

# The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

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** *Verbum supernum*

**Processional Hymn #59**

**Advent Wreath Lighting**

Nicolas de Grigny

*Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

The Taylor Family

## Opening Acclamation

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

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

## The Collect for Purity

**Trisagion**

Hymnal S-100

## The 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.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The First Lesson

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (33:14-16).

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness." The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm

A Responsive Reading from the Psalms (25:1-9).

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*

**let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*

**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

<sup>3</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, \*

**and teach me your paths.**

<sup>4</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*

**for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

<sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*

**for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>6</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*

**remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*

**therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

<sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in doing right \*

**and teaches his way to the lowly.**

<sup>9</sup>All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*

**to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

## The Epistle

A Reading from the First Book of Thessalonians (3:9-13)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

**Pre-Gospel Hymn #601** (v. 1-3)

*O day of God draw nigh*

## The Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (21:25-36).

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to

escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Post-Gospel Hymn #601** (v. 4-5)

*O day of God draw nigh*

**The Homily**

The Very Rev. Miles Smith

**The Nicene Creed**

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**Prayers of the People Form V**

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**The Confession & Absolution**

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**The Peace**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Anthem:** *O Dayspring*

John Stainer

**Presentation Hymn #380** (v. 3)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

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**Sanctus** (*standing*)

Hymnal S-124

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

**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.*

**Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal S-164

**Communion Hymn #66**

*Come thou long-expected Jesus*

**#672**

*O very God of very God*

**Post Communion Prayer**

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**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn #57**

*Lo! he comes with clouds descending*

**Announcements**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude** *Verbum supernum*

Marcel Dupré

***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

**Advent Wreath Lighting** – The Taylor Family

**Reader** – Mark Zanin (9 am), Connie Laudenschlager(11 am)

**Chalicer** – Mark Zanin (9 am), Dan Dick (11 am)

**Ushers** – Fred Shackelford & Barret Stump

**Sunday School Volunteer** – N/A – No Sunday School

**Nursery Staff** – Michelle Mentor

**Vestry on Duty** – Kathy Trossi & Michael Schram

**Altar Guild** – Susan McShane, Rachel Harrison, Kathleen Stock, & Sharon Merrick

**Coffee Hour** – Team #3

### Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers for Sunday worship services may be given in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one or event. During Advent, beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, altar greens will be displayed in lieu of flowers. If you would like to sign up now for Altar Flowers on a specific Sunday in 2025, call the office (434-293-3549) or email Kathy Trossi: [ParishAdministrator@gracekeswick.org](mailto:ParishAdministrator@gracekeswick.org).

Poinsettias will adorn our church for the Christmas Eve services. If you would like to place one in memory of or thanksgiving for someone, please sign up in the narthex, contact the office or email [parishadministrator@gracekeswick.org](mailto:parishadministrator@gracekeswick.org). Each poinsettia is **\$30.00**. Make checks payable to Grace Church, with “poinsettia” in the memo line. Thank you.

### Prayer List

Edward Wachenfeld, 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, 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), Bryan Manning, Judy Forney (LeAnne Brubaker’s mother), Wade Mitchell (Wess Mitchell’s brother), Lowry Mann (Reg Woods), Ruth Wisecarver (Carolyn Zehmer), Lynn Liptak (Kathie Woods), Wendy Bell (Beth Sutton’s sister), Janny Li (Barbara Crawford), Barb Ostrander, Jackie Dwyer (Kathy Trossi), the family of Bishop Stevenson, the Bomar & Rush families, Oliver Smith, the Rev. Tige Newell, Fr. Nick Minich (Miles Smith), Tonya Grinde, and the Church of England.

*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](mailto:ParishAdministrator@gracekeswick.org)*

### Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week

12/02 – Jane Baker, Jennifer Jordan

12/4 – Frank Tise

12/5 – Morris Gertner

12/7 – David Longwell, Gordon Sutton, Jr.

### This Week in the Parish

#### **Sunday, December 1, 2024 – First Sunday of Advent**

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

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Grace)

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

Noon Coffee Hour

12:30 p.m. Adult Formation – Advent Meditations (Robinson Room)

4:00 p.m. Advent Wreath Making (Parish Hall)

5:00 p.m. Christmas Tree Illumination & Carol Sing

#### **Monday, December 2, 2024**

4:00 p.m. Salvation Army Dinner (Team #1)

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

#### **Thursday, December 5, 2024**

9:30 a.m. Women’s Study Group (Conf. Room)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### **Sunday, December 8, 2024 – Second Sunday of Advent**

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

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Grace)

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

Noon Coffee Hour

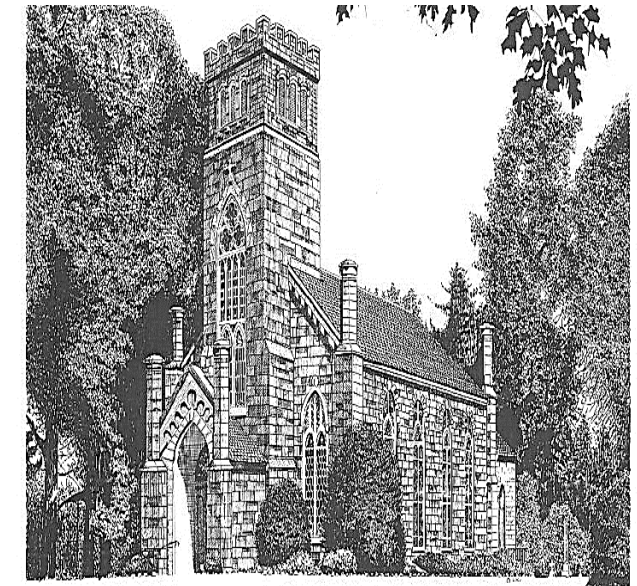
12:30 p.m. Adult Formation – Advent Meditations (Robinson Room)

### Announcements

**Stewardship Campaign** – Thanks to everyone who helped make our public 2025 “Walk in Love” stewardship campaign so successful. However, we still have more funds to raise to go to meet our goal. It is not too late to enter your pledge online, bring in or mail in your pledge card. Call the office or contact Kathy Trossi ([parishadministrator@gracekeswick.org](mailto:parishadministrator@gracekeswick.org)) with questions. Walking in love with you, Anne Zavertnik Young.

**Upcoming Events at Grace** (see newsletter or contact the office for more information):

- 12/8: Adult Formation Series - Advent Reflections, “From Holidays to Holy Days” (12:30 pm, Robinson Room)
- 12/11: Holiday Support Group (10:30 am, Laurel Marr’s Office)
- 12/11: Christmas Readings, sponsored by Grace Fellowship (7:00 pm, Parish Hall)
- 12/15: Christmas Pageant during 11 am service
- 12/22: Café Grace: Conscious Aging #2 – A Continued Conversation with Susan Randolph (12:30 pm, Robinson Room)



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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