

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

May 3, 2026
The Fifth 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, May 04, 2026:** Psalm 102:1-17; Exodus 13:17-22; Acts 7:17-40;
- **Tuesday, May 05, 2026:** Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:5-12; Acts 7:44-56;
- **Wednesday, May 06, 2026:** Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:13-18; John 8:31-38;
- **Thursday, May 07, 2026:** Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 6:5-22; Acts 27:1-12;
- **Friday, May 08, 2026:** Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 7:1-24; Acts 27:13-38;
- **Saturday, May 09, 2026:** Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 8:13-19; John 14:27-29

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II – 10:15AM

Prelude

Processional Hymn: *Praise to the Lord*

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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 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel Hymn: *Amazing Grace*

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The Gospel: John 14:1-14

The Sermon: The Rev. Carleton B. Baakum

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People (Form IV)

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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 19, 109, 252

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

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Recessional Hymn: *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

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Postlude

SERMON NOTES

Title/Topic/Gospel _____

Large rounded rectangular box for sermon notes.



“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 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

The church is now equipped with a **new defibrillator**. It is located to the right of the rector's office and diagonally across from the library.

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

The ladies **servicing the altar** for May are:
Thelma Burns-Bynum, Gail Hunt, Dolores Johnson, Carla Riddick and Charity Stone. Please direct any altar or service-related questions to them.

The **Altar Guild** is a group of women in the church whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels and altar linens of the parish. They prepare the sanctuary for *all* services. The members of the **Altar Guild** serve the church under the direction of the rector. Although it is a "behind the scenes" ministry, it is most critical to the service of the church. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please see **Melissa Hunter or Kitty Hill**.

The vestry meets this Wednesday at 5:30pm.

An Exciting Array of Helpful Hodgepodge...

Mary's Corner

- ✓ All occasion greeting cards
- ✓ Books (prayerbooks, journals, hymnals)
- ✓ Drinks & candy
- ✓ Doo-hickies, whatnots, whatchamacallits

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.



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



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.

For Your Information

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