

# Grace Episcopal Church

November 9, 2025

*The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

*Proper 27*

## Grace's Mission

We are disciples of Jesus, helping one another be the hands and feet of Christ  
by sharing God's love with the world.

**Opening Hymn**

*Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*

**Blue Hymnal #574**

**Holy Eucharist Rite Two**

Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p355

**The Gloria**

**Blue Hymnal S-280**

**The Collect**

**BCP p 211**

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons**

**A Reading from the Book of Haggai 1:15b-2:9**

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 145:1-5,18-22**

*Exaltabo te, Deus*

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.

18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.

19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \*  
he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, \*  
but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; \*  
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

### A reading from **2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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**Sequence Hymn**

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine*

**Praise Book#2**

**The Holy Gospel according to Luke 20:27-38**

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised

Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. J. Jeffrey Baker**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p 358**

**Prayers of the People**

**Form III**

**BCP p 387**

**A Prayer for Change:** Lord, give us the courage to view the future with hope and expectancy and, most of all, with faith. In the face of change, help us set aside our fears, and urge us to seek and see your hand at work, while opening our hearts to recognize that change brings new life. *Amen.*

*Gracious God, we give thanks for military men and women, both from the past and present, and for their courageous service and sacrifice to our country and its people to secure the blessings of life, liberty, and justice for all. May our remembrance be a timely reminder that our freedom was purchased at high cost, and should not be taken for granted. Give us resolve to labor in faithful service to you until all share the benefits of freedom, justice, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Let his resurrection power bring healing and hope to those for whom we pray, For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Especially we pray for Valorie Lephart, Vivian, Paul, Sue & Michael. Baby Drake, Aria, 8 yr old Charlie, Willow, George & Sandy Luther, Clare McElroy, Charlotte Stoldt, Martha Mackey, Phil Bennett, Beth and Ray, Bill, Janet, Chris, Matthew, Janice, Carolyn Stacks, Sheila Smith, Kathy Hill, Sherry Occkial , Franny E., Dick D., Kevin, Patty, Erin, Pat, Gail, Sue, Sherrie, Sharon, Riley Gumto and the Keeper family, the Sherman and Miragliotta families.

**Confession of Sin**

**BCP 359**

**The Peace**

**BCP 360**

**Announcements**

### **Holy Communion**

**Offertory Hymn**

**Grace Choir**

**The Doxology**

**Hymnal 380(v3)**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharist Prayer B*

**BCP 367**

**Sanctus**

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord*

**Praise Book S-130**

**Memorial Acclamation**

**Praise Book S-138**

**The Great Amen**

**Praise Book S-147**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP p 364**

**Fraction Hymn**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

**Praise Book S-164**

**Communion Hymn**

*For the bread which you have broken*

**Blue Hymnal #341**

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

**BCP p 366**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

*Ye holy angels bright*

**Blue Hymnal #625**

**The Dismissal**

## A Sourton Welcome

**We extend a special welcome** to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, very rich, comfortable, or very poor.

**We extend a particular welcome** to wailing babies and excited toddlers.

**We welcome** you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing', just woke up, or just out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been to church since Jack's christening.

**We extend a special welcome** to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artist, tree-huggers, latte sippers, vegetarians, vegans, junk food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps, or don't like 'organised religion'. (We're not that keen on it either!)

**We offer a welcome** to those that think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to come to church.

**We welcome** those who are tattooed, pierced or both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as children, or got lost on the road and wound up here by mistake.

We are here **to welcome** pilgrims, holiday makers, seekers, doubters.....and **YOU!**

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Little Feet Fundraiser now until Sunday, Nov. 2!! Make checks out to Grace Episcopal Church (Little Feet on the memo line) or drop your donation into the big boot in the lobby! Thank you!!! Blessings!  
The Evangelism/Outreach Team

Mark your calendars now!!!! Saturday December 13, 2025 is our annual Christmas Party!!! Details on Lobby board and in the PACE!!!

