

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

Second Sunday in Lent
March 1st , 2026

CHURCH STAFF

Vacant - Rector
Charles Carballo, Jr. - Sexton
Randy Walston – Organist/Pianist
Stephanie Johnson – Parish Administrator

THE VESTRY

Melinda Gainer - Rector's Warden Corey Brooks – People's Warden
Valencia Ingram – Secretary | Beverly Powell - Register
Jerald Edwards | Paulette Ellis | Kenneth Miller | Ruth Rose | Jeff Smith | Wanda Watters
Robert Johnson – Treasurer Elbert Smith – Building & Grounds Superintendent

PARISH TRUSTEES

Dr. Robert Johnson | Darryl Mitchell | Dr. Fred Quarles

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

Grace Episcopal Church

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Since 1883



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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, March 02, 2026:** Psalm 128; Numbers 21:4-9; Hebrews 3:1-6;
- **Tuesday, March 03, 2026:** Psalm 128; Isaiah 65:17-25; Romans 4:6-13;
- **Wednesday, March 04, 2026:** Psalm 128; Ezekiel 36:22-32; John 7:53-8:11;
- **Thursday, March 05, 2026:** Psalm 95; Exodus 16:1-8; Colossians 1:15-23;
- **Friday, March 06, 2026:** Psalm 95; Exodus 16:9-21; Ephesians 2:11-22;
- **Saturday, March 07, 2026:** Psalm 95; Exodus 16:27-35; John 4:1-6;

Second Sunday in Lent HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II 10:15AM

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| Prelude | |
| Processional Hymn: <i>Lord, Who Through-out These Forty Days</i> | H- 142 |
| The Acclamation and Collect for Purity | Page 355 |
| Trisagion | H-S102 |
| The Collect of the Day | Page 218 |

THE WORD OF GOD

The Lessons

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| Genesis 12:1-4a | |
| Psalm 121 | |
| Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 | |
| Gospel Hymn: <i>Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross</i> | L- 29 |
| The Gospel: John 3:1-17 | |
| The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Stanley Sawyer | |
| Nicene Creed | Page 358 |
| Prayers of the People (Form III) | Page 387 |
| Confession of Sin | Page 360 |
| The Peace | |

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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| The Offertory | |
| The Doxology | |
| The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A | Page 361 |
| The Sanctus-Benedictus (L - 253) | Page 253 |
| The Lord's Prayer (L - 264) | Page 364 |
| Fraction Anthem (L - 269) | |
| Communion Hymns: LEVAS #'s 147, 152 | |
| Post Communion Prayer | Page 365 |
| The Blessing | Page 366 |
| Recessional Hymn: <i>Now Quit Your Care and Anxious Fear</i> | H- 145 |
| 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.”

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.....17401 SW 113th Ct, Miami, FL 33157
- Ernestine Swain.....5933 Dorothy Bolton Ct, Alexandria, VA 2231
- Robena Vaughan.....Harbor's Edge 1 Colley Ave-AL #302, Norf 23510
- Joe Williams.....2113 Burnside Pl, Chesapeake, 23325

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

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.

Join us on **Facebook** and stay connected with all that's happening at Grace Episcopal Church! Be the first to see upcoming events, worship updates, community outreach, and encouraging messages throughout the week. We'd love for you to be part of our online church family. Like, follow, and share to help us spread the word!



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.

Please have all announcements submitted to the Church Office by noon on Wednesdays.

JOIN THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Help Tell the Story of Grace

Grace Episcopal Church is seeking creative, organized, and committed individuals to serve on the **Communications Committee**.

Our mission is simple:

To ensure that everything we say and share reflects who we are as a parish and supports our mission to bring people to Christ.

What the Communications Committee Does:

- Share parish announcements and event information
- Support church communications (email, print, and digital)
- Help promote ministries and special events
- Ensure clear, consistent messaging across all platforms
- Assist with content development, editing, and review

No technical expertise is required — training and support will be provided.

If you can write clearly, organize information, take photos, design graphics, or have an eye for detail, your gifts are needed.

Why Join?

- Serve the church in a meaningful, behind-the-scenes ministry
- Use your skills to strengthen parish engagement
- Support outreach efforts within the parish and community
- Be part of a collaborative and creative team

If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact:

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