

First Sunday of Advent  
Grace Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Dr. John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop  
The Rev. Joseph N. Davis, Vicar  
Deanie Moore, Director of Music

November 28, 2021

*Please keep silence in the church before the service  
and turn off all cell phones.*

Prelude

Procession “Sleepers Wake, A Voice Astounds Us” Hymn 61

Acclamation BCP, p. 355

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

Collect for Purity

Kyrie Eleison BCP, p. 356

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 211

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 15 (1-9) BCP, p. 599

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Sequence “Hark! The Glad Sound” Hymn 72

The Gospel Luke 21:25-36

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Reverend Joseph N. Davis

Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People Form V, BCP, p. 389

Confession BCP, p. 360

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Offertory Sentence

Offertory “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” Hymn 59  
*(All stand and sing.)*

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP, p. 361

Sanctus BCP, p. 362

The Lord’s Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) BCP, p. 407

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*(You may come to the altar rail for communion. Please note that we will not practice intinction for the time being. If you prefer not to receive the chalice, please cross your arms and bow your head when the priest or chalice bearer comes by.)*

*If you would like a blessing instead of receiving communion, bow your head and cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.)*

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Blessing

Procession “Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending” Hymn 57

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

## A Note to Visitors

We are glad to have you with us. Please fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering plate and sign our guest register in the narthex. If you have any questions about our service or about membership in Grace Church, please reach out to us at one of the email addresses listed on the last page of this bulletin.

## Our Speaker Today

It seems like yesterday that Laurie McNutt first came to Grace Church. She transferred in weeks after her first visit, and the secretary of the church in Florida wrote us the nicest note saying how much they were going to miss Laurie, and how their loss was our gain. She is active in the Daughters of the King, attends the Eucharist most Wednesdays, and serves on the altar guild. She is about to complete her first year on the mission council, and she is ready to schedule congregational events to help us catch up on "congregational life" as soon as it is safe to do so. She has agreed to speak on the topic of stewardship this Sunday.

If you did not receive a **stewardship letter** from me with a pledge card in the envelope, please let me, Carol Martinez, or John Harvey know, and we will get you one. You may return your pledge card to the church in person or by mail. You may also pledge by following the link at our website at

graceepiscopalspringhill.org. We hope to have all the pledges turned in by December 5.

Father Joe

### Giving for Christmas Flowers

As part of our Advent preparation for Christmas, we will be decorating the church this December as usual with poinsettias. Any donation to the Poinsettia Fund will be appreciated. Please make checks payable to Grace Episcopal Church with "Poinsettia Fund" in the memo area. You can give your check in the offering plate, to a Mission Council Member, or by mail to me at the address below. I thank everyone in advance. Also, if you would like to give in memory of a loved one or friend, please let Karyl Beal (who does our weekly bulletin) know of this dedication either by email or mail. Her contact information is: Karyl Beal, 703 Clay Court, Spring Hill, TN 37174, [karylofcolumbia@cs.com](mailto:karylofcolumbia@cs.com).

Please do not send her money but only your dedication information. She needs it by December 18 for the Christmas Eve bulletin.

The Altar Guild appreciates you all and we wish for you a wonderful Thanksgiving, a blessed Advent, and a joyful Christmas!

Linda Colmore, 1111 Mooresville Pike, Columbia, TN 38401, 615-403-7498 (Please leave a message), [lcolmore@aol.com](mailto:lcolmore@aol.com).

## Giving to Grace Church

To make a contribution to Grace Church, you may put a check in one of the offering plates at the front and back of the church; or you may send your offering in the mail to the office; or you may make a contribution online through our website or by scanning the computer code below into your smartphone.

If you have particular needs for prayer or other ministrations of the Church, please contact me, the office, or the senior warden.

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It is the Mission of Grace Episcopal Church  
to bring glory to God, build the spirituality of our people,  
and bring Christ to our community.