

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICE
10:15 A.M. – Holy Eucharist

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Ramsey - Interim Rector - 757.818.1630
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Randy Walston – Organist/Pianist
Stephanie Johnson – Parish Administrator

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LAY READERS

Jerome Bynum | Roscoe Coles | Maria Herbert | Kenneth Miller
Darryl Mitchell | Michele McCoy | Dale Murray | Ruth Rose

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Acolytes.....Diane Allen
Adult Choir.....Wanda Watters
Altar Guild.....Melissa Hunter & Kitty Hill
Bereavement Committee.....Michele McCoy & Angela Spruill
Boy Scouts.....Robert Johnson
Brotherhood of St. Andrew.....Jerome Bynum
Finance Committee.....Ruth Rose
Floral Liaison.....Gail Hunt(757.619.1412)
Communications Director.....Melinda Gainer
Christian Education.....Donna Coles & LaQuetta Porter
Daughters of the King (DOK).....Beverly Powell & Angela King
Episcopal Church Women (ECW).....Angela King
Episcopal Youth Community (EYC).....Margaret McCourty
Girl Scouts.....Alisa Greene, Paulette Ellis & Alexis Greene
Lay Minister Coordinator.....Maria Herbert
Mary's Corner Book Store.....Beverly Powell
Men of Grace Church.....Robert Johnson
Newsletter.....Janet Neeley-Johnson & Paulette Ellis
Outreach Ministry.....Alisa Greene
Praise Dancers.....LaQuetta Porter & Donna Coles
Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE).....Michele McCoy
Ushers & Greeters.....Daschell Copeland & Chucky Carballo
Webmaster.....Valencia Ingram

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 31st, 2025

Grace Episcopal Church

The Servant Church
Since 1883



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Church Office

Tuesday-Friday | 11am-4pm

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Our Purpose

To bring people to Jesus and membership in His family, develop them to Christlike maturity & equip them for their ministry in the Church and life mission in the world, in order to magnify God's name.

We extend a warm welcome to **guests, friends, visitors** and **newcomers** joining us for Sunday worship.

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All baptized persons are invited to receive
Holy Communion at the altar.

Christian Education

Bible Study takes place on the first and third Tuesday of every month, via Zoom, from 7-8pm. The Zoom link will be emailed to the parish prior to each Bible Study session. Refer to this bulletin for the appropriate readings.

Readings for Sep 1st – Sep 6th

Monday, September 01, 2025

Psalm 58; Jeremiah 2:23-37; Hebrews 13:7-21;

Tuesday, September 02, 2025

Psalm 58; Jeremiah 3:1-14; Titus 1:1-9;

Wednesday, September 03, 2025

Psalm 58; Jeremiah 3:15-25; Luke 14:15-24;

Thursday, September 04, 2025

Psalm 1; Genesis 39:1-23; Philippians 2:25-30;

Friday, September 05, 2025

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jeremiah 16:11-17; Colossians 4:7-17;

Saturday, September 06, 2025

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jeremiah 17:14-27; Matthew 10:34-42

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II 10:15AM

Prelude

Processional Hymn: *In Christ There Is No East or West* L - 62
The Acclamation and Collect for Purity Page 355

Kyrie: Roberts (L - 236)
The Collect of the Day Page 181

THE WORD OF GOD

The Lessons

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Page 704

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Gospel Hymn: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* H - 470

~~The Gospel:~~ Luke 14:1, 7-14
The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Ramsey
Nicene Creed Page 358
Prayers of the People (Form IV) Page 388
Confession of Sin Page 360

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory
The Doxology Page 361
The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A Page 367
The Sanctus-Benedictus (L - 253) Page 253
The Lord's Prayer (L - 264) Page 364
Fraction Anthem (L - 268) Page 364
Communion Hymns: LEVAS #'s 232 & 152
Post Communion Prayer Page 365
The Blessing Page 366
Recessional Hymn: *God of Grace and God of Glory* H - 594
Postlude

The following dates are available if you would like to donate **flowers to be placed on the altar** with a memorial tribute: September 7th, September 14th, September 21st and September 28th. Please call our floral liaison, Gail Hunt (757.619.1412), to make arrangements.



*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God, by **Antoinette Clark and James McCoy**, in recognition of the anniversary of the death (August 29th) of their mother, Barbara McCoy.*

The wait is over! *Valencia Ingram* has answered the call of **Vestry Secretary**. She will be at the vestry meeting in her new position on September 10th at 5:30pm.

Today, filling in for our Music Director, Randy Walston, is Josephine Linyear.

Dear Parishioners,

The **Outreach Committee** will begin collecting donations for its **Care Closet and School Uniform Drive** starting **today through Sunday, October 5th**. All donations will go to support the student of **Jacox Elementary School**. Your generosity will help ensure that children have the uniforms and essentials they need to feel confident and ready for success in the classroom. Items needed are: uniform navy blue bottoms, white or light blue shirts, facial tissues, toothpaste, mouthwash, hand soap, sanitary products, baby wipes, deodorant, body wash and body lotion. Thank you in advance for your support! Together, we can make a difference.

The Outreach Committee

BLESSING OF THE BOOKBAGS, students, teachers, paraprofessionals and parents, will take place next Sunday, September 7th.

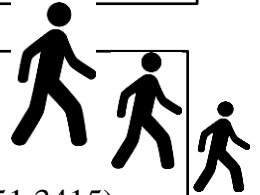


There will be a **vestry meeting** on September 10th at 5:30pm.

The **Finance Committee** meets on Wednesday, September 17th at 11am.

The **Men's Club** will meet on September 21st after church service. The meeting will take place in the library.

WHAT: **Alzheimer's Walk**
WHEN: September 20th, 2025
WHERE: Chesapeake City Park
INFORMATION: *Michele McCoy* (757.651.3415)



Discernment Committee Prayer

Almighty God, just as you directed Samuel to the calling of David to be King, we ask that our eyes and hearts might be opened so we can see whom you have directed to lead Grace Episcopal Church. Humble us and allow us to rely on your spirit's guidance. Fill our horns with oil O Lord and help us to focus on the heart of the one you will send to lead us. Be with us as we seek the one you have sanctified. We pray for discernment and guidance during this process. O Lord our God, give wisdom to our Discernment Team and to this parish as we seek your direction in finding our new priest. ~Amen

Bulletin announcements are due by noon on Tuesdays.

Sermon Notes

Title/Topic/Gospel_____



“Oh my God, listen to me and hear my request . . . We do not ask because we deserve help, but because you are so merciful.”

DANIEL 9:18

PRAYERS FOR WELLNESS AND COMFORT

- Cecelia Anderson.....6320 Auburn Dr, Va. Beach 23464
- Dorethea Bagby.....Portside Health and Rehab
4201 Greenwood Dr, Portsmouth 23701
- Barbara Bell..... 927 Kenton Ave, Norfolk 23504
- Dorothy Burnette..... 421 Clemson Ave, Chesapeake 23324
- Mercedes Coveney..... 536 Sandy Lake Ct, Va Beach 23454
- John Hopkins..... 5312 Halter Ln, Norfolk 23502
- Barbara Massey.....2717 Blueberry Bank, Chesapeake, VA 23325
- Doris Parrish.....3645 Wedgefield Ave, Norfolk 23502
- Ernestine Swain.....5933 Dorothy Bolton Ct., Alexandria, VA 22310
- Robena Vaughan.....Harbor's Edge 1 Colley Ave-AL #302, Norf 23510
- Alicia Williams.....Lake Taylor Transitional Care Hospital
1309 Kempsville Rd Norfolk 23502
- Mary Woodhouse.....3100 Shore Dr., Apt 710, Va Beach 23451