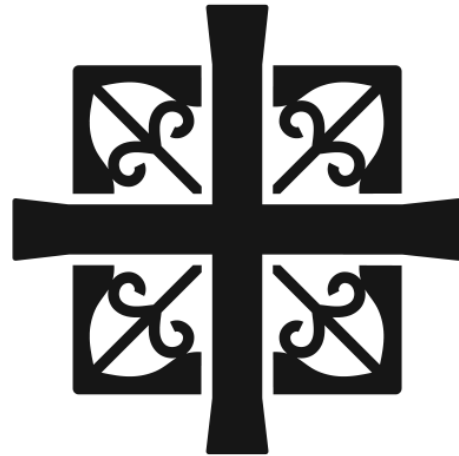


Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist Rite II



**GRACE**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

October 27, 2024  
10:30 a.m.

# WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## TO VISITORS

*Welcome! We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. You have a vital role to play in our worship! The **bolded** print indicates that all in attendance are invited to join in responding/ speaking/ praying. You will also notice italicized print. The italicized print is called “rubrics.” Rubrics are the ‘stage directions’ of worship; they offer instruction on who is speaking, when to stand, sit, kneel and so forth. (Even though the rubrics invite you to stand or kneel, if you need to sit, please feel free to do so!) The page numbers in your bulletin are for the music we will sing together: the red or blue book in your pew is the **Hymnal**; the red-and-black book is **Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS)**.*

*Anyone sitting near you will be happy to answer questions about our community here at Grace Episcopal Church. Even better, come meet one of the clergy after the service at the back of the church near the exit, or down in the Undercroft (aka the basement) during Coffee Hour. Peace and welcome!*

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## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSION & VISION

**MISSION:** Nourishing an inclusive community as we walk with Jesus in love, justice, and faith.

**VISION:** At Grace Church we...

- are leaders in our community, and champions of racial and social justice
- are a place where we can come as we are, be curious, and find meaningful connection, support, and fellowship
- provide worship and ministry opportunities that can engage and inspire everyone who comes here
- provide opportunities to grow our faith through exploration and service
- want to make sure that Grace is here for generations to come

### **Grace Church Statement of Inclusivity and Anti-racism**

As members of Grace Church and followers of Jesus and His Way of Love, we are called to keep our eyes and energies fixed on addressing the root causes of systematic racism and white supremacy in all its forms. As a church, we are committed to bravely uncovering, understanding, reckoning with and acting to dismantle racism within ourselves, our faith communities, and our localities. *(Adapted from the Episcopal Diocese of Washington website.)*

**PRELUDE**

*Preludes in D Minor*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**OPENING HYMN**

*New every morning is the love*

Hymnal 10

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*All* **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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Glory be to God in Heaven*

*Tune: Abbot’s Leigh*

Glo - ry be to God in hea - ven, and to all God's  
 peo - ple, peace. Grace a - bounds to all your chil - dren,  
 may our wor - ship nev - er cease; Je - sus, hope and  
 love in - car - nate, songs of bless - ing ev - er send. With the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit reign - ing for your glo - ry with - out end.

**THE COLLECT**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings*

**THE FIRST LESSON** read by Kenneth Wiley

Isaiah 58:1-9a

*Lector* A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back!  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.  
Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.  
“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.  
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.  
Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the Lord?  
Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

*Lector* The word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!

**2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.

**4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.

**8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

**THE SECOND LESSON** Read by Rosalia Kildee

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

*Lector* A Reading From 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

*Lector* The word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*Just as I am  
(V.s. 1-3 before Gospel & 6 after)*

LEVAS 137

**THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:13-20

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

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Yaa Addison

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Standing or kneeling as you prefer*

*Intervessor:* Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence*

Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace,

***People:* hear our prayer.**

*Intervessor:* Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. God of grace,

***People:* hear our prayer.**

*Intervessor:* Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. We offer prayers for civility and clarity as we approach national elections. God of grace,

***People:* hear our prayer.**

*Intervessor:* Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond especially Roy, Thomas, Ezra, and all those on the Grace Church prayer list. Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace,

***People:* hear our prayer.**

*Intervessor:* Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace,

***People:* hear our prayer.**

*Intervessor:* Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace,

***People:* hear our prayer.**

*Intervessor:* Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Presider:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People & Presider:*

**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.

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Please greet one another with God's Peace.*

## MOMENT OF GRACE

### THE OFFERTORY

*Please place your offering in the baskets as the Usbers arrive at your pen,  
or Text to Give: text GIVGRACESILVERSPRING to 73256 and follow the prompts.*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*I Got Me Flowers*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633)

<i>I got me flowers to strew thy way;</i>	<i>The Sunne arising in the East.</i>	<i>Can there be any day but this,</i>
<i>I got me boughs off many a tree:</i>	<i>Though he give light, and th'East perfume;</i>	<i>Though many sunnes to shine endeavour?</i>
<i>But thou wast up by break of day,</i>	<i>If they should offer to contest</i>	<i>We count three hundred, but we misse:</i>
<i>And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.</i>	<i>With thy arising, they presume.</i>	<i>There is but one, and that one ever.</i>

### PRESENTATION HYMN

Tune: *Eventide*

Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God; here drink with  
thee the roy - al Wine of heaven; here would I lay a -  
side each earth-ly load, here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Prayer B (BCP p.367)

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

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

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



*The Presider continues,*

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

*The Presider adds a Proper Preface.*

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

WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Presider continues,*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of ancient Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Presider continues,*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Presider*           And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

**AGNUS DEI***The bread which we break*

WLP 867

The bread which we break is a shar - ing in the  
 Bo - dy of Christ. We be - ing ma - ny are one  
 bread, one bo - dy, for we all share in the one bread.

*Presider* The gifts of God for the people of God.**HOLY COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Bread and wine are distributed at the base of the chancel steps. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Should you wish to participate but not take Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as you approach the clergy to indicate that you desire a blessing. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, please let an usher know, and a clergy member will bring Holy Communion to you. Please join us for the feast!*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM***O Taste and See*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
 blest is the man that trusteth in him.*

**COMMUNION HYMN***Taste and see*

LEVAS 154

*Standing, or kneeling, as you prefer.***POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER***Presider* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please stand, as you are able.***BLESSING****CLOSING HYMN***Praise to the living God*

Hymnal 372

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Presider*        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*All*                **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata and Fugue in D Minor*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Adelle Shook and Rev. Herbert W. Lamb, Jr., mother and friend of Betty Lou Day.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

*Please see the Announcements section of this bulletin for detailed information regarding upcoming events.*

- Today, 3:00pm Spooktacular
- October 28, 6:30 Tai Chi class in Undercroft
- October 29, 7:00pm Handbell Choir
- October 31, Treble Choir at 5:30pm Chancel Choir at 7:00pm
- November 2, 7:30am Men's Group Breakfast
- November 2, 11:00am – 1:30pm Men's Group Food Drive
- November 3, 5:00pm All Souls Evensong
- November 4, 6:30 Tai Chi class in Undercroft
- November 5, 7:00pm Handbell Choir
- November 7, Chimers at 5pm Treble Choir at 5:30pm Chancel Choir at 7:00pm
- November 8, 12:30pm Food for the Soul

**Sunday Forum Schedule** 9:30 am - 10:25 am in the Undercroft

\*Please contact Rev. Yaa if you have any questions about these events.

**Today** – Race and Racism will give a presentation about Grace's history.

**November 3-** Mrs. Adelsberger will give a presentation on All Saints.

**November 10-** We will bag rice and beans for San Mateo.

**November 17-** Creation Care will give a presentation.

### **Sunday School Schedule**

Pre-K through 1st Grade Sunday School meets each week.

2nd through 5th Grade Sunday School Class:

Today – All Souls Scavenger Hunt

November 3 –All Saints Day Scavenger Hunt

November 10, 17 – Sunday School

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Stewardship Sunday - Annual Pledge Campaign**

The Annual Pledge Campaign, "*Nourishing an Inclusive Community as We Walk with Jesus in love, justice, and faith*" has begun, as we celebrate the abundance with which we are blessed here at Grace.

This is also the time when each member of Grace Church is asked to make a financial pledge. Your Annual Pledge to the Operating Budget is one of the primary reasons why the opportunities to live into our mission exist at Grace Church. We hope you will thoughtfully and prayerfully consider your pledge for 2025. We ask you to give generously to the work that God is calling us all to do.

When you make a pledge to our annual Operating Budget, you also enable the Vestry, Clergy, and Finance Committee to make decisions based upon more accurate information.

You can return your completed Pledge Form by placing it in the offering basket, giving it to any member of the Clergy, or by mailing it to the Church Office. You can also submit your pledge to [gracepledge1607@gmail.com](mailto:gracepledge1607@gmail.com) or to Pastor Sarah at [pastorsarah@graceepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:pastorsarah@graceepiscopalchurch.org). You can also fill out an online form by using the QR code at the end of the announcements.

**Spooktacular – Today, at 3:00pm.** Creeps and scamps of all ages are invited to come in costume to this much-anticipated annual event. Heather “The Organgrinder” Adelsberger and friends present a concert of scary stories and spooky tunes followed by twilight cemetery tours and an organ crawl.

**Call for Names of Departed Loved Ones** On Sunday, **November 3 at 5:00pm**, we celebrate our parish's annual All Souls' Evensong. As is our custom, the parish necrology will be read in commemoration of the faithful departed, including the names of individuals enslaved by Grace's land donor and first vestry. To add the name of a loved one who has died within the past year, please email James Sullivan at [communications@graceepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:communications@graceepiscopalchurch.org). Please submit names by October 25.

**Altar Flower Dedications** - Requests for altar flowers dedication should be directed to Fern Johnson-Clarke: [fernmjohnson@hotmail.com](mailto:fernmjohnson@hotmail.com). The cost of flowers starts at \$50.

### **Participate in Creation Care initiatives!**

Grace Episcopal has been given the opportunity to participate in an interfaith effort to promote native plants in our own communities. This project, called "Sacred Grounds," is sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) and the Chesapeake Interfaith Partnership. As a participating congregation, we will:

- Design a native plant garden to be planted at our church next spring. (Native plants improve drainage and water quality by mitigating runoff. They also support native wildlife, birds, and pollinators!)
- Provide native gardening training for the congregation with info on why native plants are important in our gardens and yards.
- Sponsor a native plant giveaway!

Creation Care seeks enthusiastic participants to help make this opportunity a reality! First, we need 6-8 volunteers to participate in a one-hour Zoom discussion about Native Plants on **Tuesday, November 12 at 7:30pm**.

If you are interested in volunteering (either as a discussion participant or helping the Creation Care team implement this native plant initiative in another way) please email Ariana Sutton-Grier at [ariana.suttongrier@gmail.com](mailto:ariana.suttongrier@gmail.com).

**Nominations Open for Key Leadership Positions** - The Vestry has appointed a Nominating Committee to prepare for the upcoming elections for lay leadership at the parish's Annual Meeting in early February 2025. We are seeking nominations for the positions of Senior Warden, three Vestry members, and Delegates (and Alternates) to the Diocesan Convention. Nominating committee members are: Laura Parks (Jr Warden/Chair), Aileen Moodie (Co-Chair), Mike Bader, Linda Baily, Stephanie Gray, Virgil Whitehurst. We encourage all parishioners to express personal interest or to suggest others for consideration. Your input is vital in helping identify dedicated leaders who will support our community and mission. Please contact any member of the committee with nominations or questions you may have, ideally by November 24. Thank you for your commitment to our parish. Laura Parks ([jrwarden@graceepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:jrwarden@graceepiscopalchurch.org))

**Grace Church will begin offering Tai Chi and Qigong instruction and practice on Monday evenings, next class Monday, October 21, 2024.** Classes, led by Grace Senior Warden Paul Purnell, will be conducted from 6:30 p.m. until 7:15 p.m., in the Grace Church Undercroft. Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese martial art and is also a form of meditation and a gentle, low-impact form of exercise (“Tai chi - Wikipedia”). Qigong is a more than 4,000-year-old Chinese form of exercise designed to cultivate and balance the body's vital energy, commonly known as ‘qi’ or ‘chi’. Please arrive a few minutes early to warm up. Classes are free and no experience or fitness level is required. It is suggested that you wear comfortable and loose-fitting clothes and comfortable shoes, preferably with no heel. For more information, contact Paul Purnell at (240) 308-1045.

**Shepherd's Table sign-up** Shepherds Table Ministry allows parishioners to be directly involved with the most vulnerable in our community. Shepherd's Table serves a population experiencing food insecurity, homelessness, and poverty. Grace Church members serve brunch on the first Saturday of the month, from 9am - 12pm. Duties include serving food and drinks, greeting and assisting clients with seating, washing dishes, food prep, and post-service clean up, sweeping and mopping. Volunteers need only sign up for the dates they are interested in – there is no standing commitment. Shepherd's Table provides SSL hours for students looking to complete their school-related volunteer requirements. Kids 13+ may volunteer with an adult, kids over 16 may volunteer on their own. If interested, please sign up by using the QR code on page 15. Our next service date is **November 2**. It's recommended to sign up for September no later **October 26**. For questions, please contact Kecia Brown or Zaida Jocson.

### **Looking for new ways to get involved at Grace? Join the Christmas Bazaar Team of Elves...**

Each year, the Grace community comes together in a unique way to kick off the Christmas season, share in fellowship with each other and raise money for our ministry programs. There are many ways to be involved, contributing your time, talent and treasure:

- **Crafts:** We are looking for handicrafts that you have created, such as knitted or crocheted accessories, pottery, woodworking pieces, jewelry, and fabric items, just to name a few. We would love to include any artistic or crafty creations by our children and young people at our Kids' Crafts sale space as well. Please use the QR code to navigate to a brief form and let us know you would like to contribute this year. Donations should be in hand by October 20th. If you have any questions about participating, please contact Kay Raisch [skraisch@verizon.net](mailto:skraisch@verizon.net) or Mary Anne Gehrenbeck at [maryanne4tayo@yahoo.com](mailto:maryanne4tayo@yahoo.com)
- **Gift of Food table:** We welcome all contributors who like to bake, prepare jams/jellies/relishes, etc.! These items can be quite festive or not, can be in holiday tins or not! We welcome all ideas! Donations can be brought to the church on the afternoon of December 6 or morning of December 7. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Hinds [PSHinds@childrensnational.org](mailto:PSHinds@childrensnational.org) or Linda Baily [linda.baily@holton-arms.edu](mailto:linda.baily@holton-arms.edu)
- **Silent Auction:** Some in the Grace community have enjoyed curating baskets for the Silent Auction. Historically food and wine baskets are very popular. We have also seen great interest in services like yoga instruction, music lessons and home/garden. If you would like to donate an individual item or basket of items for the Silent Auction this year, please use the QR code to navigate to a form to tell us what you would like to contribute. Items must be received by November 22nd.
- **Kids' Toys:** Do you have kids' books and toys lying around that aren't being played with as much anymore? It happens! Donate those gently used toys to the Bazaar and we will help them find a new home. Donations can be dropped off at Pennyworth and labeled "Bazaar". Items should be dropped off by November 15th.
- **Project Coordination:** If your strengths aren't baking or crafts but you enjoy project management, we are also looking for 2-3 people to shadow two of our department leads to take on more leadership responsibilities. If you are interested in learning about fair trade crafts or the silent auction, please contact Suzanna Kelley at [suzannawightkelley@gmail.com](mailto:suzannawightkelley@gmail.com).

A full sign up sheet for volunteer spots the day of the event will be shared later this fall.

The Christmas Elves welcome everyone to find the small and big ways you can contribute to this event. We are excited to see and share the unique offerings of our community!

Crafts Donation QR code is next page

Silent Auction Basket Donations QR Code is next page

**Grace's Little Food Pantry** – Grace Little Food pantry is located in front of Grace House on Georgia Ave - it is the cute house-like cabinet that holds non-perishable food which folks can take for free. Please consider purchasing non-perishable items (canned meats/fish, soup, vegetables etc.) and bringing them to church with you. There will always be a box for food donations in the Undercroft. For questions or to receive a SignUp Genius link, email Christy Joria at [cljoria@gmail.com](mailto:cljoria@gmail.com).

**The Treble Choir is collecting donation** items for the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center. Gently used items are acceptable. Please bring donation items to the Donation Station in the Undercroft. We are collecting:

- towels
- blankets (no comforters or afghans)
- long-lasting chew toys for large dogs
- unopened dog and cat food

Donations will be collected October 3-31. Please reach out to Heather Adelsberger at [hadelsberger@graceepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:hadelsberger@graceepiscopalchurch.org), with any questions.

**Men's Group Food Drive November 2, 11am to 1** – Drop off any non-perishable foods at the grace Church parking lot between 11:00am and 1:00pm. Money donations are also accepted.

**Firewood and Bricks** - Grace has surplus firewood and bricks available for free. If you could use either item, stop by our parking lot on Saturday, November 2, between 11 AM and 1 PM to pick up. Representatives from the Men's Group will be on-site to assist with location of items and might be able to help with loading. Items available on a first-come, first-served basis until everything is gone.

**So much going on at Grace Church, use the QR code and go to our webpage for sign ups, donations, or RSVP.**





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# **GRACE CHURCH PRAYER LIST**

## **RECENTLY ADDED OR IMMEDIATE NEED**

Roy Lykes, Thomas Fowler, and Ezra Papincak

## **CONTINUED SUPPORT**

Roderick Harrison, Louise and Michael Clark, Kennita Collard, Maria Jenkins, Susan Maloney, Kala and Thomas Fowler, David Max-Johnson, Marc Biagas, Brigitte Johnson, Rebecca Morgan, Sandra Friedman, Roy Lykes, Will Turner, & Lola Crawford.

## **FRIENDS OF GRACE**

Matthew Parks, Pam Saul, Olivia Engler, Georgean and Don Vorwek, Nicki Williams, Woudnesh Ewhetu, Betsy Burton, Laneisha Williams, Hayden McCain, John Buckley, Janice Flood, Eva Leach, Mason Williams, Sy Jones, Myrtle Gordon, Joel Ifraimoff, Carol McKetty-Frank, Jane Kolb, May Collard, Janet Foster Britt, Liz Samworth, Vernon Conton, Kent Stamps, Vonzela Vaughn, Joannie Adair, the Long family, Jennifer Schlesinger, Edmund Kent Freidman, Tom Durham, Alice Mayiio, the Love family, J Kvale, Linda Stratman, Lee Anne Barnes, David Zinger, Josh Holtgrewe, Bill Beling, Christy Beling, and Karen Wolf.

## **PASTORAL CARE**

To share news or request pastoral support, please call the parish office (301-585-3515). After office hours, the church voicemail system will prompt you to leave your message for the clergy. To add a name to the prayer list, please email [communications@graceepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:communications@graceepiscopalchurch.org).

Throughout the week, the clergy and Grace Church chapter of the Daughters of the King pray for the people listed on our prayer list. The Daughters of the King also pray daily for those who submit prayer requests. Prayer requests may be dropped in the designated box in the Chapel, or sent via email to our private, confidential email address: [dok@graceepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:dok@graceepiscopalchurch.org).



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