

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

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Acolytes.....Diane Allen
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Praise Dancers.....LaQuetta Porter & Donna Coles
Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE).....Michele McCoy
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February 15th, 2026
Last Sunday after the Epiphany
The Feast of Absalom Jones

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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 16, 2026:

Psalms 78:17-20, 52-55; Exodus 33:7-23; Acts 7:30-34;

Tuesday, February 17, 2026:

Psalms 78:17-20, 52-55; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 11:1-6;

Wednesday, February 18, 2026:

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2

Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thursday, February 19, 2026:

Psalm 51; Jonah 3:1-10; Romans 1:1-7;

Friday, February 20, 2026:

Psalm 51; Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 1:8-17;

Saturday, February 21, 2026:

Psalm 51; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 18:1-7

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

10:15am

Prelude

Processional Hymn: *Earth Has Many, A Noble City*

The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Trisagion

The Collect of the Day

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THE WORD OF GOD

The Lessons

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel Hymn: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

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THE GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

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

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Prayers of the People (Form III)

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A Litany for the Feast of Absalom Jones

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Choral Offertory Anthem

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

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The Sanctus-Benedictus

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The Lord's Prayer

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Fraction Anthem:

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Communion Hymns: LEVAS #'s 147, 153, 152

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

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Recessional Hymn: *O Wondrous Type!*

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Postlude

Sermon Notes

Title/Topic/Gospel _____

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“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

- 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*
2077 S. Independence Blvd, Va Beach 23453
- Doris Parrish.....19401 SW 113th Ct, Miami, FL 33157
- Ernestine Swain.....5933 Dorothy Bolton Ct, Alexandria, VA 22310
- Robena Vaughan.....*Harbor's Edge*
1 Colley Ave - AL #302, Norfolk 23510
- Joe Williams.....2113 Burnside Pl, Chesapeake, 23325

Come One, Come All...

On Sunday, February 22nd, there will be a
Healing Service for All.

Please invite your family and friends to this
very special, very needed service.

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“I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions and
thanksgivings be made for everyone.”

1 Timothy 2:1

Today Is Absalom Jones/UBE Sunday

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.

Leon & Anne Bunch donated \$100 to the church,
in memory of their beloved friend,
G. Rosemary W. Fonville.
Gone, but not forgotten...

The service for Dr. John Hopkins will take place at 1pm
on February 19th at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Veterans
Memorial Cemetery in Suffolk, Virginia.

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

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.

Ash Wednesday service, with Holy Eucharist and the
imposition of ashes, is on Wednesday, February 18th, at 12pm.



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve as Senior Warden during this season in the life of our parish. As we move through the coming weeks, please know that parish leadership remains steady and committed to supporting our worship, ministries, and one another. I look forward to working alongside the Vestry and with you as we continue faithfully together.

Most Sincerely,

Melinda

Melinda N. Gainer

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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