

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

**CHURCH STAFF**

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**PARISH TRUSTEES**

Dr. Robert Johnson | Darryl Mitchell | Dr. Fred Quarles  
Paul R. Riddick, Sr. | Dr. Richard O. Wright

**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)  
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Episcopal Church Women (ECW).....Angela King  
Episcopal Youth Community (EYC).....Margaret McCourt  
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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
First Sunday after Christmas Day**

*Grace Episcopal Church*

**The Servant Church**

Since 1883



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

**Church Office**

Tuesday-Friday | 11am-4pm

Fr. Ramsey's Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday | 10am-4:30pm

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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**.



**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 10:30am**

Weekly Readings

**Monday, December 29, 2025:**

Psalm 20; Jeremiah 31:15-22; Luke 19:41-44;

**Tuesday, December 30, 2025:**

Psalm 20; Isaiah 26:1-9; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18;

**Wednesday, December 31, 2025:**

Psalm 20; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19;

**Thursday, January 01, 2026:**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a;

Matthew 25:31-46;

**Friday, January 02, 2026:**

Psalm 20; Genesis 12:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-12;

**Saturday, January 04, 2025:** Psalm 72; Isaiah 6:1-5; Acts 7:44-53

### First Sunday after Christmas Day

#### HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

10:15am

#### Prelude

Processional Hymn: *Joy to the World*

The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Trisagion

The Collect of the Day

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#### THE WORD OF GOD

##### The Lessons

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

Psalm 147

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Gospel Hymn: *Away in a Manger*

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##### **THE GOSPEL:** John 1:1-18

The Sermon: The Rev. Deacon Darlene Jackson

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#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

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The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

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Communion Hymns: Hymnal #'s 89 & 79

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The Blessing

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Recessional Hymn: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Postlude

## 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."*

### PRAIERS FOR WELLNESS AND COMFORT

Cecelia Anderson.....	6320 Auburn Dr, Va. Beach 23464
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**Dr. John Hopkins** died on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Services are pending.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.



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

### **Annual Parish Meeting - January 25th**

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on the last Sunday in January. Parishioner attendance is kindly requested.

#### Why attend?

Attending this meeting shows concern about what's going on at Grace. You should be interested in the leadership, your fellow church members, building & grounds...as well as making sure everything aligns with your faith and values. Also, on this day, we will elect three new vestry members.

We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **To All Ministry Leaders and Committee Chairs:**

Fr. Ramsey is asking that you **submit your Annual Report** to the Church Office by **1/15/26**. The Annual Report will include all ministry reports, the Grace Church Treasurer's Report and the Grace Proposed Budget for 2026. Please and thank you.

#### **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*.

Your **2026 offering envelopes** are available. You can pick them up from the bureau just outside the Choir Room.



#### **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 Cross and Anchor** quarterly issue is out!

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.