

# The Third Sunday of Advent

## Grace Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Joseph N. Davis, Vicar  
Deanie Moore, Director of Music

December 15, 2024

*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: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Kyrie

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

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 212

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Canticle 9 BCP p. 86

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

Epistle Philippians 4:4-7

Sequence : “Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding” Hymn 59

The Gospel Luke 3:7-18

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: "Prepare the Way, O Zion" Hymn 65

*(All stand and sing.)*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP, p. 361

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 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:

*(The congregation may join the hymns at communion as an act of thanksgiving while kneeling after communion.)*

“Surely It Is God Who Saves Me” Hymn 679

“I Am the Bread of Life” Hymn 335

Post Communion Prayer BCP, p. 365

Blessing

Procession: “Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers” Hymn 68

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.



## Inquirers Class

The Inquirers class will meet this week on Tuesday afternoon at a time to be determined.

## POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you would like to contribute to the flower fund for poinsettias this year, please either put your donation in the offering 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 please do this soon to make sure that your remembrance is correct and in time for the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Please contact Karyl Brazier at [karylofcolumbia@cs.com](mailto:karylofcolumbia@cs.com) by December 17 if at all possible. (You can also send it to me by that time to [lcolmore@aol.com](mailto:lcolmore@aol.com) or call me at 615-403-7498.)

In Peace,

Linda Colmore, The Altar/Flower Guild

## Stewardship and Pledging for 2025

The mission council and I thank you for your pledges for 2025. If you have not yet pledged, and intend to do 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.

Fr. Joe

## 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.

## Christmas Eve at Grace Church

Our Christmas Eve service this year begins on December 24 at 5:00 p.m., with a period of carol singing that begins at 4:30. Please invite any family members you are entertaining to join you in celebrating the coming of the Savior of the World. We only do this once a year, so please make it a priority to be there.

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on our website at [graceepiscopalspringhill.org](http://graceepiscopalspringhill.org).  
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.