

# The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ



## Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, January 10, 2021

5:30 p.m.

## PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN • *There's a sweet, sweet spirit*

## WELCOME FROM THE CLERGY

## ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY *Said by all together.*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to His people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON • Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 29** *Afferte Domino*    *Sung by the choir.*

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
  
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
  
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
  
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
  
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**SEQUENCE HYMN** ● *Of the Father's love begotten*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL • Mark 1:4-11

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Kevin Antonio Smallwood

THE NICENE CREED *Said by all, standing*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Standing or kneeling, as you prefer.*

*Intercessor* Through Christ we are anointed with the Holy Spirit in baptism. May the same Spirit inspire us as we offer our prayers, responding, “Hear us, God of Glory.”

*Intercessor* For an overflowing gift of generosity, that we may reflect God’s abundant care for all of creation, lifting others out of systemic poverty, increasing the mission work of our churches, and reaping the joy of a generous life; let us pray.

*People* **Hear us, God of Glory.**

*Intercessor* For the courage to walk through the tranquil and turbulent waters of life, knowing that in our baptism we died with Christ in darkness and joined him in the risen light; let us pray.

*People* **Hear us, God of Glory.**

*Intercessor* For Joseph, our President-Elect, and all who exercise authority in the nations of the world, that they will faithfully establish justice on earth, and carry the torch of freedom and peace into all their deliberations; let us pray.

*People* **Hear us, God of Glory.**

*Intercessor* For the Church, that it may bear witness to Jesus’ forgiveness and love, offering to those outside its walls the light that illumines all darkness and releases humanity from the grip of sin; let us pray.

*People* **Hear us, God of Glory.**

*Intercessor* That we may know our identity through the voice of God, who claims us as his beloved sons and daughters, and invites us to share in his earthly mission; let us pray.

*People* **Hear us, God of Glory.**

*Intercessor* In thanksgiving for the Body and Blood of Christ, a foretaste of that heavenly banquet upon which the faithful departed continually feast; especially Drew Nealley on his 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday, beloved son of Sarah and Eric Nealley, and brother of Harrison Nealley, in whose memory we dedicate the altar flowers on this day, let us pray.

*People* **Hear us, God of Glory.**

*Intercessor* In companionship with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints whose constant intercession strengthens our faith, let us continue our prayers.

*Intercessor* That all in our own community, and those among us who are dispirited, broken-hearted, sick, aged and lonely, Judy & family; Ruth & family; Belva; Denise; Louise & Michael; Wayne & family; Kennita; Deborah; Steve; Sandra; Don; Roderick; Jim & family; Mary; Mária; Laurie; Mary; the McFarlane family; Elfrida; Anne; Dave; Marti; Traci; Geri; Fay; Clyde; Helen; Elizabeth; Rachel; Carol; Noe; Bill; and Alfred, and for those persons on the Friends of Grace prayer list, may have courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation: Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Hear us, God of Glory.**

*Intercessor* We pray for the special needs and concerns of this community. We pray for the Faridullah family, and all of our refugee ministry volunteers helping the Faridullahs adjust to life in

the United States. We pray for the men and women serving in the armed forces, that they and their families may be sustained by grace. We pray for our Vestry, staff, lay leaders, and Day School faculty and staff, that God may guide them in their work and ministry. Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Hear us, God of Glory.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray together for our Rector Search Committee and their process.

*People* **O God, who has guided and sustained this parish in the past, we thank you for being our companion on our search for a new rector. Give us patience when the journey seems long, courage when the way seems uncertain, and humor when the way seems frustrating. Bless the Search Committee and the Vestry. Give to them and to the candidates they consider wisdom and discernment. And give us your grace, that we may be a community of love to support each other in this search. Amen.**

In companionship with the angels of light, we continue our prayers.

#### CONCLUDING COLLECT

*Celebrant* Loving God, we offer you our prayers, some in words, others written in our hearts. Read our hearts; hear our prayers; and continue to shed on us your light, Christ Jesus, who is Lord, this day and forever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*All* Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

## THE ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

THE PEACE 

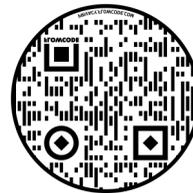
*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE OFFERTORY

*If you would like to make a donation to the ongoing ministry of Grace Church, there is an offering box in the back of the Church, or you may use the QR code above.*



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.

*People*        **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*        **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

### SANCTUS • S-125

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Celebrant and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Celebrant continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

*Celebrant* Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*All* **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## FRACTION ANTHEM

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Said by all, standing or kneeling as you prefer.*

Celebrant            Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## EPIPHANY BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN ● *Baptized in water*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:*    **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE ●

## PASTORAL CARE

There are many ways to connect with Grace Church in times of joy and need. To share news or request pastoral support, please call the parish office (301-585-3515), and outside of office hours, the church voicemail will direct you to the clergy. To add a name to the prayer list, please email Parish Administrator Tracy Holmes at [tracy@graceepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:tracy@graceepiscopalchurch.org)

Throughout the week, the clergy and Grace Church chapter of the Daughters of the King pray for the people listed on our prayer list. The Daughters of the King also pray daily for those who submit prayer requests; however, since the prayer box in the Chapel is not accessible to most during the pandemic, we have established a private and confidential email address to which your prayers may be submitted. (See announcement on page 19.) Please send your requests to [dok@graceepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:dok@graceepiscopalchurch.org). We welcome your prayers via Zoom, the clergy, or email.

Please join us by holding these people in your hearts and prayers. Names will remain on the Friends of Grace prayer list for four weeks.

## GRACE CHURCH MEMBERS

Judy Biagas & family; Ruth Buckley & family; Belva Burney; Denise Brown-Collie; Louise & Michael Clark; Wayne Clarke & family; Kennita Collard; Deborah M. Copeland; Steve Crockett; Sandra Friedman; Don Giles; Roderick Harrison; Jim Henley & family; Mary Hughes; Mária Jenkins; Laurie Joyner; Mary Lyons; the McFarlane family; Elfrida O'Reilly Campbell; Anne Petersen; Dave Spruth; Traci Thompson; Geri Twitty; Fay Webber; Clyde Wheeler; Helen Wheeler; Elizabeth Wilson; Rachel Hardwick; Carol Ubosi; Noe Jacobs; Bill Stroker; and Alfred Ekuban.

## FRIENDS OF GRACE

The Dana Grabiner family (friends of Matt Hardwick); Laureline Browder & Charles Browder (cousins of Kecia Brown); Pat & Bob Akes (parents of Amanda Akes-Cardwell); Nikki (mother of Kennita Collard); Ben Hayes (nephew of Sue Crawford); John Dubois, (father of Dawn Patti); John & Margaret Inman & their families (relatives of Ruth Buckley); The Rev. Melissa L. Kean (friend and colleague of Rev. Kevin Antonio Smallwood); Rachael Mogga (sister of Ruth Buckley); Meghan Hughes (daughter of Ruth Buckley); David Petersen (son of Anne Petersen); Catherine Barber (mother of Elaine Barber); Quaashie & Glori Wigglesworth and Stephanie & Ricki Leonard (Student, parent and grandparent, Grace Day School); Grady Stevens (family friend of June Moore); Anna Whitehead, (daughter of Lydia Whitehead); Zenaida Jocson (mother of Zaida Jocson); Millicent, Frank and Madison Green (mother, father and sister of Millicent Grant); Sarojini Martin (mother of Carol Ubosi's neighbor); Bill Kafes (father of Victoria Kurtz); Fred Rogers (uncle of Greg Kurtz); Gil (friend of Megan Bly & Scott Wunsch); Audrey & Alan Peterson (parents of Cheryl Peterson); Laurie Gadsden (sister-in-law of Pam Dahill); and Lisa Woods (family member of Joyce Gwadz).

Blessings to all those celebrating birthdays during the first 10 days of January: Steve Dean, Owen Moffatt, Joycelyn Schulken, Meg Safford, Timothy Rogers, Jack Vollmerhausen, Thomas Fowler, Helen Spence, Jeffrey Swedberg, Kathryn Allen, Luke Dahill, Mary Anne Gehrenbeck, and Heidi McCarey.



Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of Andrew "Drew" Nealley on his 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday, beloved son of Sarah and Eric Nealley, and brother of Harrison Nealley

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## The Season of Epiphany

During the season of Epiphany, we proclaim and rejoice in the revelation of Jesus Christ as Lord and King. The word “epiphany” means “to manifest,” “make known,” or even “to reveal.” Epiphany begins on January 6, the Day of Epiphany, when we remember the coming of the Wise Men to visit the Christ child. Throughout the Epiphany season, the scriptures are full of revelations about who Jesus is and who he calls us to be. The season of Epiphany ends the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday when the season of Lent begins.

## 2021 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2021 were mailed to parishioners who requested them on Tuesday, December 29. If you wish to receive envelopes and do not receive them by the January 5, please contact the church office. If you have any questions, please contact our fiscal officer Gib Baily at 301-585-3515

## Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King is a prayer ministry. We pray daily for the whole Grace Church community and offer healing prayers every third Sunday of the month at 10:00am prior to the 10:30am church service. Due to COVID-19, the prayer box in the Chapel has not been accessible, so we’ve set up a confidential and private email address.

**If you have any prayer requests that you would like to ask of the Daughters of the King, please send your request to [dok@graceepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:dok@graceepiscopalchurch.org)**  
We welcome your prayers via Zoom, the clergy, or email.

## Coffee Hour with the Preacher—Sundays @ Noon

Join fellow parishioners via Zoom for a 30-minute guided conversation hosted by Sunday’s preacher. Bring your own coffee/tea and enjoy a time of meaningful reflection based on the sermon. Logon to your Zoom account and enter the following **Meeting ID: 883 7148 4755** and **Password: Coffee** to participate. For more information, contact [Rev. Rich.](#)

## **In-Person Indoor Communion Service**

Join us for in-person worship of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Grace Church sanctuary! To best prepare for this service, please see our [Orientation Packet](#), including a list of FAQs, the Covenant for Regathering (to which all participants must adhere), and a floor plan of our building including available seating, restrooms, and entry/exit points. Due to ventilation needs, the church is likely to be chilly. Please bring a jacket! Because of social distancing requirements, space is limited so you **MUST** register in advance to attend the service. Click below to RSVP for the service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II this afternoon, or for the service next Sunday: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany.

[RSVP for 5:30 PM Jan. 10](#)

[RSVP for 5:30 PM Jan. 17](#)

## **Adult Forum: Meet the Candidates for Vestry**

During the January 17 Adult Forum, you will have the opportunity to meet the parishioners standing for election at the Annual Parish Meeting, which takes place via Zoom on Sunday, January 24. The candidates put forward by the Nominating Committee are: Yvonne VanLowe, Sr Warden; Chris Bedal, Jr Warden; Vestry: Methelina (Metty) Scarlett-Jones, Jen Ray & Roger Brown. Diocesan Delegates: Stephanie Gray & Gail Rowe; Vestry Appointed Diocesan Delegate: Cheryl Peterson; Alternate Diocesan Delegate: Paul Brown.

## **Wednesday Evening Compline Service**

You are invited to join Rev. Kevin Antonio for a service of Compline on Wednesday evenings at 7:45. This service is offered on Zoom and Facebook Live via the Grace Church Facebook page. To join Zoom, the **Meeting ID** is 917 0321 5753; **Password: compline**. Or, you may click on the following link [https://zoom.us/j/91703215753?](https://zoom.us/j/91703215753?pwd=TEhvWXA4cVkvMGpkRnBPL0JxWjVOUt09)

[pwd=TEhvWXA4cVkvMGpkRnBPL0JxWjVOUt09](https://zoom.us/j/91703215753?pwd=TEhvWXA4cVkvMGpkRnBPL0JxWjVOUt09)

For more information, please contact [Rev. Kevin Antonio](#).

## **Growing Families Food Train**

Several Grace Church parishioners' families are expanding this winter and welcoming new babies. To help nourish body and spirit during these joyful but sleepless weeks, please consider joining the Grace community in providing a meal to these families. It's as simple as signing up for a date, making or ordering a meal, and dropping it off at the families' home. To participate, or for more information, contact organizer Erin Steele at [erinbonesteele@yahoo.com](mailto:erinbonesteele@yahoo.com) or 240-432-5058.

## **Prayer Shawls Needed**

Through the ministry of the **Daughters of the King**, we have been able to donate eight (8) additional prayer shawls to the Holy Cross Health organization. Thank you to all of those who have donated these beautiful works of art! We are continuing to collect, so if you have the talent and the time, we would love to add your shawls to our collection for patients hospitalized at Holy Cross. Shawls can be dropped off at the church office, located at 9127 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 9am–3:30pm. We'll have them blessed by clergy and send them on to Chaplain Jules Christian at Holy Cross.

## **Altar Flower Dedications**

If you would like to contribute the flowers that are placed on the altar each Sunday in memory of a loved one or a special occasion, the cost is \$50.00. Your dedication will be printed in the bulletin. Please send your request to either Fern Johnson at [fernmjohnson@hotmail.com](mailto:fernmjohnson@hotmail.com), or to Tracy Holmes in the office at [tracy@graceepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:tracy@graceepiscopalchurch.org).

## **Forward Day by Day**

If you would like a copy of the Forward publication “Day by Day,” please email Tracy Holmes at [tracy@graceepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:tracy@graceepiscopalchurch.org), and a copy will be mailed to you. We currently have readings for the month of January.

## **Wade in the Water Racial Justice Ministry**

### **Portrayals of Race in the Movies and on Television**

During the holidays, and especially throughout this pandemic, many of us gathered indoors to watch holiday and other television shows and movies.

Have you considered how people of different races are portrayed in movies and on television, and the influence of those depictions on viewers?

Join Wade in the Water, Grace's racial justice ministry, for a facilitated discussion on how people of different races are portrayed in the movies and on television and the significance of these portrayals on our daily life experiences.

Date: Saturday, January 16th, 2021

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Location: Zoom - **Meeting ID: 989 9143 6521 Password: Wade**

### **Martin Luther King Day Preacher—Sunday, January 17 @ 10:30 a.m.**

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Ebonie Johnson Cooper will be our guest preacher next Sunday, January 17 at the morning service (Martin Luther King Sunday). Ms. Johnson Cooper is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland, College Park. She holds a master of divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary, master of science in Public Relations & Corporate Communication from NYU and a bachelor of science in business administration from N.C. A&T. She will preach at the 10:30 a.m., livestreamed service, and join in Coffee Hour with the Preacher at 12:00 p.m.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

As noted on page 20, the Annual Meeting of Grace Episcopal Church will take place via Zoom on Sunday, January 24 from 9:15-10:15 a.m. We will look back at our accomplishments during the challenging year of 2020, and elect a new class (2024) to our Vestry. If you are Ministry Leader at Grace Church, please submit your Ministry Reports to Tracy Holmes at [tracy@graceepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:tracy@graceepiscopalchurch.org) no later than Wednesday, January 13. Your reports will be compiled in the Annual Report that will be posted on the Grace Church website. (Please note: Tracy has emailed each Ministry Leader a copy of his/her report from last year.)

# STAY CONNECTED TO GRACE

There are many ways to stay connected to Grace Church and keep on top of everything that is happening:

## GRACE CHURCH WEBSITE

Our church website [www.graceepiscopalchurch.org](http://www.graceepiscopalchurch.org) is a great place to find information about Grace Church. It features everything from ministry updates and recent sermons to the latest news and events.

## THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

Our Sunday bulletin contains lots of information about ministries and programs. When you join us for worship, you can read through the announcements, located at the rear of the bulletin.

## WEEKLY EMAILS

During the pandemic, Grace Church sends out several emails to keep parishioners abreast of ongoing activities in the parish:

The first, *From the Clergy*, is sent every Tuesday, and contains a message from one of the clergy addressing issues of their faith or concerns of the church and society. It is clergy's way of staying in touch with you, the members of Grace Church. We hope you will feel free to email them with your thoughts.

The second, *Grace Church News and Notes*, is sent out every Thursday. It highlights upcoming events and pertinent announcements.

The third, *Online Worship for Sunday*, goes out every Saturday morning reminding recipients of the Sunday worship schedule.

The fourth, *Grace Sunday School*, and fifth, *Grace Youth News*, are emailed every Friday evening by the Rev. Kevin Antonio to prepare our Grace Church children and youth for upcoming gatherings, projects and events.

If you are not receiving these weekly emails, but would like to, please contact Interim Parish Administrator Tracy Holmes, by calling the church office at 301-585-3515 or by email at [tracy@graceepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:tracy@graceepiscopalchurch.org). (Tracy is in the office Tuesday through Fridays from 9:30am to 3:30pm.)

## FACEBOOK

Grace Church is on Facebook. If you have a Facebook account, "like" us. It is a great way to connect with Grace Church via social media.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

- 09:30 AM ADULT FORUM - CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER (Z)  
09:40 AM CHILDREN'S CHAPEL (Z)  
10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (LIVESTREAMED)  
12:00 PM COFFEE HOUR WITH THE PREACHER-(Z)  
04:00 PM YOUTH GROUP (Z)  
05:30 PM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE-(S)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 11

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

- 10:00 AM STAFF MEETING (Z)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

- 02:00 PM MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSALS (S, UC, CR)  
07:00 PM HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL (Z)  
07:30 PM RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY (Z)  
07:45 PM EVENING COMPLINE (Z)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

- 07:00 PM HANDBELL CHOIR IN-PERSON REHEARSAL-(S)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

- 12:15 PM SILVER SPRING VILLAGE CLOTHING DRIVE TO BENEFIT  
A WIDER CIRCLE-(GRACE CHURCH PARKING LOT)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

- 11:00 AM WADE IN THE WATER RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY-JANUARY  
2021- PORTRAYALS OF RACE IN THE MOVIES AND ON  
TELEVISION (Z)

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*We believe that Grace Church is called to be that “city on a hill” where people of all races and cultures can come to build their relationships with God and others.*

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