

Second 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

December 4, 2022

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

Prelude

Procession “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” Hymn 67

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 Hymnal S-95; BCP, p. 356

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 211

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 BCP, p. 685

Epistle Romans 15:4-13

Sequence “Prepare the Way, O Zion” Hymn 65

The Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

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

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 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” Hymn 76
(All stand and sing.)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP, p. 361
(See service music sheet in pew.)

Sanctus Hymnal S-124; BCP, p. 362

The Lord’s Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) Hymnal S-161; BCP, p. 407

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

(You may come to the altar rail for communion. 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.)

Hymns During Communion

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” Hymn 324

“O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines” Hymn 597

Post Communion Prayer BCP, p. 365

Blessing

Procession “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” Hymn 616

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.

Inquirers Class at 10:30 on Tuesdays

Our inquirers class will meet on the following two Tuesdays, December 6 and 13, at 10:30 a.m., but not on December 20. It would help to have a Book of Common Prayer and a Bible handy. Come if you like for any class.

Donations to The Well

If you would like to donate items to this local food pantry, there is a collection box located in Faith Hall. Thank you for your contributions to this outreach ministry.

Stewardship Drive

We hope everyone will have had time to think and pray over this decision and turn in a pledge, either on a pledge card or online,

by today. Turning in your pledge early helps our treasurer make out a budget before 2023 begins. We very much appreciate the way the people of Grace come forward to support the Church financially.

Father Joe and the Mission Council

Annual Meeting, Mission Council Elections,
and the Bishop's Visitation

Our Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 8, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. At this meeting, we will hear from our vicar and representatives of the ministries of our church. We will elect three new members of the mission council.

Bishop John Bauerschmidt will come for his annual visitation on Sunday, January 15. Let us all plan to be at Grace to welcome him warmly.

Giving for Christmas Flowers

Now is the time to make your donation to the Poinsettia Fund so that we may decorate the church for Christmas. Checks should be payable to Grace Episcopal Church with "Poinsettia Fund" in the memo area. Also, if you would like to give in memory of or in honor of a loved one or friend, please let Karyl Beal know of this dedication by December 19. She is in the directory and you may write her at karylofcolumbia@cs.com.

(Please do not send her money.)

Linda Colmore, 1111 Mooresville Pike, Columbia,
TN 38401, 615-403-7498 (Please leave a message),
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.