

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

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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
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Daughters of the King (DOK).....Beverly Powell & Angela King
Episcopal Church Women (ECW).....Angela King
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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

**December 14th, 2025
The Third Sunday of Advent**

Grace Episcopal Church

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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**.



- **Monday, December 15, 2025:** Psalm 42; Isaiah 29:17-24; Acts 5:12-16;
- **Tuesday, December 16, 2025:** Psalm 42; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Jude 1:17-25;
- **Wednesday, December 17, 2025:** Psalm 42; Zechariah 8:1-17; Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34;
- **Thursday, December 18, 2025:** Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Galatians 3:23-29;
- **Friday, December 19, 2025:** Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:18-22; Galatians 4:1-7;
- **Saturday, December 20, 2025:** Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:23-29; John 3:31-36

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II – 10:15AM

Prelude

Processional Hymn: *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* H - 57

The Acclamation and Collect for Purity Page 355

Trisagion H – S102

The Collect of the Day Page 160

THE WORD OF GOD

The Lessons

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146:4-9

James 5:7-10

Gospel Hymn: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* H - 66

The Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People (Form I)

Confession of Sin

The Peace

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

The Sanctus-Benedictus

The Lord's Prayer (L - 264)

Fraction Anthem: (L - 268)

Communion Hymns: LEVAS #'s 14, 13, 152

Post Communion Prayer

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *Blest Be the King Whose Coming*

Postlude H - 74

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."*

PRAYERS FOR WELLNESS AND COMFORT

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| 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 |
| Ros Neal..... | <i>Harmony at Independence</i> 2077 S. Independence Blvd, Va Beach 23453 |
| Doris Parrish..... | 3645 Wedgefield Ave, Norfolk 23502 |
| Scarlet M. Parson..... | The Waterford #208 5417 Wesleyan Dr, Va Beach 23455 |
| Robena Vaughan..... | Harbor's Edge 1 Colley Ave-AL #302, Norf 23510 |
| Joe Williams..... | 2113 Burnside Pl, Chesapeake, 23325 |

A Wonderful Opportunity for Service!

Are you a lady with a warm smile and a heart for service? We invite you to become the vital “first face” of Grace Church by joining the **Ushers & Greeters**. This essential ministry is dedicated to ensuring that every guest and member feels genuinely welcomed, loved and at ease from the moment they walk through our doors. If this sounds like you, please see *Daschell Copeland* or *Chucky Carballo*.

Christmas Eve service will take place on Wednesday, December 24th, at 7pm. There will be no service on Christmas Day.

Memorial Donations

Beverly Davis donated \$100 to the **Daughters of the King**, in memory of Rosemary Fonville, \$100 to the **Altar Guild**, in remembrance of Harriett Goodrich and \$100 to the **Adult Choir**, in memory of Alicia Williams.

Alisa & Chris Greene contributed \$50 to the **Adult Choir**, in memory of Rosemary Fonville and \$50 to the **Adult Choir**, in memory of Alicia Williams.

Robert Selden made a monetary gift of \$100 to the **Daughters of the King**, in memory of Rosemary Fonville.

Your 2026 **offering envelopes** are available. You can pick them up in the **Martin Bible Study Room**, which is located next to Mary's Corner.



Join us for **Coffee Time** in the parish hall every Sunday before and after service.

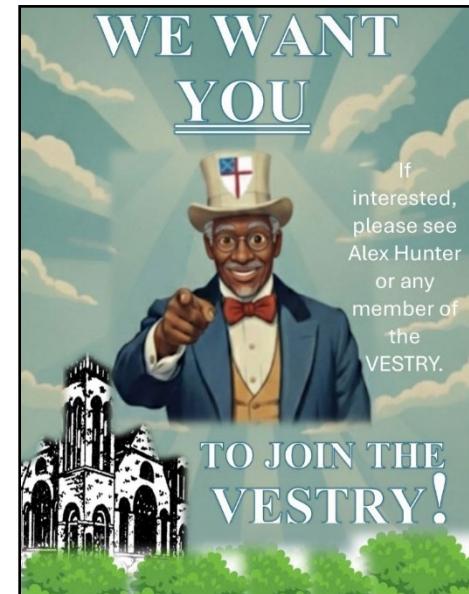
Today is the deadline for **Angel Tree** donations. Please see Alisa Greene.

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 Advent booklet, “**A Season of Comfort and Hope**,” is now on sale at the **bookstore (Mary's Corner)** for \$3.00. **Mary's Corner** also offers greeting cards, jewelry, books, drinks and snacks.



The **parish hall** is a welcome space for all. After using it, *please remove all of your organization's paraphernalia* so as not to impede the use of the venue for the next organization, ministry, group, guest or renter.