

Grace Episcopal Church

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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.

The First Sunday of Advent:

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

Stewardship and Pledging for 2025

If you would like to make a pledge and have not yet done so, you may place a pledge card in the offering plate, or you may mail your pledge card to the office, or you may pledge online at our website. Any mission council member or I would be glad to discuss your pledge with you if you would like any of us to do so.

On Sunday, December 8, we will have a special blessing of the 2025 pledges as part of our offertory for the Eucharist.
Fr. Joe

Lessons and Carols Today

After this service, we will have a service of Advent Lessons and Music at 10:00 a.m. There will not be a Eucharist or a sermon at this service. Instead, we will sing hymns and hear six readings that all point to the coming of our Savior.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

It seems amazing that Advent begins on December 1st. As we prepare ourselves for Christmas, the Altar/Flower Guild is requesting that you think of giving donations to our poinsettia fund in memory of loved ones, in honor or thanksgiving of special anniversaries or events, or to the glory of God. Twice a year at Easter and Christmas we ask for donations for the flowers that represent that season. It gives us time to memorialize those persons and events that mean so much to us.

If you wish to do so, please leave whatever donation you might give either in the collection plate or give it directly to an Altar Guild member.

If you write a check, please indicate that it is for the Poinsettia fund. Any amount is welcome. And to make sure that your remembrance is correct and in time for the Christmas Eve bulletin.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon
Nicene Creed

The Rev. Joseph N. Davis
BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP, p. 387

Confession

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The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Offertory Sentence

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

BCP, p. 407

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

(All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. If you would like a blessing instead of 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

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Note to Visitors

If you are a visitor, we thank you for joining us this Sunday. We would like to answer any questions you have about our service or about membership in Grace Church. You may reach out to us at the email addresses listed below.

Giving to Grace Church

You may make a contribution to Grace Church by mail, or you may do so online by scanning the code below with your smartphone. There is also a link to online giving at our website.



Inquirers Class

The Inquirers class will meet this week on Tuesday, December 3, at 5:15 p.m.

Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

Priest: Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Collect for Purity

Kyrie Eleison

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The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 211

First Reading:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:1-9

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Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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.

Please contact Karyl Brazier at karyl@fcolumbia@cs.com by
December 15th if at all possible. (You can also send it to me by that time
to lcolumore@aol.com or call me at 615-403-7498.)

In Peace,
The Altar/Flower Guild

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be on Sunday, January 12 after the 10:00 a.m.
service. At this meeting, we will hear reports from various ministries of
the church and elect 4 members of the mission council and 3 members
of the finance committee. Confirmed adult members in good standing
(over 16) may vote.

Nominations are being sought now by the mission council.

Note: New Time for the Christmas Eve Service

Our Christmas Eve service will be at 5:00 p.m. on December 24. We
will begin singing carols at 4:30 p.m. Please make every effort to come
and bring whomever you can to this beautiful service. I recommend you
arrive early, as the church may fill up by 4:25 p.m.