

# The First Sunday after Christmas

## Grace Episcopal Church

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

December 31, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

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



Before the Gospel

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel

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 III,

BCP, p. 387

Confession

BCP, p. 360

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

“How Bright Appears”  
*(All stand and sing.)*

Hymn 497

The Great Thanksgiving

*(All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion.)*

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

*(See the service music sheet in your pew.)*

Sanctus

BCP, p. 362

*(See the service music sheet in your pew.)*

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The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Pascha Nostrum BCP, p. 364

(See the service music sheet in your pew.) S-152

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

*(Please come to the altar rail to receive communion. 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.)*

Communion Hymns:

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent" Hymn 324

"Come, Risen Lord" Hymn 306

"My God, Thy Table Now is Spread" Hymn 321

*(The lights will be dimmed as we sing "Silent Night.")*

Post Communion Prayer BCP, p. 365

Christmas Blessing

Procession "We Three Kings of Orient Are" Hymn 128

## The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*(We welcome our Jodi Marcum as our guest pianist this morning while Deanie is away.)*

## 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.

## Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting is January 14 after the service. Our nominees for mission council are Jessica Farmer and James Dallas.

## Inquirers' Class

Our inquirers' class will meet on Tuesday, January 2, at 3:00 p.m.

## Christmas Flowers

The poinsettias that decorate our church this Christmas were given

in memory of Tony Austin by Susan Austin;

in memory of Chad Bodine, Charles and Minnie Huff, Sam Isbell, Sr., Ronnie Davis, Charlene Prestidge, Carole Woodward, and Charles, Jr. by Sam and Donna Isbell;

in memory of the Topp family, the Bradberry family, and the Klammer family, by Brian and Elizabeth Klammer;

in memory of grandmothers Bette Gibson and Maggie O`Grady by Collin, Alec, and Evan Gibson-O`Grady;

in memory of Alice Ann Mitchum, Bill Fitts, Robert Fitts, and Allen, Horace, and Alice Polk, and Mattie `Patsy` Campbell Pointer, Mary Polk, and Millard Mitchum and Bud Mitchum and in celebration of and with gratitude for the Grace Church family by Alicia Fitts;

in memory of the Reverend Doctor and Mrs. Fred Schneider by Diann Schneider

and in memory of Maclin and Dorothy Davis, Maclin Davis, III, and John R. Hill by Fr. Joe and Cindy Davis.

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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.