

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

**CHURCH STAFF**

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

**THE VESTRY**

Melinda Gainer - Rector's Warden (757.615.2831) | Corey Brooks – People's Warden (757.202.4697)  
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

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*Grace Episcopal Church*

The Servant Church  
Since 1883



Church Office

Tuesday-Friday | 11am-4pm  
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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**.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

takes place on the  
second and fourth Sunday  
of every month.



### Weekly Readings

- **Monday, April 27, 2026:** Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5;
- **Tuesday, April 28, 2026:** Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21;
- **Wednesday, April 29, 2026:** Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28;
- **Thursday, April 30, 2026:** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-15;
- **Friday, May 01, 2026:** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16;
- **Saturday, May 02, 2026:** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59

## HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II – 10:15AM

Prelude

Processional Hymn: *Christ Is Alive*

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The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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Kyrie:

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The Collect of the Day

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### The Lessons

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel Hymn: *My Faith Looks up to Thee*

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The Gospel: John 10:1-10

The Sermon: The Rev. Carleton B. Baakum

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People (Form III)

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Confession of Sin

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The Peace

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

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 272, 214, 252

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

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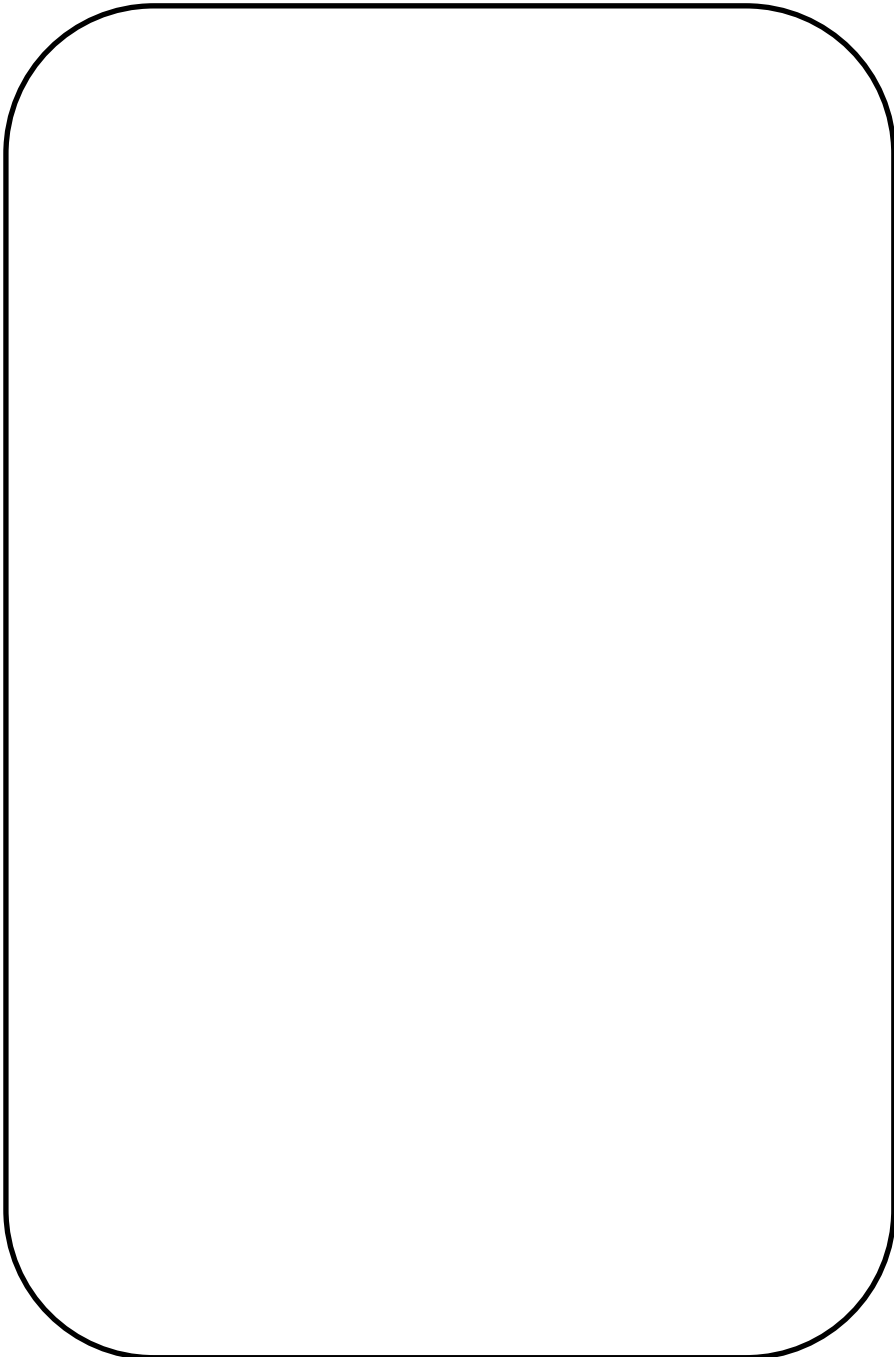
Recessional Hymn: *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

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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..... 16351 Rotundra Dr, Apt #55, Dearborn, MI 48120
- 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



**105 Years of Love**  
Our oldest parishioner, **Doris Parrish**, celebrated her **105th birthday** on April 17<sup>th</sup>!  
Belated **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**, Doris!! Congratulations on your **Five Score and Five!**

++ *If you'd like to send Doris a card, her address is listed above.* ++

There will be a **Parish Meeting on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. Please plan on attending as topics of critical importance will be discussed.

If you need **transportation** or can provide transportation to/from, please let the **Senior Warden, Melinda Gainer**, know.

### 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.

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

### FYI

We offer **gluten-free wafers** for our communicants who are gluten intolerant. When you come up to receive Holy Communion, just let the server know.

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.

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!



### Ways to Give

- 1) Place offering in collection plate at Sunday service.
- 2) Mail your offering to the church at 1400 E. Brambleton Ave, Norf, 23504 or 600 Church St, PO Box 1003, Norf 23501
- 3) Bring your offering to the church, and place it in the Brambleton Ave mail slot.
- 4) Donate securely online on the church website, [www.gracechurchnorfolk.com](http://www.gracechurchnorfolk.com).

### For Your Information

Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday | 11am – 4pm  
Parish Administrator's Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday | 11am – 4pm

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