



Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | NOVEMBER 28, 2021 | 8:00 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE 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.**

THE PROCESSION

Please stand

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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)

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.

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COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

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

THE KYRIE ELEISON

Celebrant

Lord have mercy upon us.

People

Christ have mercy upon us.

Celebrant

Lord have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA

*Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, 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.

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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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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.

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.

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.

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THE SECOND READING

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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. 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

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 21:25-36

Deacon

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

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.”

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.

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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.

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.

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 thee, O Christ.

SERMON

FR. FRANS VAN SANTEN

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant

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

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

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And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please kneel as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The reader leads the people in a series of prayers to which the people respond.

Reader

Lord, in Thy mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

Reader

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

People

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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.

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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 chrismion in a combination of the words Christ and monogram.

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.

intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him...

THE PEACE AND CHRISMONS

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The people are invited to offer their gifts to God.

Celebrant

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

Please stand

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Celebrant

All things come of thee, O Lord.

People

Of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks unto our Lord, God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

The Celebrant offers a Preface, and concludes saying,

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Please kneel as able

Celebrant

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his

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.

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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.

one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

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."

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And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

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And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

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.

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People

Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People

Have mercy upon us.

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

This is a prayer for the worthy reception of communion. This prayer first appeared in the 1548 Order of Holy Communion, the first communion service in English. In it, we proclaim that we cannot merit salvation and our union with Christ in the Eucharist, and we put our trust in God's mercy and grace.

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.

Celebrant

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People

Grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

THE SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING COMMUNION

Be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of your passion: Grant us, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of your redemption; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Please kneel as able

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

The blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

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.

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!

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon reminds us that followers of Christ are to go out into the world and serve. We are reminded that it is the Holy Spirit who empowers us to be witnesses of God's love, and to do His will. The whole church responds with thanksgiving. With these final words of the service, we reaffirm our commitment to the world outside our doors.

ADVENT GREENS

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

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....”)

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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

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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.

Next Week's Bible Readings

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

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!

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

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

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.

If you would like to meet with Fr. Jonathan or Fr. Frans please contact Rosemary Grooms or Catie Hourigan at 352-622-7881 or rosemary@graceocala.org [catie@graceocala.org](mailto:cokie@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

- Grace Church Leadership -

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Jesus Christ

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

Tim McCourt John Crawford Wayne Taylor Amy Robertson

Michael Owen Sharyn Pliska Cookie Zeuch

Today's Servers

Advent Wreath: Marylin and Robin Corsiglia

Usher: Tammy Flanagan

Reader: Frank Marchese

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

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

Maurica French, Mary Jane Allison

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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