

**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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**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)  
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

**First Sunday after the Epiphany:  
The Baptism of the Lord  
January 11th, 2026**

*Grace Episcopal Church*

The Servant Church  
Since 1883



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

**Church Office**

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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**.



### Weekly Readings

- **Monday, January 12, 2026:** Psalm 89:5-37; Genesis 35:1-15; Acts 10:44-48;
- **Tuesday, January 13, 2026:** Psalm 89:5-37; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 8:4-13;
- **Wednesday, January 14, 2026:** Psalm 89:5-37; Isaiah 51:1-16; Matthew 12:15-21;
- **Thursday, January 15, 2026:** Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 22:15-25; Galatians 1:6-12;
- **Friday, January 16, 2026:** Psalm 40:1-11; Genesis 27:30-38; Acts 1:1-5;
- **Saturday, January 17, 2026:** Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 5:1-11

## First Sunday after the Epiphany HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II 10:15AM

Prelude

Processional Hymn: *What Star Is This*

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### THE WORD OF GOD

#### The Lessons

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Gospel Hymn: *We Three Kings*

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**The Gospel:** Matthew 3:13-17

The Sermon: The Rev. Derek Pringle

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Prayers of the People (Form III)

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The Peace

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

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### 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.

#### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

#### Given to the glory of God by

#### *The Adult Choir*

\$200 (\$100 per person) to

#### *The Martha Ministry,*

in memory of dearly missed choir members,

*Rosemary Fonville* and *Alicia Williams*.

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Paulette Ellis donated \$25 to

*The Daughters of the King (DOK)*, in memory of

*Rosemary Fonville*

and \$25 to *The Men of Grace*, in memory of *Carl Hill*.

**Many Thanks** - for your gifts, cards and best wishes during the Christmas season. Your generosity and expressions of love made this year a very special Christmas for me. May God bless each of you for your care and kindness. *Fr. Ramsey*

**If you'd like to place flowers on the altar with a memorial tribute, please contact Gail Hunt at 757.619.1412.**

The **JSR UBE** has chosen to have a **Food Drive** in lieu of the annual Absalom Jones Program. Each church will be asked to collect canned goods and non-perishables in the name of Absalom Jones. There will be a collection box in the narthex and one in the parish hall for the months of January and February. Monetary donations are also accepted. All donations will be presented to the local Foodbank in the name of Absalom Jones.

The **Men of Grace** and the **Brotherhood of Saint Andrew (BSA)** will be having their annual **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast** on **January 19th, at 9am**. The speaker will be **the Rev. Canon Willis Foster**. Please come out and enjoy this wonderful event. Tickets are \$20.

### 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

**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
- Barbara Massey.....2717 Blueberry Bank, Chesapeake, VA 23325
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2077 S. Independence Blvd, Va Beach 23453
- Doris Parrish.....3645 Wedgefield Ave, Norfolk 23502
- Scarlet M. Parson.....The Waterford #208  
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- Robena Vaughan.....Harbor's Edge 1 Colley Ave-AL #302, Norf 23510
- Joe Williams.....2113 Burnside Pl, Chesapeake, 23325