

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

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Feb 1st, 2026

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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, February 02, 2026:** Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 1:1-18; Philemon 1-25;
- **Tuesday, February 03, 2026:** Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 2:1-16; James 5:1-6;
- **Wednesday, February 04, 2026:** Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22; Luke 6:17-26;
- **Thursday, February 05, 2026:** Psalm 112:1-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 1 John 5:1-5;
- **Friday, February 06, 2026:** Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:1-12; James 3:13-18;
- **Saturday, February 07, 2026:** Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:13-16; Mark 7:1-8

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Postlude

Cecelia Anderson died on January 22nd. Her funeral took place on Friday, January 30th, here at Grace Church.

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Scarlet M. Parson died on January 30th. There is no information at this time about services.

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

Annual Parish Meeting

TODAY

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place today, Feb 1st. 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.

There will be a Zoom **vestry meeting** this Wednesday, February 4th, at 5:30pm.

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.

Volunteers Needed

Winter Shelter at St. Andrews Episcopal Church

St. Andrews (1009 W. Princess Anne Rd., Norfolk) is seeking volunteers to assist with Winter Shelter, where they will be housing members of Norfolk's homeless community from **February 1-7**. If you—or someone you know—would like to volunteer in any capacity, please use the QR code to sign up.



For questions or additional information, please call or text **Alisa Greene** with your name at 757-651-4862.

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.

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

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

Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday | 11am – 4pm
Fr. Ramsey's Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday | 10am – 4:30pm
Parish Administrator's Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday | 11am – 4pm

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

- 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
- Ros Neal..... *Harmony at Independence*
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- Doris Parrish.....19401 SW 113th Ct, Miami , FL 33157
- Robena Vaughan.....Harbor's Edge 1 Colley Ave-AL #302, Norf 23510
- Joe Williams...2113 Burnside Pl, Chesapeake, 23325



4 EPIPHANY

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



Revised Common Lectionary

Sunday, February 1, 2026

COLLECT

Traditional

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

HEAR WHAT THE LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 1-12

WHEN JESUS SAW THE CROWDS, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Refrain

The righteous shall abide upon God's holy hill.

Psalm 15 *from* The Book of Common Prayer

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| 1 LORD, who may dwell
in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon
your holy hill? | 4 In his sight the wicked
is rejected, * but he
honors those who fear
the LORD. |
| 2 Whoever leads a blame-
less life and does what
is right, * who speaks
the truth from his
heart. | 5 He has sworn to do no
wrong * and does not
take back his word. |
| 3 There is no guile upon
his tongue; he does no
evil to his friend; * he
does not heap contempt
upon his neighbor. | 6 He does not give his
money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe
against the innocent. |
| | 7 Whoever does these
things * shall never be
overthrown. |

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

THE MESSAGE ABOUT THE CROSS is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."