

Grace Episcopal Church

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November 30, 2025

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector

The Rev James Seipel, Assisting

David Aldrete, Choirmaster ~ Pavel Petrov, Organist

Welcome to Grace Parish! We are glad that you have answered God's call to worship, and we are honored that you have chosen to be with us. In addition to the service, we offer childcare for children age 4 and under, and Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade.

Visitors, we would like to meet you! Please take a moment to fill out the "Voice from the Pew" found in the red folders and place it in the offertory plate.

The First Sunday of Advent



10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

Prelude

Pavel Petrov

Processional Hymn 57

Helmsley

“Lo! He comes, with clouds descending”

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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Collect for Purity

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Kyrie (Pew Card)

Rutter

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

Miles Bresee

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum*

Plain Chant



I pray for your pros - per - i - ty and peace, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

~ Refrain

3 Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

~ Refrain

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

~ Refrain

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

~ Refrain

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Mizuki Williamson

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 56 vv. 1,2

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

“O come, O come, Emmanuel”

The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

The Rev. Susan Scranton

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People - Form IV

David Aldrete

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others?

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

~ Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings ~

Blessing (Said by all): Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase, bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may they peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem Johann Pachelbel

“Advent Peace Canon” arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
Grace Parish Choir

Presentation Hymn 598 v. 3 Mit Freuden zart

“New advent of the love of Christ”

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B) BCP p. 367

Sanctus & Benedictus (Pew Card) Rutter

The Lord’s Prayer BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP p. 364

Invitation to Communion BCP p. 364

(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord’s Table. If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you where you are seated.)

Communion Hymn 61 Wachet auf

“Sleepers wake!”

Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 68 Llangloffan

“Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear! ”

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Pavel Petrov



The flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Donna and Pat McAlmond in celebration of
their grandson Robert Hess' birthday.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 Pledge Cards are still being gratefully received.

Advent Gathering Today after the 10 AM service. Join us to make crafts for Advent. Please bring food to share.

Scrip Sunday - December 7. Place your orders with Bobbi Patterson.

Youth Group - Our next meeting is December 7 after the 10 AM service.



Cookie Exchange & Parish Dinner - Friday, December 12 at 6:00 PM. Please sign up in the narthex so we can plan for the Italian dinner. Please bring 2-3 dozen cookies for the cookie exchange.

Christmas Concert - Sunday, December 21 at 4 PM. There will be a reception in Baxter Hall following the concert.

Christmas Eve Services - December 24 at 4:30 musical presentation followed by the Family Service at 5:00 PM. Midnight Service is at 11 PM in the chapel.



If you would like to make an online donation to
Grace Episcopal Church, please use the QR code.
Thank you!

Grace Episcopal Church Vestry Members 2025

Rev. Susan L. Scranton,
Frank Boyd - Senior Warden, Heather Moore - Junior Warden
Miles Bresee - Treasurer, Todd Rice - Buildings & Grounds,
Kathi Ferris, Janet Kawamoto,
Hannah Palpant, Jade Petteruto, Linda Rice

Serving today:

Celebrant..... The Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Janet Kawamoto
Lectors Miles Bresee, Mizuki Williamson, David Aldrete
Acolytes Mitchell Patterson, Morgan Patterson, David Moore
Organist Pavel Petrov
GEC Stream Team Volunteers
Flower Guild Nancy Rice, Susie Seielstad
Altar Guild Dawn Mellon, Patricia Meyer, Debbie Pullen,
Janese Grady, Cathy St. Onge
Ushers Alex McKenzie, Robert Van Derbur
Vestry Person of the Week..... Heather Moore



Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Edie Noland, Sam Luna, Rick, Lucy, Lindsay, Manette Thomas, Ken Mayle, Liz Hernandez, Lawrence Everett, Rosalie Lack, Barbara Dexter, Lisa Taylor, Sissy Wheeler, Marshall Meyer, Sharon W., Amanda Van Derbur, Chad Camou, Anita Baker, Paulina Wells, Scott Martin

For strength & guidance: Jennifer & Justin, Brock, The Hernandez Family

For those serving in the military: Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy, Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Adam Corona Jr. ~ U.S. Air Force, Seth Tradel ~ U.S. Navy, Mitchell Mann ~ U.S. Marines

NOVEMBER ~ DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

23 – Kim Boyd	8 – Ruth Aldrete	18 - Samuel Moreno
27 - Amelie Palpant	8 – Ann Jones	19 – Jessica Rice
28 – Ikuko Williamson	10 – Kathi Ferris	20 – Elizabeth Anders
29 – Robert Hess	11 – Steven Patterson	28 – Fred Colley
30 – Janese Grady	12 – Patty Hess	28 – Austin Lippert
	13 - Claire Wainwright	29 - Andrew Petteruto
	13 - Oliver Wainwright	