 - Christmas Day Service, Morning Prayer 10:00am

12.26.21 - 10:00AM Service Only

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

9 ECW Lunch Meeting
12 Undecorate the Tree
14 Lessons and Carols
19 Undecorate the Tree
24 Christmas Eve Services
 6:00pm - no incense
 10:00pm - incense
25 Christmas Day Morning
 Prayer Service
26 10:00am Service only
27 Office Closed

UNDECORATE THE TREE

Advent begins on November 28, and once again we will be collecting funds for the Boys' and Girls' Group Homes during the four weeks of Advent. We call it Undecorate the Tree because you will be able to select an ornament or ornaments with an activity and the cost of that activity for one teen. This is a reminder to bring in or send in your donation. Together, we provide activities for these teens which create meaningful memories during the holidays. A few years ago, a teen boy wrote us a note saying Christmas had always been a sad time for him. He was writing to tell us that he had just had the best Christmas ever!

ECW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Save the date: Thursday, December 9th at noon. It will be at the Hidden Village Clubhouse, 1700 SE 27th Loop. Plan on bringing a salad, side or dessert. Meat will be provided. We hope to see lots of our ECW members there! Please RSVP to Carolyn Ayres 286-8536 or the church office to let us know you will be coming.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to everyone who brought in shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Because of your generosity 100 shoe boxes were filled. That's 100 children who will experience God's love and have the opportunity to hear the Gospel, many for the first time.

ECW BAZAAR

The ECW Holiday Bazaar was a big success Thanks to all of you who contributed items to sell, worked before, during and after the sale and came out to shop. We were able to raise over \$7,400 which will go to help meet the needs of women and children here in Ocala. We couldn't have done it without YOU! God bless you all!

Next Week's Bible Readings

First Reading:
Malachi 3:1-4
Canticle 16
Second Reading:
Phillipians 1:3-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, November 28 Office Closed, Un-Decorate The Tree

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, YouTube and Facebook

8:45am: Advent Wreath Workshop, Parish House

10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, YouTube and Facebook

10:00am: Children's Church, Wonder Room

11:15am: Hanging of the Greens, Church

Monday, November 29

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, December 1

12:05pm: Mid-Week Service, Church

7:00pm: Worship Team Rehearsal, Church

Friday, December 3 Office Closed

10:00am: Sermon Sneak Peek Preview, Facebook

Saturday, December 4 Office Closed

Sunday, December 5 Office Closed, Un-Decorate The Tree

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, YouTube and Facebook

8:45am: Advent Wreath Workshop, Parish House

10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, YouTube and Facebook

10:00am: Children's Church, Wonder Room

HELP NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS FOR LESSONS AND CAROLS RECEPTION

We are looking for a couple of volunteers for Tuesday evening, December 14, to set up and clean up for the Lessons and Carols hot chocolate and cookies reception.

Please contact the office 352-622-7881 to let us know if you can volunteer for this one event.

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

21 Wendy Gordon

23 Michael Hart

25 Darlene Trowbridge

26 Marylin Corsiglia

27 Justin Turner

Pat Parsons

Amy Robertson

Kristen Rose

28 Dawson Turner

30 Moses van Santen

DECEMBER

2 Leigh Manning

3 Fr. Jonathan French

4 John Sullivan

Milda Kolesar

If you would like to meet with
Fr. Jonathan or
Fr. Frans, please contact
Rosemary Grooms or
Catie Hourigan at
352-622-7881;
rosemary@graceocala.org or
catie@graceocala.org

If you would like to meet or talk
to our Children's Minister
Erin van Santen you can contact
the church office
at 352-622-7881;
or by email at
erin@graceocala.org

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BISHOP

The Right Rev. Gregory O. Brewer

WORSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Jonathan French: Rector

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Associate Rector

The Rev. Mary Delancey: Deacon

The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon

Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator

Erin van Santen: Children's Ministry Coordinator

Dave Rubin: Verger

VESTRY

Heather Hetzel - Senior Warden Michael Ashley - Junior Warden

Wayne Taylor - Treasurer Tim McCourt John Crawford Amy Robertson

Michael Owen Sharyn Pliska Cookie Zeuch

Today's Servers

Advent Wreath: The Gordon Family

Ushers: Darlene Trowbridge, Greg Harrell

Reader: Mary-Stewart Lewis

Acolytes: Gail van Deusen, Shealy Harrell, Walker Harrell

Altar Guild: Lise Kent, Lana Kuhn, Paulette Johnson, Lynda Peek

Flower Guild: Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles,

Maurica French, Mary Jane Allison

Musicians: Adam Pryor, Jessica Mongerio, Shane Bass, Alexia Kirshfield,

Julie Cyrulinski, Cheryl Arnold, Audrey Flechas

VPOD: John Crawford

Weekly Services on Our Campus

Sunday 8:00am—Rite I

Sunday 10:00am—Rite II with music

Wednesday 12:05pm—Midweek at Grace

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