

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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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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 21st, 2025

Grace Episcopal Church

The Servant Church
Since 1883



The Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Ramsey, Interim Rector

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.

From the Interim Rector

Dear Parishioners,
After my arrival, I created a space during the worship service for special announcements. That space has allowed us to regather as a vibrant Christian community. Having achieved that purpose, I will now ask you to rely on the announcements in the bulletin for information about events, ministries and expressions of gratitude related to the life of our parish. Special announcements will only be allowed if they are urgent or necessary for the good of our parish family. If allowed, I will encourage you to be as brief as possible. I look forward to witnessing your continued growth in the power of the Spirit.
Fr. Ramsey

We extend a warm welcome to **guests, friends, visitors** and **newcomers** joining us for Sunday worship. All baptized persons are invited to receive **Holy Communion** at the altar.

Readings for Sept 22nd – Sept 27th

Monday, September 22, 2025

Psalm 106:40-48; Jeremiah 9:12-26; Acts 4:1-12;

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Psalm 106:40-48; Jeremiah 10:1-16; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23;

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Psalm 106:40-48; Jeremiah 10:17-25; Luke 20:45-21:4;

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jeremiah 23:9-22; 2 Corinthians 8:8-15;

Friday, September 26, 2025

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jeremiah 23:23-32; Ephesians 2:1-10;

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jeremiah 24:1-10; Luke 9:43b-48

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Prelude

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THE WORD OF GOD

The Lessons

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1
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1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel Hymn: *Fairest Lord Jesus* H - 383

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The Peace

Blessing of Paraments

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Choral Offertory Anthem: "Hallelujah Is the Highest Praise"

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Postlude

The following dates are available if you would like to donate **flowers to be placed on the altar** with a memorial tribute: September 28th, October 5th, October 12th, October 19th and October 26th. Please call our floral liaison, Gail Hunt (757.619.1412), to make arrangements.



**EXTRA!
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The Cross and Anchor

quarterly issue is out! Thank You to the editors, Janet Neeley-Johnson and Paulette Ellis, for their commitment to this project. An electronic copy was sent to every parishioner who has an email registered with the church. Printed copies are available for those with no email. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically and have never submitted your email to the Church Office, please do so.

The church's new green **parament** set was donated by *Charity Stone*, in memory of her late husband, *Daniel Stone*, a graduate of St. Paul's College.

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

The **Men's Club** will meet today after church service. The meeting will take place in the library.

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.

TO ALL THOSE READING THIS BULLETIN

(and those Not reading it):

There is a ministry at Grace Church for you...

If you or your organization has a planned meeting in the church (outside of church hours), please notify your friendly church *sexton* so that he can unlock the building for you and secure it afterwards. Please and thank you.

For Your Information

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Please have **announcements for the bulletin** submitted to the church office by noon on Tuesdays...in writing.

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
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Robena Vaughan.....Harbor's Edge 1 Colley Ave-AL #302, Norf 23510
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1309 Kempsville Rd Norfolk 23502
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