

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

**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**March 8<sup>th</sup> , 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**

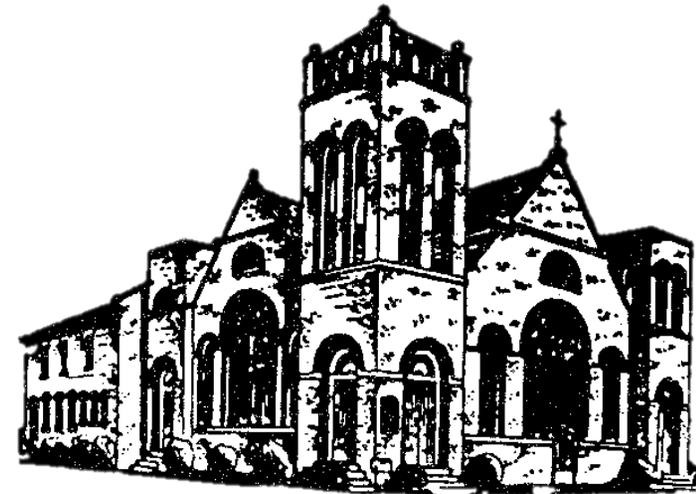
Jerome Bynum | Roscoe Coles | Maria Herbert | Kenneth Miller  
Darryl Mitchell | Michele McCoy | Dale Murray | Ruth Rose | John Wiley, V

**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

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The Servant Church  
Since 1883



**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, March 09, 2026:** Psalm 81; Genesis 24:1-27; 2 John 1:1-13;
- **Tuesday, March 10, 2026:** Psalm 81; Genesis 29:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4;
- **Wednesday, March 11, 2026:** Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31, 37-39;
- **Thursday, March 12, 2026:** Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21; Ephesians 4:25-32;
- **Friday, March 13, 2026:** Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9;
- **Saturday, March 14, 2026:** Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34; John 1:1-9

## HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II 10:15AM

Prelude

Processional Hymn: *The God of Abraham Praise*

The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Trisagion

The Collect of the Day

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### THE WORD OF GOD

#### The Lessons

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

Gospel Hymn: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

**The Gospel:** John 4:5-42

The Sermon: The Rev. Carleton B. Bakkum

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People (Form III)

Confession of Sin

The Peace

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

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### THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

The Sanctus-Benedictus (L - 253)

The Lord's Prayer (L - 264)

Fraction Anthem (L - 269)

Communion Hymns: LEVAS #'s 206, 152

Post Communion Prayer

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *King of My Life I Crown Thee*

Postlude

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**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 113<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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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or

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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

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!



### **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 for **Coffee Time** in the parish hall every Sunday before and after service.

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.

**For Your Information**

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