

*A parish for all people in the heart of the city.*

## ❖ THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD ❖ CHRISTMAS DAY

❖ DECEMBER 25, 2025 ❖ 10:00 AM ❖



### **WELCOME TO GRACE!**

We are glad you are with us! Grace Memorial is part of the Jesus Movement in the Episcopal Way. We are a community of story, symbol, service, and song. We are a church of people with and without disabilities. Those who need to vocalize or move during the service are welcome to do so. Please let us know that you are here by filling out a newcomer card and giving it to an usher or clergy person – or by saying “hi” in the YouTube chat.

### **CHILDREN & YOUTH**

Children are welcome and expected throughout the service. For those families who would prefer it, nursery care is available beginning at 9am in the Nursery downstairs. For older children, Church School gathers in the Mason Burnham room after the service’s opening collect (i.e., opening prayer).

### **SERVICE TIMES AND LOCATIONS**

#### **Sundays in the Sanctuary**

8:00am - **Holy Eucharist Rite I**  
Spoken Service

10:00am - **Choral Eucharist Rite II\***

#### **Weekdays in the Chapel**

Thursdays 9:30am  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

#### **\* Hybrid Service**

*both in the Nave and on YouTube*

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BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER – YEAR A

*Today's readings can be found at [www.Lectionarypage.net](http://www.Lectionarypage.net).*

*The Service begins on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer.*

*The Online Book of Common Prayer can be found here: <https://www.bcponline.org/>*

*Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal in the pew rack. The "S-numbers" are found in the front of the blue Hymnal.*

PRELUDE ❖ *Nouveau Livre de Noël's Suite 2: Bon Joseph écoute moy*

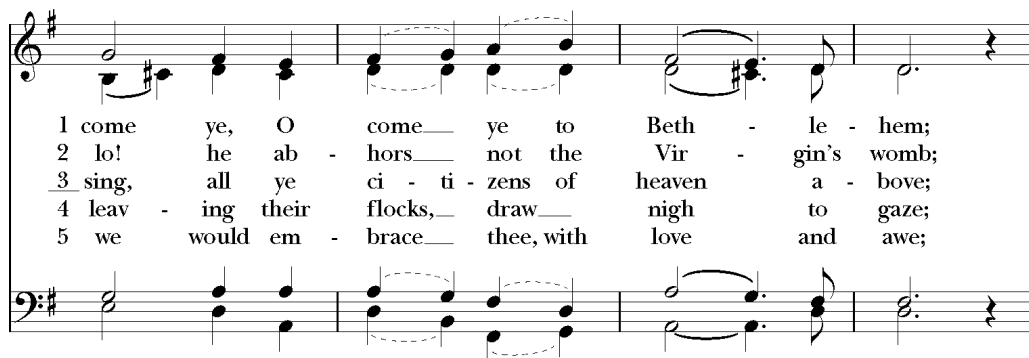
*M. Corrette*

WELCOME ❖

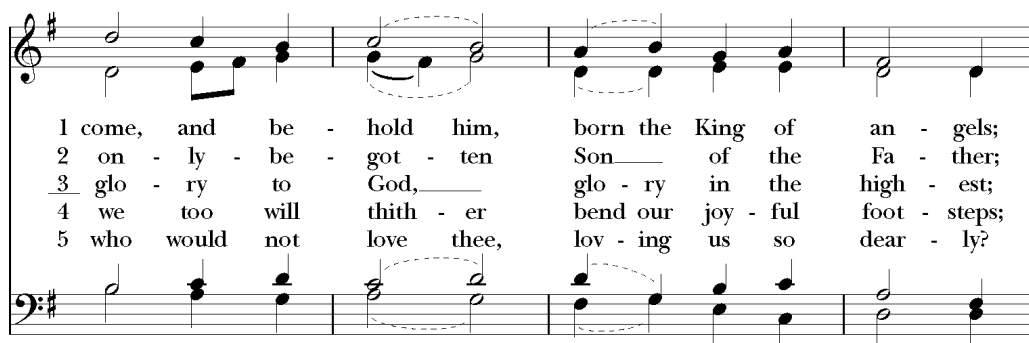
OPENING HYMN 83 ❖ *O come, all ye faithful* ❖ verses 1, 2, 3, & 6



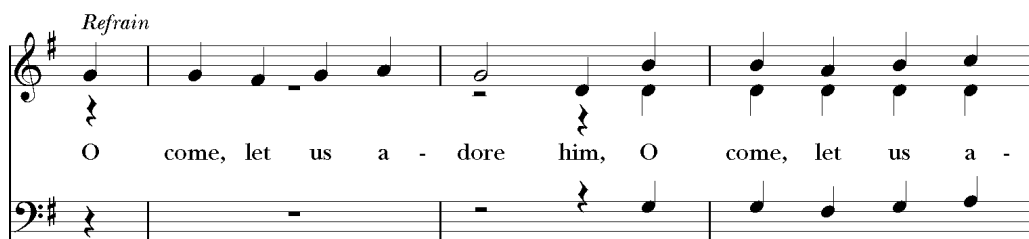
1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
\*4 See how the shep-herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,  
\*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,



1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;



1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?



*Refrain*  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others  
Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

## OPENING ACCLAMATION ❖

*BCP pg. 355*

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY ❖

*Presider and People* **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



*The St. James Christmas Service*

**Joyously**

Glo - ry be to God on high,  
Je - sus Christ, we now de - clare  
Prai - ses to the Ho - ly One,  
To all peo - ple, peace on earth, An - gels, shep - herds  
Lamb of God and Lord of Love. Grant us mer - cy,  
Prai - ses sing in high - est heav'n; To the Fath - er  
draw - ing nigh, Join to ce - le - brate His birth.  
hear our prayer, Give us grace from heav'en a - bove.  
and the Son and the Ho - ly Spi - rit giv'n.  
Glo - ri - a  
1. in ex - cel - sis De - o! 2. in ex - cel - sis De o!

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY ❖

BCP, pg. 213

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**





## ❖ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ❖

### FIRST READING ❖ *Isaiah 62:6-12*

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 97 ❖

*Psalter for the Christian People*

- 1 The LORD is Sovereign;  
let the earth rejoice; \*  
**let the multitude of the isles be glad.**
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about you, \*  
**righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne.**
- 3 A fire goes before you \*  
**and burns up your enemies on every side.**
- 4 Your lightnings light up the world; \*  
**the earth sees it and is afraid.**
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, \*  
**at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.**
- 6 The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,\*  
**and all the peoples see your glory.**
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
**Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.**
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
**because of your judgments, O LORD.**
- 9 For you are the LORD,  
most high over all the earth; \*  
**you are exalted far above all gods.**
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; \*  
**the LORD preserves the lives of the faithful  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
**and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.**
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, \*  
**and to the holy name of the LORD give your praise.**

### SECOND READING ❖ *Titus 3:4-7*

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *In dulci jubilo*, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

THE HOLY GOSPEL ❖ *Luke 2:1-20*

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SERMON ❖

*A time of silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The Reverend Doctor Elizabeth Klein*

*People*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ❖

*Prayer response:* **Fill our hearts with love.**

*Remembering especially:* Lisa, Bob Zimmer, Kathleen Chapman, Rami, Dawne Gerhart, John Pearson, Jim McClure, Chelsey Horchy, Mike, Sam Panerella, and Chantel Fleshman. For the victims of the Bondi shooting.

For Donald, our President; Tina, our Governor; and Keith, our Mayor.

For peace and protection for the people of Sudan, Ukraine, Russia, Palestine and Israel.

For Sarah, Archbishop-elect of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Diana, our Bishop; the clergy here at Grace Memorial and the clergy at our companion parish, Trinity Cathedral in Monrovia Liberia.

For Matt Haines, our seminarian.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Burundi

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Retired Clergy & Chaplains

*We remember the deceased:* Jimmy Carter, Jay Borelli, Sue Ann Peterson, Jeanann Francis, Barbara Leighton, Bill Gallup, Gene Baker, Karen Ormsby, Nick and Priscilla Cowell, Rosco, Rusty, Ruth Higgenbotham, Jorge Bergoglio, Sybil Grissom, Dan, Phyllis Moquist, Alta Acosta, Larry Snyder, Chris Maas, Alvin Ditty, Darryl Holland, William Thomas Harvey, Mary Walker, Randy Shelby, Hal Phillips, Bengt Ageros, John Conway, Peter J. Kelly, Jane Goodall, Stacey Hicks, and Comfort Peabody.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION ❖

THE PEACE ❖

*Presider*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another in the name of Christ.*



❖ CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST ❖

THE OFFERING ❖

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the Altar.*

*At the Offertory, we return thanks for God's many blessings in our lives, and we invite you to give generously. You may give an offering in the plate or by visiting our online link at [www.grace-memorial.org](http://www.grace-memorial.org).*



OFFERTORY HYMN 115 ❖ *What child is this?*

1    What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
      on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
      Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
      while shepherds watch are keeping?

*Refrain*

*This, this is Christ the King,  
      whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
      haste, haste to bring him laud,  
      the babe, the son of Mary.*

2    Why lies he in such mean estate  
      where ox and ass are feeding?  
      Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
      the silent Word is pleading.

*Refrain*

3    So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
      come, peasant, king, to own him;  
      the King of kings salvation brings,  
      let loving hearts enthrone him.

*Refrain*

*What child is this, who, laid to rest*, #115 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Greensleeves*, English melody; harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.

PRESENTATION HYMN 93 ❖ *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

*Refrain*

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,  
 ye have seen his na - tal star:  
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879).

GREAT THANKSGIVING ❖

*Eucharistic Prayer A, Rite II, BCP 361*

*Presider*                      *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Presider*                      *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider*  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
 It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Presider*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, ...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS ❖

*The St. James Christmas Service*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he, is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Presider*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all...

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider  
and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Presider*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Presider*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial,  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD ❖

## FRACTION ANTHEM ❖

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## MINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT ❖

**Share the gifts**

If you know the brokenness of life, then you have participated in the broken body of Christ, and you are invited to share in the breaking of bread. If you desire to know the love of God that overcomes apathy, alienation, and despair, then you are invited to share in the cup of the new covenant. The bread is received in the open palm. It is usual Anglican practice to drink the wine from the common cup. Intinction (i.e., the practice of dipping the bread into the chalice) is not permitted. Grape juice is available as an alternative to wine: please come to the left side of the communion rail (i.e., near the organ) and let a server know that you would prefer to receive juice.

**Prayer and Laying On of Hands for Healing**

If you wish a particular prayer for yourself or for someone else, you are invited to go to the prayer station located to the right of the altar. Give your first name and share your prayer need, and the prayer team will quietly offer prayers. Anything you share is confidential.

COMMUNION MUSIC ❖ *There fell a heavenly dew**Flor Peeters*

# COMMUNION HYMN 101 ❖ *Away in a manger*



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
 \* 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.  
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Words: Traditional carol. Music: *Cradle Song*, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER ❖

BCP 365

*Presider  
 And People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## CHRISTMAS BLESSING ❖



CLOSING HYMN 87 ❖ *Hark! the herald angels sing*

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty.  
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*  
 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE ❖ *Nouveau Livre de Noël's Suite 4: Michaut qui causoit ce grand bruit*

*M. Corrette*



❖ THE GREENING OF GRACE ❖  
IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD THIS CHRISTMAS

IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
Sam Lehrle	<i>Alicia Lehrle</i>
Geraldine Rice Campbell	<i>Gwen Harvey</i>
Ray & Alice Burnette, Pat York, Pete Nelson	<i>Jo Bronson</i>
Sybil Grissom	<i>Carolyn Hostetler</i>
Christopher Gault	<i>Robin Gault</i>
Grace and Tine Hardeman	<i>Amanda Hunter</i>
Laura J., Donald A., and George R. Hull	<i>Sandi Johnson-Hull</i>
In memory of family and friends	<i>Niki and Tod Moquist</i>

IN HONOR & THANKSGIVING OF	GIVEN BY
In thanksgiving for my family and the Grace Memorial community	<i>Deacon Liz Klein</i>
In thanksgiving for family	<i>Yetunde Laniran</i>
In honor of Martin Elfert & Sue Jensen	<i>Carolyn Hostetler</i>
	<i>Marissa Cheplick</i>
	<i>Stephen David</i>

*The greens at ST. FRANCIS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
EUGENE AND RUTH LAMB AND TIM LAMB  
by Nancy McCusker, Lou Ann Pickering, Michael Lamb and families.*



**GRACE NEWS:** Please submit your announcements for the bulletin and Grace Notes to the Office by Tuesday at 5pm.

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Clergy & Staff at Grace!*

**Holiday Office hours:** Please note that the Grace Office will be closed Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. It will also be closed on January 1, 2025 (New Year's Day).

**Every Sunday @ 9am – Bible Study in the Chapel** – Come join us and take an in-depth look at the upcoming lessons of our lectionary. Join us for an enriching look into our readings from Sunday to Sunday.

**Sunday, December 28 – State of Grace after the 10am service** in the Parish Hall.

**Sunday, December 28 – Community Dinner at 5pm:** All are welcome! Come help be a part of this important ministry at Grace. Set up is at 4:30pm. See Rev. Lara for more information.

**Concert Series at Grace: Amadeus Chamber Orchestra - BAROQUE BY CANDLELIGHT** on Tuesdays! Tickets are \$35 and available at <https://www.amadeuspdx.org/> or at the door. Come enjoy beautiful music with 500 LED candles in our lovely church. **Next concert: January 13.**

### With you, Grace thrives!

This is a gentle reminder that the end of the year is fast approaching, and the Grace Vestry is very grateful for your generosity and end-of-year pledge contributions for 2025. Our Annual Pledges support our mission and ministry in our daily operations, outreach, music, adult & youth Christian programs, and our many vibrant ministries. End-of-year Giving is incredibly important for meeting Grace's financial goals and for our budget planning for 2026. Together, we are making a real difference in our community and in the world, and joyfully uplift our work together in God's work.

### Ways to Give at Grace:



**Give Safely and Securely Online:** You may make your regular offerings online via debit, credit card, or electronic funds transfer from your bank. You can easily set up a recurring giving schedule or make one-time contributions.

You may also visit the church office, [email](mailto:nfox@grace-memorial.org) Nick Fox or call him at 503-287-0418 x103.

**Planned Giving** provides us with opportunities to give to the church from our resources both during and after our lifetimes. In general, planned gifts are made in three forms: a bequest in a will, a life-income gift, or a gift of special assets. For more information about planning your legacy, please [email](mailto:nfox@grace-memorial.org) Nick Fox or call him at 503-287-0418 x103.

If you have any questions about your giving statements, please contact Nick Fox in the office at [nfox@grace-memorial.org](mailto:nfox@grace-memorial.org).

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### Vestry Nominations - Are you called to serve on Vestry?

The Vestry is the Board of Directors for Grace Memorial Episcopal Church. Our community elects each Vestry member for a three-year term. Therefore, we replace one-third of the 12-person Vestry each year. It is our practice at Grace for the current Vestry to recommend a slate of candidates to the wider Grace membership. We then vote on that slate at the Annual General Meeting at the end of January, 2026. Please speak to Charles A. McGee II, Kevin Walsh, or any member of Vestry to learn more.

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### Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 6pm Epiphany Evensong followed by a potluck supper & Kings' cake at 6:30pm

You are cordially invited to join us at Grace on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for an Epiphany Evensong followed by a lovely potluck supper & King's cake! Let us know if you are coming and what you can bring (if you can't bring anything please know you are still welcome!)

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### Coffee, Conversation & Connection C3: Thursday, January 8, 2026 @ 10am – Lloyd Center

C3 meets the first Thursday each month at 10 AM in the food court (upper level) of the Lloyd Center. Come earlier to grab coffee at Keia & Martyns Coffee Shop on the main level. Thought questions are usually provided in advance to prompt our reflection & participation. For more information, your ideas, and our inspiration please let Gwen Harvey hear from you: [gph1220@gmail.com](mailto:gph1220@gmail.com) or 919 619 1238.

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### Hale McMahon's Breakfast Fellowship: Saturday, January 10, 2026 @ 9:30am / The Kennedy School

**Baptisms - Sunday, January 11, 2026** is one of the 5 designated Sundays for Baptisms. The others being the Easter Vigil, Pentecost (*May/June*), Transfiguration Sunday (*first Sunday of August*), and All Saints Sunday (*first Sunday in November*). In baptism, we welcome new members into the church, commit ourselves to support them in their life in Christ, and re-dedicate our own lives to Christ. Please contact Rev. Martin Elfert or Rev. Lara Halsey for more information.

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**Altar Flowers in January & February:** Flowers are a special way to remember loved ones. If you would like to have flowers at the altar on a particular Sunday morning in memory/honor of someone, **please contact Jo Bronson** at [peggybronson@gmail.com](mailto:peggybronson@gmail.com) to reserve a date.

## SERVING US TODAY

Presider • The Reverend Lara Halsey  
Preacher • The Reverend Doctor Elizabeth Klein  
Deacon • The Reverend Doctor Elizabeth Klein  
Curate • The Reverend Lara Halsey  
10am Lectors • Arnie Klein, Phoebe MacRae  
10am Intercessor • Robin Gault  
Crucifer • Chaz Guinan  
Torchbearer • Martha Humphrey  
Healing Ministry • The Rev. Dr. Corbet Clark,  
Myra Clark  
Sacristans • Altar Guild  
Ushers • The Usher Guild  
Organist • Susan J. Jensen  
Digital Verger • Gillian Weisgram

## CLERGY & STAFF AT GRACE

The Rt. Rev. Doctor Diana Akiyama • Bishop  
The Rev. Martin Elfert • Rector  
The Rev. Stephen V. Schneider • Rector Emeritus  
The Rev. Lara Halsey • Curate  
The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Klein • Deacon  
The Rev. Dr. Corbet Clark • Associate Priest  
The Rev. Canon Dr. Richard Toll • Associate Priest  
Nick Fox • Parish Manager  
Susan J. Jensen • Organist/Choir Director  
Lukas Sherman • Campus Steward  
Evelyn Prater • Digital Verger  
Jo Wiersma • Nursery Care Coordinator  
Demetria Keck • Office Volunteer

## VESTRY

Co-Senior Wardens:  
Charles A. McGee II (2026), Vestry Chair  
Kevin Walsh (2026), Rector's Advisor  
Junior Warden: Yetunde Laniran (2026)  
Treasurer: Marissa Cheplick (2028)  
Clerk: Alicia Lehrle  
Xander Almeida (2028)  
Roosevelt Carter (2026)  
Martha Humphrey (2027)  
Nora McLaughlin (2027)  
Jennifer Traeger (2028)  
Stephen Weeks (2027)  
Jennifer Yeast (2026)



## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tues, Wed, Thurs. 10am - 2pm

*Note: The office is closed for December 25, 26, and January 1, 2026.*

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## CLERGY OFFICE HOURS

**Rev. Martin Elfert**  
Wednesdays 9:30am - 11:30am  
Thursdays 2pm - 4pm

**Rev. Lara Halsey**  
Mondays 1pm - 5pm

**Rev. Dr. Liz Klein**  
Wednesdays 11am - 1pm

## GRACE CALENDAR

<https://grace-memorial.org/campus-calendar/>

**Thursday, December 25 – Friday 26**  
Grace office will be closed

**Sunday, December 28 @ 8am & 10am**  
The First Sunday of Christmas

**Sunday, December 28 @ 11:30am**  
The State of Grace

**Sunday, December 28 @ 5pm**  
Community dinner in the Parish Hall

**Monday, December 29 through  
Wednesday, December 31**  
Grace Institute Winter Art Camp

**Thursday, January 1, 2026**  
Grace office will be closed

**Sunday, December 28 @ 8am & 10am**  
The First Sunday of Christmas

**Sunday, January 4, 2026**  
Vestry Meeting

**Tuesday, January 6 @ 6pm**  
Epiphany Evensong in the Sanctuary

**Tuesday, January 6 @ 6:30pm**  
Potluck Supper & Kings' Cake in the Parish Hall

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