

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 | John Wiley, V

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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 26th, 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. All baptized persons are invited to receive **Holy Communion**.

Dorethea Bagby passed away on October 17th. Her funeral will take place at Metropolitan Funeral Service (Granby Chapel) on Monday, November 10th, at 11am.

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Hilary H. Jones, III (Buzzy) passed away on October 17th. His funeral takes place tomorrow (October 26th), here at Grace, at noon.

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*May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Weekly Readings

- **Monday, October 27, 2025:**
Psalm 87; Joel 3:1-8; 1 Peter 4:12-19;
- **Tuesday, October 28, 2025:**
Psalm 87; Joel 3:9-16; 1 Peter 5:1-11;
- **Wednesday, October 29, 2025:**
Psalm 87; Joel 3:17-20; Matthew 21:28-32;
- **Thursday, October 30, 2025:**
Psalm 119:137-144; Jeremiah 33:14-26; 2 Corinthians 1:1-11;;
- **Friday, October 31, 2025:**Psalm 119:137-144; Habakkuk 1:5-17; 2 Peter 1:1-11;
- **Saturday, November 01, 2025:**
Psalm 119:137-144; Habakkuk 2:5-11; John 8:39-47

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

Prelude

Processional Hymn: *Thou, Whose Almighty Word*

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The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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Kyrie:

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The Collect of the Day

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THE WORD OF GOD

The Lessons

Joel 2:23-32

Psalm 65

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2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Hymn: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

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The Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Ramsey

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Prayers of the People (Form IV)

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Confession of Sin

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The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

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The Sanctus-Benedictus (L - 253)

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The Lord's Prayer (L - 264)

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Fraction Anthem (L - 268)

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Communion Hymns: LEVAS #'s 137, 153 & 152

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

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Recessional Hymn: *How Firm a Foundation*

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God, by
Rose Dykeman, Peter Mayoles and family, in honor
Benjamin Dykeman, Sr. on his Heavenly Birthday (October 25th).*

The following dates are available if you would like to donate
flowers to be placed on the altar with a memorial tribute:
November 9th, November 16th and November 23rd.
Please contact our floral liaison,
Gail Hunt (757.619.1412), for arrangements.

From the **Stewardship, Vitalization Sub-Committee**
Tee-shirts with the Grace Episcopal Church logo are
on-hand for purchase (\$16). The available sizes are 2X
& L. We'll be wearing these shirts at some special
events. Please see *Pat Edwards* if you are interested.

Help Wanted

The **Altar Guild** is responsible for the altar and
other parts of the church. If you feel this ministry
is one in which you would like to participate,
please contact one of the
co-chairs, *Melissa Hunter* (757.548.8017)

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

HARVEST FEST 2025

Join us this Friday, October 31, from 6–8 PM for an evening full
of fall fun! Enjoy delicious food, great music and our always
exciting **annual Trunk or Treat!**

Want to be part of the fun?

We'd love volunteers and cars (if you choose to decorate) to
make the night extra special. To sign up, contact *Paulette Ellis* at
757-536-4457.

Bring your family, your friends and your sweet tooth!!

+General Volunteers+

Please arrive at **4:00 PM** to help us get everything ready.

++Trunk or Treat Participants++

Please arrive by **5:30 PM** to set up your cars.

+++Candy donations are *greatly appreciated+++*

Drop off location: Parish Hall (candy bin)

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.

The Church Office will be closed on
Wednesday, October 29th.

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
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
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2077 S. Independence Blvd, Va Beach 23453
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1309 Kempsville Rd Norfolk 23502
Joe Williams.....2113 Burnside Pl, Chesapeake, 23325