

**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
The Sunday After Independence Day**

July 7, 2024



Remember to silence all cell phones.

Prelude *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn #636

How firm a foundation

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer page 355

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel (2:1-5).

The LORD said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

A responsive reading from the Psalms (123).

¹To you I lift up my eyes, *

to you enthroned in the heavens.

²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *

and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

³So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *

until he show us his mercy.

⁴Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁵Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *

and of the derision of the proud.

The Epistle

A reading from St. Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians (12:2-10).

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pre-Gospel Hymn # 635 (v. 1)

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (6:1-13).

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Post-Gospel Hymn # 635 (v. 2)

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

The Homily

The Very Rev. Miles Smith

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

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The Confession & Absolution

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The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn #719

O beautiful for spacious skies

Presentation Hymn #380 (vs. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

The Lord’s Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

On receiving Communion: All are welcome to the Lord’s table. Those not baptized but desiring to participate may cross their arms upon their chest and receive a blessing from the priest. Any baptized Christian may receive Communion in one of three ways: (1) In “one-kind”, i.e. receiving the bread or the wine alone, declining either by crossing your arms upon your chest. (2) In “both kinds”, i.e. eating the bread and then drinking from the chalice, or (3) holding your bread and then intincting (carefully dipping) the bread into the wine before eating. To receive wheat bread extend both hands together. To receive gluten-free bread please extend one hand only. If you have severe celiac disease it is best to consult with the priest before the service. Remember to approach the chalice on the same side that you are seated so you may more easily return to your pew. If you need the Sacrament brought to your pew then please notify an usher.

Communion Hymns #339

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn #717

My country, ‘tis of thee

Greetings & Announcements

Dismissal

Postlude *If you but trust in God to guide you*

J.S. Bach

Please carry your bulletin home or place in the recycling basket as you exit.
Thank you.

Welcome to our guests!

We are happy you are visiting Grace Church. Please sign a guest card and leave it in the offering. We invite you to introduce yourself to our Clergy and join us for after church refreshments in the Parish Hall following worship services this summer. Thank you!

Serving this Morning

Officiant – The Very Reverend Miles Smith

Organist – Joel VanderZee

Reader – Connie Laudenschlager

Chalicer – Bill Adams

Ushers – Chris Smith & Ridge Porter

Summer Sunday School: Pam & David Byrnes

Nursery Staff – Maureen Breaud

Vestry on Duty – Robin Taylor & Tom Estes

Altar Guild – Lizzie McCowen, Julie Estes, Linda Crummette, & Connie Pepper

After Church Refreshments – Coffee Hour Team #3

Prayer List

Ellen Reed, Doug Wachenfeld, Lauren Wachenfeld, (Margaret Wachenfeld), Neil Horner (Chris Horner), Caryn Stefanchik (Beth Davis), Phil Ianna, Dottie Pratt, George Gaige, my brother-in-law, John Hart (Julie Russell), Jane Remington, Reverend Carol Sims, Pooh Johnson, Patty DuPuis, Wanda Martin, Kelly Martin (Wanda Martin's daughter in law), Anne Slator Coyner, Cathy Corlis (Jill Kavanagh), Steve Manos (Jill Kavanagh), Juanita Taylor (Betsy Baten), Bill McCowen, John Fischer (Margaret Wachenfeld's brother), Nikki Henry (Barbara Crawford), Alison Walden, Hugh Gildea, Rohn Laudenschlager, Shirley Gibson (Dot Proffitt's sister), Thomas Kenneth (Kenny) Taylor III (Betsy Baten), Anne Spencer (Karen Whitcomb), Pam Elwell (Kathy Trossi's cousin), Bryan Manning, Judy Forney (LeAnne Brubaker's mother), Wade Mitchell (Wess Mitchell's brother), Sally Faucett Cobb & her son Joe Cobb (Millie Faucett's sister-in-law and nephew), Kimberly Grosso (Beverly Henderson's niece), and, the town of Manilla, Iowa (Lynn & Jeb Baker).

After the listed names, you will see the parishioner's name in parenthesis that placed the person on our prayer list. You can address the parishioner as to the wellbeing of their family member or friend. The list is revised monthly. Send changes to Kathy Trossi at ParishAdministrator@gracekeswick.org

Altar Flowers

In Thanksgiving for Our Wedding Anniversary (Frank & Mary Leslie Tise)

Please sign up for Sunday service flowers given in memory of or thanksgiving for a loved one or event. You can sign up on the sheet posted in the narthex, call the church office or email ParishAdministrator@gracekeswick.org. Make checks payable to Grace Church, with *Altar Flowers* in the memo line (\$75.00 per Sunday). Please feel free to share the dedication and cost of flowers that are for the same Sunday.

Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week

7/9 – Macon Gunter

7/11- Jane Ashley Skinner, Corky & Mary Shackelford (1953)

7/12 – Dan Dick, Michael & Susan McShane (2003)

7/13 – Larry Johnson

This Week in the Parish

Sunday, July 7, 2024

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Grace)

11:00 p.m. After Church Refreshments (Parish Hall)

Monday, July 8, 2024

9:30 a.m. Keswick Quilters & Crafters

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Noon Staff Meeting

Thursday, July 11, 2024

9:30 a.m. Women's Study Group (Conference Room)

4:00 p.m. Renewal 2025 Task Force (Conference Room)

Saturday, July 13, 2024

11:00 a.m. Private Graveside Rites

Sunday, July 14, 2024

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (All Saints)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Grace)

11:00 p.m. After Church Refreshments (Parish Hall)

Announcements

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL – Summer Sunday School is in session, but we are in need of volunteers to keep it running. All lessons have been prepared & materials are “at the ready” – all you have to do is come and have fun with the youngest members of our Parish! It's a great way to get to know our young families and show your support of our growing community. To volunteer during July or August, contact Suzanne Nash OR sign up [HERE](#).

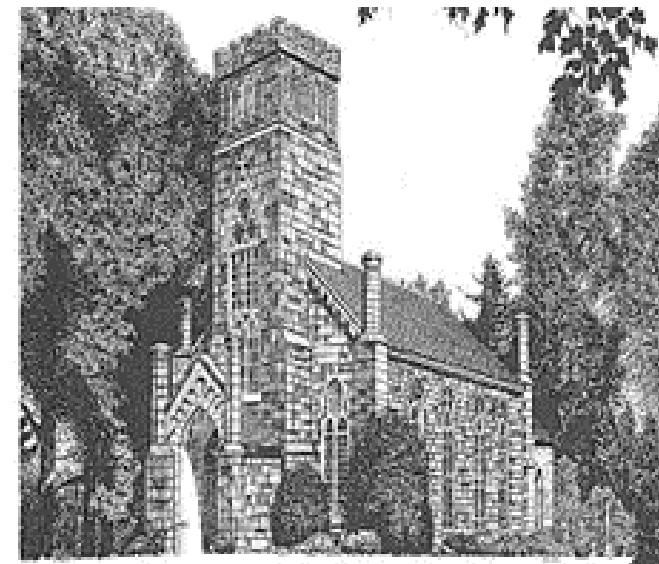
GRACE RE-CREATION SPACES UPDATE - Thanks to Suzanne Nash for presenting an overview of these Vestry-approved Re-Creation Space Projects on Sunday, May 19th, following Coffee Hour – including a new playground (phase one), development of walking trails (phase two), and a meditation labyrinth with so much more (phase three) for the enjoyment of our parish and the community. Two thirds of the money for the playground has been raised. The Ark is anticipated to be delivered in July and the swing set before the end of the year. Ralph Dammann has been donating in-kind landscaping work preparing the pad for the Ark. Bev Nash is continuing to lay landscaping cloth and wood chips on the lower trail. Additional wood chips and volunteers welcome: bevnash3@gmail.com or ralph.dammann@gmail.com. If you missed Suzanne's May 19th presentation and would like more information, click [HERE](#).

PARISH DIRECTORY - A new Parish Directory was published, effective July 1, 2024. If you have any changes to be reflected or if you did not receive and would like one, please contact the office (434-293-3549) during business hours or email parishadministrator@gracekeswick.org.

KESWICK QUILTERS & CRAFTERS – Our next meeting will be Monday, July 8th, 9:30 – 11:30 in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in joining us, please come! We are working on a quilting project called *Patchwork of the Crosses* by Lucy Boston as well as knitting projects for community outreach & parishioner care. See the newsletter for more details.

SUMMER POTLUCK – Please join us in the Parish Hall for a Summer Potluck on Wednesday, July 17th with fellowship beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Chicken will be provided, and we ask you to bring a salad, side, dessert, or beverage to share. A sign-up sheet for your dish-to-share is on the table in the Parish Hall. RSVP by July 13th: parishadministrator@gracekeswick.org or call the office during business hours (434-293-3549).

BOOK CLUB AT GRACE CHURCH – The Book Club at Grace Church is an opportunity to share thoughts and time together in a relaxed social setting. Our first meeting, scheduled Wednesday, July 31st, will feature *The Hemingses of Monticello* which covers Jefferson's time in France as well as in Virginia and decisions the Hemings family members made. Please join us even if you don't have time to read the book in advance. Feel free to bring a friend or neighbor. In our first meeting, we will also talk about future readings and rotating facilitators.



We open wide the doors of this church to all who desire sincerely to worship the Eternal God whom Jesus revealed as our Heavenly Father. Through our worship we endeavor to know Jesus Christ and make Him known through our lives. We offer our church for the cure of souls who doubt and for the persuasion of those who have found faith difficult; for the encouragement of the discouraged; for the consecration of the strong, for the inspiration of all who face life daringly, and for the ever-deepening assurance of the life Eternal.

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