

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 11, 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.

Church Bell Tolls

Prelude *Adagio*

John Stainer

Processional Hymn # 1

Father, we praise thee

Opening Acclamation

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

People: Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

The Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 Old Testament

A Reading from the Second Book of Kings (2:1-12).

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double

share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

The Psalm

A Responsive Reading from the Psalms (50: 1-6).

¹The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *

God reveals himself in glory.

³Our God will come and will not keep silence; *

before him there is a consuming flame,

and round about him a raging storm.

⁴He calls the heavens and the earth from above *

to witness the judgment of his people.

⁵“Gather before me my loyal followers, *

those who have made a covenant with me

and sealed it with sacrifice.”

⁶Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *

for God himself is judge.

The Epistle

A Reading from Saint Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians (4:3-6).

If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

Pre-Gospel Hymn # 676 (v. 1)

There is a balm in Gilead

The Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to [Mark](#) (9:2-9).

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they

saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Post-Gospel Hymn # 676 (v. 2)

There is a balm in Gilead

The Homily

The Very Rev. Miles Smith

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People – Form VI (incl. Confession)

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Absolution

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: Seek Ye the Lord

John Varley Roberts

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-129

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.

Communion Hymn # 545

Lo! What a cloud of witnesses

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If thou but trust in God to guide you

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn # 546

Awake, my soul, and stretch every nerve

Announcements

Dismissal

Postlude: Fantasia

John Stainer

Welcome to our guests!

We are happy you are visiting Grace Church. Please sign a guest card and leave it in the offering. Introduce yourself to our Clergy after the service and join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall. Thank you!

Serving this Morning

Officiant – The Very Rev. G. Miles Smith
Music Director/Organist – Joel VanderZee
Reader – Cathy Bodkin
Chalicer – Connie Laudenschlager
Ushers – Stephanie Shellenberger & Ralph Dammann
Sunday School Volunteer – Beth Baptist
Nursery Staff – Seleen Collins
Vestry on Duty – Keith Perry & David Byrnes
Altar Guild – Rachel Harrison, Elizabeth Page, Kathleen Stock, & Kathy Trossi

Altar Flowers

In thanksgiving for our granddaughter, Rowan Cora Daiell (Kathy & David Trossi)

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 Altar Guild (\$75.00 per Sunday). Please feel free to share the dedication and cost of flowers that are for the same Sunday.

**Note: Lenten greens replace Altar flowers during Lent. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Lenten greens during a Sunday in Lent may do so and feel free to take them home after the service. The sign-up sheet for Easter Lilies will be posted soon – stay tuned for more information!*

Thanks, *The Altar Guild*

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, Josephine Mazzoni, (The Bakers), Patty DuPuis, Wanda Martin, Kelly Martin (Wanda Martin's daughter in law), Elizabeth Levaca, Anne Slator Coyner, Cathy Corlis (Jill Kavanagh), Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Reverend Tige Newell (Miles Smith), Steve Manos (Jill Kavanagh), Juanita Taylor (Betsy Baten), Nancy Mastin (Don & Tucker McQueen), Bill & Lizzie McCowen, John Fischer (Margaret Wachenfeld's brother), Nikki Henry (Barbara Crawford), Lily Samuels (granddaughter of Bill & Eleanor Adams), Alison Walden, Hugh Gildea, Rohn Laudenschlager, and Shirley Gibson (Dot Proffitt's sister).

We give thanks for the life of Tom Faucett who died on Sunday, February 4th. Please keep Millie and the family in your prayers.

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
ParishAdministrator@gracekeswick.org.

This Week in the Parish

Sunday, February 11, 2024

9:00 am: Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
10:00 am: Choir Rehearsal (Grace)
11:00 am: Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Grace)
Noon: Coffee Hour (Team #7)

Monday, February 12, 2024

9:30 am: Keswick Quilter's & Crafters
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

8:30 am: Men of Grace (MJH Café, 4th floor)
5:30 pm: Grace Church Pancake Supper
6:30 pm: Vestry Meeting (Hybrid)

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – ASH WEDNESDAY

Noon: Ash Wednesday Eucharist
1:00 pm: Ashes-to-go

Thursday, February 15, 2024

9:30 am: Women's Study Group (Conf. Room)
4:00 pm: Renewal 2025 Task Force
7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 17, 2024

11 am: Tom Faucett Memorial Service & Reception

Sunday, February 18, 2024

9:00 am: Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 (Grace – no music)
10:00 am: Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am: Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
Noon: Coffee Hour (Team #1)
12:30 pm: Conversation with Fr. Miles on Confession (Robinson Room)

Birthday and Anniversaries this Week

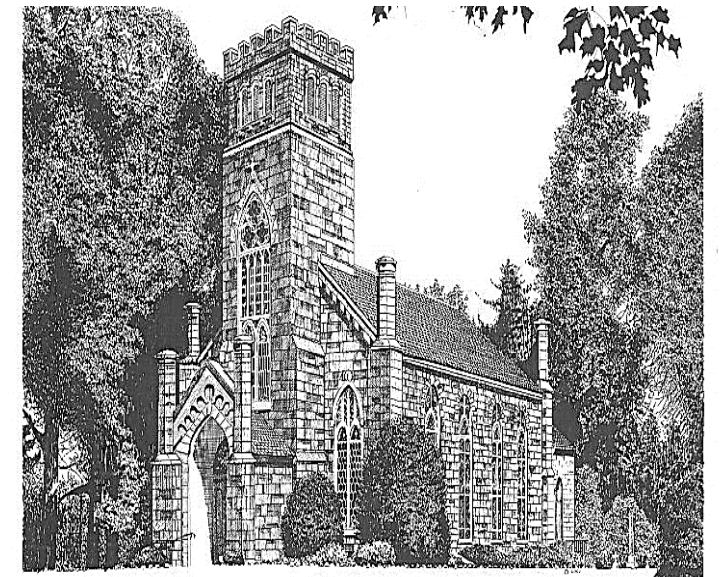
2/11 – Tom Brubaker
2/12 – Clementine Pelly
2/13 – Richard Davis
2/16 – Beth Davis, Larry Tharpe
2/17 – Barbara Crawford

Announcements

Revised Cemetery Lot Prices: Upon the recommendation of the Cemetery Committee, the Vestry has approved the following price increases for cemetery lots, **effective 1 July 2024:**

- For current members from \$1000 to \$1500.
- For blood relatives and spouses of current or former members from \$1250 to \$2000
- For people with no affiliation with Grace from \$2500 to \$4000.

The church has also recently repossessed 15 cemetery lots on the north side of the church which are available for sale. If you are interested in purchasing a lot, please contact Dan Dick, dan.dick@comcast.net or 703-403-3321.



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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