

The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025

Grace: 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, without music (p. 323/340)
(1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays)

All Saints Chapel: 9:00 a.m. (2nd/4th Sundays)

Grace: 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2



Remember to silence all cell phones.

Tower Bell

Prelude *Christ unser Herr, zum Jordan kam*

J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn #637

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

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 WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (43:1-7).

Now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, "Give them up,"

and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

A Responsive Reading from the Psalms (29).

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders; *

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *

the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *

and strips the forests bare.

⁹And in the temple of the Lord *

all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *

the Lord sits enthroned as King forevermore.

¹¹The Lord shall give strength to his people; *

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Epistle

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (8:14-17)

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pre-Gospel Hymn #121 (v. 1-2)

Christ, when for us were baptized

The Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (3:15-17, 21-22).

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Post-Gospel Hymn #121 (v. 3-4)

Christ, when for us were baptized

The Homily

The Very Rev. Miles Smith

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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Prayers of the People Form III

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The Confession & Absolution

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The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

Frits Mehrtens

Presentation Hymn #380 (v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus (*standing*)

Hymnal S-130

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-164

On receiving Communion: *All are welcome to the Lord's table, kneeling or standing. 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. If you need the Sacrament brought to your pew, then please notify an usher.*

Communion Hymn #120
#295

The sinless one to Jordan came
Sing praise to our Creator

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #509

Spirit divine, attend our prayers

Announcements

Dismissal

Postlude *Wade in the Water*

William Farley Smith

Please carry your bulletin home or place it 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 plate. Introduce yourself to our Clergy, after the service and join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the 11 am worship service. Thank you.

Serving this Morning

Officiant – The Very Reverend Miles Smith

Music Director/Organist – Dr. Jonathan Schakel

Reader – Beth Baptist

Chalicer – Cathy Bodkin

Ushers – Merle Young & Mark Zanin

Sunday School Volunteer – Lynn Dick

Nursery Staff – Maureen Breaud

Vestry on Duty – Keith Perry & Betsy Baten

Altar Guild – Linda Crummette, Connie Pepper, Chris Melnik, & Dot Proffitt
Coffee Hour – Team #1

Altar Flowers

Please sign up for Sunday service flowers given in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one or event. It's easy to sign up:

- The 2025 sheets through April are currently posted in the narthex; OR
- Email Kathy Trossi at ParishAdministrator@gracekeswick.org

Make checks payable to Grace Church, noting *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. Thank you!

Prayer List

Edward Wachenfeld, Doug Wachenfeld, Lauren Wachenfeld, (Margaret Wachenfeld), Neil Horner (Chris Horner's father), Caryn Stefanchik (Beth Davis), Phil Ianna, Dottie Pratt, George Gaige, my brother-in-law, John Hart, Willie Harlow (Julie Russell), Jane Remington, Reverend Carol Sims, Wanda Martin, Kelly Martin (Wanda Martin's daughter in law), Anne Slator Coyner, Lynda Marsh Kugele, (Jill Kavanagh), Juanita Taylor, Thomas Kenneth (Kenny) Taylor III (Betsy Baten), Bill McCowen, John Fischer (Margaret Wachenfeld's brother), Alison Walden, Hugh Gildea, Rohn Laudenschlager, Shirley Gibson (Dot Proffitt's sister), Bryan Manning, Judy Forney (LeAnne Brubaker's mother), Wade Mitchell (Wess Mitchell's brother), Lowry Mann (Reg Woods), Lynn Liptak (Kathie Woods), Jackie Dwyer and Susie Bierne (Kathy Trossi's sister and cousin), the Rev. Tige Newell, the Rev. Kyle Bomar, Fr. Nick Minich (Miles Smith), Diana Jerkins (Jeremy Harvey), Elizabeth Mitchell (Wess Mitchell), and, Dottie Nickerson (Jennifer Smith).

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week

1/16 – Gardner Longwell, Jack O'Leary

1/18 – Bill Johnson, Dan Parks

This Week in the Parish

Sunday, January 12, 2025

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

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Grace)

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

Noon Coffee Hour

12:30 p.m. Historic Preservation Committee Meeting (Robinson Room)

Monday, January 13, 2025

9:30 a.m. Keswick Quilters and Crafters (Parish Hall)

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

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

8:30 a.m. Men of Grace (Sentara MJH Café)

6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, January 16, 2025

9:30 a.m. Women's Study Group (Conf. Rm)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 19, 2025

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 (Grace)

10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 & Litany of Healing (Grace)

Noon

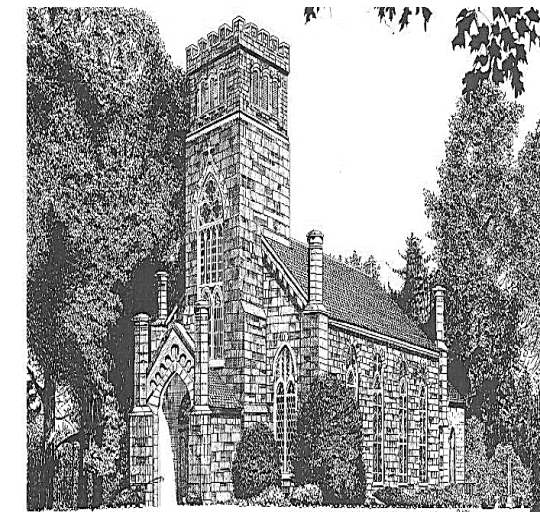
Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)

Announcements

CANCELLED: The St. John's Chapel Epiphany Service that had been scheduled for this afternoon at 4 p.m. has been cancelled due to the recent weather event causing snowy, icy & extremely cold conditions, and the possibility of more snow, sleet and ice this weekend. Please plan to attend the Easter Sunrise Service at the chapel on April 20, 2025.

The St. John's Chapel Stewardship Committee

Grace Church Annual Parish Meeting & Luncheon- The Diocese of Virginia requires parishes to have an annual meeting at which time new Vestry members are elected, the church budget for the year is presented, and verbal reports are made on key subjects related to the State of the Parish. Please mark your 2025 calendar with this year's Annual Parish Meeting & Luncheon, to be held immediately following the 11 AM MORNING PRAYER service **Sunday, March 9th**. If you are a Committee Chair, please remember to submit your EOY report no later than January 30th to allow time for the office to prepare the Annual Report. Any questions and all submissions to: parishadministrator@gracekeswick.org. Thank you!



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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