

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

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LAY READERS

Jerome Bynum | Roscoe Coles | Maria Herbert | Kenneth Miller

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Acolytes.....Diane Allen
Adult Choir.....Wanda Watters
Altar Guild.....Melissa Hunter & Kitty Hill
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Boy Scouts.....Robert Johnson
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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
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Webmaster.....Valencia Ingram

December 14th, 2025
The Third Sunday of Advent

Grace Episcopal Church

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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**.



Weekly Readings

- **Monday, December 08, 2025:** Psalm 21; Isaiah 24:1-16a; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12;
- **Tuesday, December 09, 2025:** Psalm 21; Isaiah 41:14-20; Romans 15:14-21;
- **Wednesday, December 10, 2025:** Psalm 21; Genesis 15:1-18; Matthew 12:33-37;
- **Thursday, December 11, 2025:** Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 1:6-18; 2 Peter 3:1-10;
- **Friday, December 12, 2025:** Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 4:13-17; 2 Peter 3:11-18;
- **Saturday, December 13, 2025:** Psalm 146:5-10; 1 Samuel 2:1-8; Luke 3:1-18;

The Second Sunday of Advent HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II – 10:15AM

Prelude

Processional Hymn: *Sleepers, Wake!*

The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Trisagion

The Collect of the Day

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THE WORD OF GOD

The Lessons

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Gospel Hymn: *Wayfaring Stranger*

The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

The Sermon: The Rev. Canon Willis Foster

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People (Form I)

Confession of Sin

The Peace

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

The Sanctus-Benedictus

The Lord's Prayer (L - 264)

Fraction Anthem: (L - 268)

Communion Hymns: Hymnal #'s 324, 325

Post Communion Prayer

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

Postlude

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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

Cecelia Anderson.....6320 Auburn Dr, Va. Beach 23464
Barbara Bell..... 927 Kenton Ave, Norfolk 23504
Dorothy Burnette..... 421 Clemson Ave, Chesapeake 23324
Mercedes Coveney..... 536 Sandy Lake Ct, Va Beach 23454
John Hopkins..... 5312 Halter Ln, Norfolk 23502
Barbara Massey.....2717 Blueberry Bank, Chesapeake, VA 23325
Ros Neal.....*Harmony at Independence*
2077 S. Independence Blvd, Va Beach 23453
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Robena Vaughan.....Harbor's Edge 1 Colley Ave-AL #302, Norf 23510
Joe Williams.....2113 Burnside Pl, Chesapeake, 23325

It's **Angel Tree** time! Christmas Angel Trees are now available to benefit the children of Jacox Elementary. If you would like to participate, please meet the *Outreach Committee* in the parish hall after service today to select an angel and pick up her/his wish list!! The deadline for Angel Tree donations is December 14th.

Christmas Eve service will take place on Wednesday, December 24th, at **7pm**. There will be no service on Christmas Day.

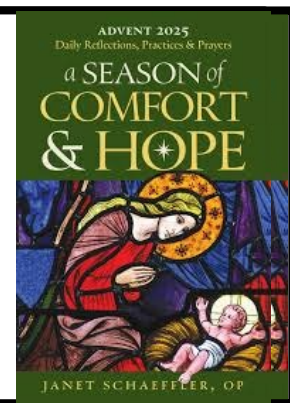


Your 2026 **offering envelopes** are available. You can pick them up in the **Martin Bible Study Room**, which is located next to **Mary's Corner**.

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 Advent booklet,
A Season of Comfort and Hope,
is now on sale at the bookstore
for \$3.00. **Mary's Corner**
also offers greeting
cards, jewelry,
hymnals, prayerbooks,
drinks and snacks.



Help Wanted

The **Altar Guild** is responsible for the altar and other parts of the church. If you feel this ministry is one in which you would like to participate, please contact one of the co-chairs, *Melissa Hunter* (757.548.8017) or *Kitty Hill* (757.499.0326).

The **parish hall** is a welcome space for all. After using it, *please remove all of your organization's paraphernalia* so as not to impede the use of the venue for the next organization, ministry, group, guest or renter.