

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 Second Sunday
of Advent:

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

Inquirers Class
The Inquirers class will meet this week at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday,
December 10 for the last time this year.
Father Joe

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

As we prepare ourselves for Christmas the Altar/Flower Guild is requesting that in memory of those events and persons, you will think of giving donations to our poinsettia fund. 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 make sure that your remembrance is correct and in time for the Christmas Eve bulletin.

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

In Peace,
Linda Colmore, The Altar/Flower Guild

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

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 Rev. 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: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" Hymn 76

(All stand and sing.)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 368

Sanctus

Hymn S-125; BCP, p. 362

(See service music sheet in your pew.)

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei Hymnal S-161; BCP, p. 407
(See service music sheet in your pew.)

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.)*

Hymns at Communion:

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Hymn 67

"Humbly I Adore Thee"

Hymn 314

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Blessing

Procession: "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Hymn 65

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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.



Prelude

Stewardship and Pledging for 2025

Procession "Hark! A Thrilling Voice" Hymn 59
Acclamation BCP, p. 355

Priest: Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People: His mercy endures forever.

Collect for Purity

Kyrie Eleison Hymnal S-95; BCP, p. 356
(See service music sheet in your pew.)

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 211

First Readings: Malachi 3:1-4

Canticle 16 Page 92
(See service music sheet in your pew.)

Epistle Philippians 1:3-11

Sequence: "Once He Came in Blessing" Hymn 53

Today, all the pledge cards will be gathered in a basin, placed on the altar, and blessed at the offertory of the Eucharist. If you have not already done it, please turn in your pledge today or as soon as you can.

When you make a pledge, you make a commitment to the Church and to yourself to worship God with your money, and it helps the mission council as we prepare the 2025 budget. 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.

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be on Sunday, January 12 after the 10:00 a.m. service. At this meeting, we will 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.
Father Joe