



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ELKRIDGE

The Second Sunday of Advent

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Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

We're glad you are here! The center of all that we do at Grace is the worship of God as revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is our principle call as Christians and is the means by which we are nourished so that we might be the hands and feet of our Risen Lord in our community and the world.

- We invite everyone in worship to **come to our Lord's Table** during worship to receive communion or a blessing. The bread is received with an open hand; the wine by guiding the chalice to your lips or by dipping the wafer into the cup. If you do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead.
- An opportunity for **healing prayer** is offered during worship at the kneeler located under the Alleluia banner in Grace's Wellness Corner. Prayers can be offered for any part of your life that needs it —physical, mental, spiritual. You can come seeking healing for yourself or for someone else in any part of their life.
- **Angels of Grace Nursery** is located upstairs. We love to have children at the services and welcome their energy with open hearts and arms. While not staffed, the nursery is a place parents can take a child if quiet time is desired. Go through the double doors, up the stairs, and follow the signs. A changing table is available in the nursery and in the women's restroom.
- **Children's Chapel** is offered during worship. After the Gospel, children process upstairs and celebrate God's love of them and their neighbor. Children rejoin the service during the Peace.

Join us for further refreshment after worship concludes. If you're looking for a spiritual home, exploring your faith, searching for ways to serve your community, or seeking to make a difference in God's world, you are welcome at Grace Episcopal Church.

Please leave us your contact information.

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Entrance Rites

The people stand as they are able.

Opening Hymn - O Come, O Come Emmanuel

(Adapted to WR 154)

Chorus 1

Rejoice Rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Verse 1

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Verse 2

O come thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thy justice here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Verse 3

O come thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

Verse 4

O come Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy stife and quarles cease
Fill the whole world with heavens Peace.

Lighting of the Second Candle of Advent

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: *Thanks be to God*

Leader: Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Peace. Last Sunday we lit the First Candle in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs, this First Candle reminded us of our hope in Christ. We light it again as we remember our Saviour, born a king in the line of King David. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and we believe that he will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us, to rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

(A person lights the First Candle, the Candle of Hope)

Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". They told us how he would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations.

When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peace-makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us he brings us peace and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again. We light the Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found.

(A person lights Second Candle, the Candle of Peace)

Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Opening Acclamation

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

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

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.*

The Children are invited to Children's Chapel

Song of Praise - On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry - WR156

Verse 1

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh:
Awake and listen for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

Verse 2

Let every heart be cleansed from sin, make straight the way for God with in,
And so prepare to be the home where such a mighty guest may come.

Verse 3

For you are our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

Verse 4

To heal the sick, stretch out your hand and make the fallen sinner stand;
Shine out, and let your light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

Verse 5

To you, O Christ, all praises be, whose advent sets your people free;
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore!

Rejoice & Worship # 156 // Charles Coffin : John Chandler

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

People *Christ, have mercy.*

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A period of silence is kept.

The Word of God

First Reading

A reading from The Book of Isaiah (40:1-11).

1

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

2

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

3

A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

5

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

6

A voice says, "Cry out!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

7

The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;

surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

¹⁰ See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Celebrant
The Word of the Lord
The People
Thanks be to God

Psalm 85:1-2,8-13

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Benedixisti, Domine

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *

that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

A period of silence is kept.

Second Reading

A reading from The Second Letter of Peter (3:8-15a).

⁸ Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. ¹¹ Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³ But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ^{15a} and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Hymn: Might to Save - CCLI

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me

Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

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Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (1:1-8).

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord

The People

Praise to thee Lord Christ

A period of silence is kept.

Sermon Ms. Katherine Schnorrenberg

The people stand as they are able.

The Nicene Creed

All say together

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.

Prayers of the People

Deacon

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls,
let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of
all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Eugene and Chilton our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For Donald our President, Larry our Governor, Allan our County Executive, Chris and Benjamin our Senators, Gail, Guy, and Edward our State Senators, Eljiah and John our Representatives, Calvin and Jon our Council Members. For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this city of ElkrIDGE, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. *To thee, O Lord our God.*

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All say together

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.

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.

A period of silence is kept.

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Priest says

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

Offeratory Hymn: You are my All in All - CCLI

Verse 1

You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Chorus 1

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Verse 2

Taking my sin
My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Offeratory Acceptance

Celebrant All things come of thee Oh Lord

People *And of thine own have we given Thee*

Presentation Song

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow.

Praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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.*

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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

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 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 for ever.
AMEN

Lord's Prayer

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

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.

A period of silence is kept.

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Priest invites the people to Communion

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.

Communion Hymn - Above all Power- CCLI & Wait for the Lord - WR166

Above All

Verse 1

Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature and all created things

Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began

Verse 2

Above all kingdoms above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure
What You're worth

Chorus 1

Crucified laid behind the stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all

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Wait for the Lord (WR 166)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Worship & Rejoice #166 // Word & Music Taize Community

The people stand as they are able.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and 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.

Blessing

The Bishop or Priest says

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

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

Amen.

Hymn - Find us Faithful - WR497

O may all who come behind us
Find us faithful
May the fire of our devotion
light their way.
May the footprints that we leave
lead them to believe,
And the lives we live
inspire them to obey.
Oh may all who come behind us
Find us faithful

(modified to WR 497) CCLI Song # 18259 // Jon Mohr

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Announcements and Calendar

Order your Christmas Wreaths NOW from Grace

Once again Grace Church is selling 22", double-sided Maine Balsam Fir Christmas wreaths. They can be purchased for \$16.

Please place your order no later than next week, November 26. Please also consider purchasing additional wreaths to help decorate the church for Christmas. Please write check to Grace Episcopal Church and give the orders/money to Cathy Hudson (cmhudson@comcast.net) or to Debbie at the church office.

Greening of the HSC – Sunday 12/17 @ 4pm

Come everyone and help Green the HSC on Sunday afternoon at 4pm, earlier if possible. Please meet Jody Nation for this beatification of the building. She has requested help in the following areas:

- Help getting the greens ahead of time (Call Norman)
- Someone to organize get the PIZZA lunch and Sodas, Cups, Plates, Napkins and ice.
- Help getting things hung up
- Help cleaning up and hauling scraps away
- Help cleaning the window sills and floors when all is done.

Please contact her at jnation@comcast.com

Please Use Store Cards-Help The Local Poor

At its November meeting, The Vestry decided that on behalf of Grace Church, Fr. Travis Smith can and should continue helping indigent families approaching the church for assistance. While this is often overlooked, The Vestry is proud of this outreach and the judicious use of resources by Fr. Travis Smith. Put in simplest terms possible, the “profit” from the store card program will be used to continue this outreach; deficits will be covered by the Rector’s Discretionary Fund, (supported by loose plate offering 1st & 5th Sundays) surpluses mean more aid available to the community. Please consider your decision to use store cards as a way to brighten the world, just a little bit for those who need it most. Over the years, the gain from the store cards has just about covered our attempt to help the local poor. Year to date 2017, Grace has provided \$800 to local needy families in the form of store cards. Unfortunately, year to date, our net profit from store cards has been

closer to \$700. Obviously we expect to close the gap as the Christmas Season approaches. Let's all consider increasing our use of store cards to make Grace better able to meet the occasional need in the local community. Thank you Fr. Travis Smith for shepherding us and this effort. – On behalf of the Vestry, Dan Gerlowski, Treasurer

Weekend for Women - January 19 – 21, 2018 - Claggett Center

Free and Clear

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us... are being transformed..." 2 Cor. 3:17-18

Join us for time to explore the significance of freedom in Christ, and to deepen our clarity around how we are called to live transformed in that freedom. Gather with women for workshops, worship, Sunday school class, Bible Study, sharing, good meals (that someone else prepares!), fun and formation in Faith.

WORSHIP Singing ▪ Prayer & Meditation ▪ Sunday Eucharist FELLOWSHIP Renew old friendships ▪ Make new friends ▪ Enjoy good food

WORKSHOPS Choose from spiritual, creative, and physically active experiences!

Lodging in the Inn and Cottages is available.

ONLINE REGISTRATION at ClaggettCenter.org/adult-programs

Kids Day Out: Coming Soon!

Our popular kids social activities are back this year! As with last year, Grace's kids will get together 4 times this school year for fun and fellowship. Dates and activities are being finalized now. If you haven't already received an email about this and want to participate, please contact Michelle Matto at 410-579-8021 or mgamatto@hotmail.com

Tuesday Night Suppers

Come join us on Tuesday December 19 at 6:00 pm for our BSA Crew Sponsored Dinner. Not sure what the Crew will be providing to eat, but I'm sure it will be good. All donations for dinner this evening will be go directly to the Crew to help reduce cost of upcoming trips.

Rita is looking for volunteers to prepare soup for the Lenten meals on each Tuesday, starting on February 20th until March 27th, a total of 6 Tuesdays. I am looking for 2 types of soup

for each meal, so I need 12 volunteers, each preparing 1 soup to feed 10-15 people. Soups can be vegetarian or contain meat; it does not matter.

Please email rita.chelton@gmail.com or call 410-796-4680 if you can volunteer.

Roving Radish (CLOSED FOR SEASON)

The Roving Radish is back, pick up will be available on Tuesday 3:30 to 5pm in the Grace parking lot.

- Go on to www.ROVINGRADISH.com to check our weekly recipes.
- Cost per pick up will be \$32 per meal kit (2 dinners for a family of four).
- We are fortunate to be able to offer these subsidized kits, please see web site.
- Order weekly or in advance.
- Pay at the time of your order online (credit card only) or at pick-up (cash or EBT only)
- Now offering Vegetarian Meals.

ORSS Schedule

We welcome Katherine Schnorrenberg as interim leader of our ORSS this year. Katherine is discerning a call to the priesthood and is interning with us. We thank our parents and the other supporters of our children's ministry for the time, energy, and love shared over the past few years with the youngest members of our church family. As we live into this year of transition, please keep Katherine and the children in your prayers.

Grace Early Childcare Center – Looking for help

- Full time classroom assistant with 45 Hour infant/ toddler certification
- Substitute teachers or aids

If you are interested or know anyone who is interested, please contact Jenn John in the childcare office @ 410 796 4561 or email gracechildcarecenter1@gmail.com

Grace Early Childhood Center Happenings

We've had a great start to the school year at Grace! We currently have 85 children enrolled and had a very successful Open House this week enrolling several more families. In September we participated in the Claire's Gourmet fundraiser as well as a Scholastic book fair where we earned over \$1,000 which we used to purchase new classroom libraries.

In October, we had a visit from the Elkridge Fire Dept and learned all about keeping safe in case of a fire and also visited with some animals during our Echoes of Nature program. We

have a new friend at Grace, Ellie the elephant, who loves going on trips our children take. When they return from their trip, the children share pictures of neat places they've visited with our stuffed animal friend, Ellie. Our goal is to turn all of Ellie's adventures into a book by the end of the school year.

We love connecting with the community at GECC and have done that recently by sending thank you cards to Walter Reed Medical Center Wounded Warriors Unit and collecting canned food for a local food bank. We've had three UMBC early childhood education students observe this semester in our infants and toddler's classes in order to participate in hands-on learning activities with the children.

Please pray for our teachers every day as they work with our precious GECC children to help them learn, grow and thrive!

YOGA and KARATE

Karate: All ages (minimum age 8)

6:00pm to 6:45pm 9 week session: Fitness & self-awareness (self-defense) class (\$donation or included if you sign up for karate)

Focus on flexibility, cardio, core strength, body mechanics, mindfulness, and self-defense,

Karate: All ages (minimum age 10)

7:00pm to 7:45pm 9 week session Ryukyu Kempo Karate Class (\$60/student or \$100/family)

Focus on body mechanics, 3 awareness's (self, environmental, and situational), and martial elements (flow, energy, theory, and practical application)

Karate students are encouraged to participate in the 6:00pm class

Yoga: All ages

8:00pm to 9:00pm 9 week session: Diurnal Yoga Class (\$donation)

Practice makes Practice

Focus on mindfulness, individual practice, vinyasa (movement through breath), core and mechanics

Mustard Seed Thrift Shop

The Mustard Seed is looking for volunteers that can help out in the shop on Tues, Thurs or Saturdays from 10am to 1pm. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please call Isobel Schum: 410 747 9695. As part of the mission of the Mustard Seed they donate overflow clothing for men, women & children's to Paul's Place in Baltimore City and the Grassroots Crisis Center. We have placed a deck box under the porch so Paul's Place can pick up at their convenience and Doug Williams has graciously offered to make a monthly delivery Grassroots / Route One Recourses.

Route 1 Day Resource Center

Thank you to all who have made donations to the Route 1 Resource Day Center. They are always appreciated very much. If you would like to make additional donations, bring them with you to Sunday worship. These are the items they are in need of currently: Men's Jeans- Sizes 28 to 34 & Size 46; Men's Underwear-All Sizes; Gently Loved Men's Tennis Shoes-All Sizes; Fall Weight Jackets - Men's & Women's; Canned Fruit - All Kinds; BATTERIES - AAA, C, D; Men's white crew or tube sock

Please check out their new website: **Daycenter.org**

10:00 am Servers @ Holy Family Chapel

Please check the schedule for details or call Ginny Stickles @ 410 382 2184

December

3 - Betty McMullen, Rita Chelton, Isobel Schum,

10 - Jody Nation, Keith Cameron, Bob Puppa, Karen Stewart

17 - Service @ HSC 9am - Bishop Visit

"OPEN YOUR EYES & SEE THE HARVEST"

Parish Calendar Week of December 3, 2017

Monday, December 4th

Office – CLOSED

4:00 – 6pm *Private Rental* @ FLC - East Coast Storm Practice

8:30 pm AA meeting @ FLC

Tuesday, December 5th

Office Hours 10- 2

9:00 Discernment Study (All Welcome)

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store OPEN

7:00 pm – Vestry Meeting

8:30 pm AA meeting @ FLC

Wednesday, December 6th

Office Hours 10 – 2

6:00 pm Venture Crew Meeting @ FLC (1st & 3rd Wednesdays)

6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 432 Meeting @ FLC

Thursday, December 7th

Office Hours 7:30 – 2

7:30am Eucharist Service @ FLC

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store

4:00 – 6pm *Private Rental* @ FLC - East Coast Storm Practice

6:00 pm - Karate @ FLC

8:00 pm – Yoga @ FLC

Friday, December 8th

Office Hours CLOSED

10:30am GECC – Jump Bunch

7:00 pm – *Private Rental @ HSC – St. Charles of Brazil (1st Friday of Month)*

7:00 pm – *Private Rental @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church (3rd & 5th Friday's for December)*

7:00 pm – Pack 432 Holiday Gathering

Saturday, December 9th

10:00 am – 1:00 pm - Mustard Seed Thrift Store OPEN

4:00 pm – Private Rental – Jean Schutt

Sunday, December 10th

7:30 am - Holy Eucharist @ HSC

9:00 am – Adult Bible Study @ FLC – Conf rm 1

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist @ FLC

10:00 am – *Private Rental @ HSC- St Charles of Brazil*

11:00 am – Grace Family Fellowship

12:00 pm –*Private Rental @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church*

Parish Prayers of Intercession

December 10 – December 16

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mark's, Lappans; St. Paul's, Sharpsburg; St. Thomas', Hancock

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Western North Carolina

In our community: We pray that we may be devoted to your worship and directed and sustained in our ministries; that the Holy Spirit will guide and uphold this Parish in all its missions and in our individual spiritual journeys. We pray for the resident of Colonial Landing Apartments, give thanks and prayer for our visitors for whom have yet to walk in our doors. We bid prayers for all member of the Regular and Reserve Forces of the United States, especially *Rachel Werts, Jason Werts, David Kinnamont, JP Sampson, David Shrewbury, Marc Benson, Iain Smallwood, Christen Kratz Woolford, Tom Woolford and Craig Wooten*. We also pray for all the men and women who risk their lives daily serving in law enforcement, fire and public safety. Prayers for the Military who have died and their families. *We continue to keep all our military and public service casualties in your prayers for their continued recovery.*

Rest of the Soul: Calilla, Alan Greene

Prayers of Special Intentions Angela, Natasha, Dick Atwell, Carla & Ronnie, Delores Clipp, Fr. Mike Coram, Harry Magee, Judy Peddicord, William Puppa, Blanche Ruff, Pam Stevens,

For the hospitalized, sick and home bound: David Behrens, Doris Clay, Eleanor Gyr, Peggy Blackburn, Robin Blackburn, George & Gladys Perry, Bruce Schutt, Rebecca Ubert, Jean Williams, Irene Wilson

Birthdays: Hani Andrews, Sara Maschino, Randolph Stewart, Sunny Bick, Karen Stewart,

Anniversaries: Lance Cook & Nicole Giannini-Cook

Have someone to add? Please request permission when possible when adding to prayer list.

* Names will remain on the prayer list for 8 weeks unless requested longer

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Are you one of our guests today?

Please take a moment to tell us something about you. Share whatever you like. Please tear this off and put in the offering plate or give it to the rector.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

At which location and service were you our guest?

Date: _____

_____ Historic Stone Church _____ Holy Family Chapel @ the Family Life Center

How did you find us?

_____ Friend

_____ Graceelkridge.org

_____ Signs

Other: _____

Please check all that apply: _____ First time guest _____ Returning guest _____ New to the area

_____ Would like information on Christian Education

_____ Adult

_____ Children

_____ Youth Ministries

_____ Would like to know more about Grace

_____ Would like to know more about the Episcopal Church

_____ Other: _____ (Seniors, Fellowship, ...)

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