

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 12, 2018

Our liturgy can be found in the Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 355.

Prelude *Prelude*

Jean Langlais

Hymn #8 *Morning has broken*

The Opening Acclamation BCP 355

Collect for Purity BCP 355

Gloria in Excelsis BCP 356

Collect of the Day BCP 232

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson A Reading from the First Book of Kings [19:4-8]

But Elijah himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-9

We will read responsively on the half verse.

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; * **his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; * **let the humble hear and rejoice.**
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; * **let us exalt his Name together.**
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me * **and delivered me out of all my terror.**
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, * **and let not your faces be ashamed.**
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me * **and saved me from all my troubles.**
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, * **and he will deliver them.**
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; * **happy are they who trust in him!**

Second Lesson: A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians [4:25-5:2]

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together

with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn: #694 *God be in my head*

The Holy Gospel The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to John [6:35, 41-51]

Response: Glory to You Lord Christ.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty'. . . .

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to You Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev Dr. Judith Lee

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People Form VI BCP 392

The Peace

Announcements

Hymn #593 *Lord, make us servants of your peace*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

Sanctus & Benedictus BCP 367

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

Hymn #301 *Bread of the world in mercy broken*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP 365

The Blessing

Hymn #48 *O day of radiant gladness*

Postlude *Regent Square*

C.S. Lang

Ministers of the Liturgy

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee	
Organist	Jason Slayden	
Lectors	Jane Washington, Barbara Wiggins	Intercessor: Carole Carter
Eucharistic Ministers	Lauren Reid, Andrea Spencer	
Acolytes	Anna Kristina O'Hanlon, Vika O'Hanlon, Mirna Sanchez	
Ushers	Lisa Daley, Hillary Fleming, Ginger Grant, Paxton Louis, Olivet Williams	
Vestry Greeters	Joseph Gallo, Hillary Fleming	

Fr. Adolfo is on vacation today.

We welcome Jason Slayden as our guest organist today. Peter Roberts is on vacation.

Our altar flowers are given today in celebration of Walter Simon's birthday.

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we welcome you to Grace Church!

Our liturgy is found in the Book of Common Prayer.

Our communion is open to all baptized Christians.

Please take the time to fill out one of our visitor cards which the ushers have available.

Your presence is a blessing to us; may our worship together be a blessing to you.

Grace Church Prayer List: We hold the following people in prayer:

Corine Bradley, Joseph Brown, Bernice Burton, Jennifer Toppin-Canner, John Carter, Cindy Courtien, Inez Dale, Jimmy Delaney, Carol DiGilio, Vincent Doria, Bill Dunphy, Cathy Dunphy, Deacon Edgar Ervin, Sandra Esannason, Lydia Green, Gwendolyn Hutchins, Marie Huckabry, William Jackson, Jr., Jackie Jansky, Ivy John, Evgeniy Kaufman, Gail and Dave Matthew, Trisha McGuinness, Giovanna Mustac, Selena Perry, Canon Blake Rider, Gladstone Reid, Leroy Reid, Renee Reid, Uriel Reid, Charlotte Roberson, Norman Stanton, Susan Stanton, Laura Stix, Barbara Vigliotti, Stacey Vitale, Natasha Vodyanitskaya, Marthe Watkins

Bethel Nursing and Rehabilitation Center: Verna Brown

Cedar Manor, Ossining: Robert Auld

Shaffer Extended Care Center, New Rochelle: Canon Percy Brathwaite,

Serving in the Armed Forces: Kenny Duffy, Denny J. Edmondson, Christopher P. Halstead, David Packer, Sgt. Christopher Vigliotti, Gunnery Sgt. Les Yearwood.

Please call the Parish Office or contact Sandy Gadsden McAllister if you would like to place someone's name on our prayer list.

Birthdays

August 16th Dorothy Jackson, Raywald Williams

August 18th Paxton Louis

Anniversaries

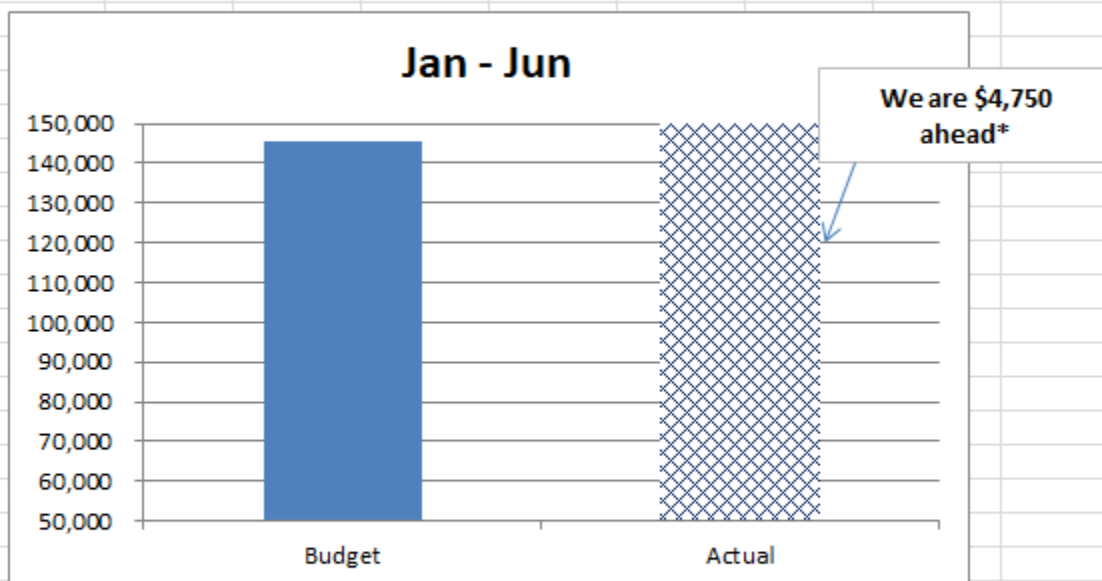
August 18th Jo-Ann B. & Michael Boylan

Announcements for the Week of August 12th

Prayer in the Time of Transition:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the effort to communicate to the congregation about our progress toward meeting our 2018 Stewardship Goal, the below chart shows Total Pledges for January - June (actual vs. budget) for Grace and La Gracia. This chart will be updated each month.



2018 Stewardship Goal: \$290,850
% Goal Achieved: 52% (we should be at 50%)

The reason we are ahead is that a few members have paid their 2018 pledges IN FULL already.

The Parish Office closes at Noon on Fridays during July and August

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Tuesday August 14th

Noon Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Wednesday August 15th

4:30 PM Sunday School Teachers meeting

Thursday – August 16th

12:05 PM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

7:30 PM Santa Eucaristía in the Chapel

Saturday – August 18th

12 PM – 4 PM Rainbow Outreach – Bookbags for Kids

Confirmands Meeting: August 19th after the 9 am service

James Heffner will lead the discussion to finalize plans for the Labor Day BBQ, and Mother Judith will outline the plans and schedule for Confirmation preparation. Please bring your calendars so that we can schedule class meetings together.

Bible Study: The Song of Songs #7. A reflection guide is available on our website (www.gracechurchwhiteplains.org) and a hard copy is available in the church today.

Vestry Update: At their monthly meeting on July 24th, the Vestry discussed the ongoing work of three research teams exploring options for the elevator repair, the rectory repairs, and the organ fund. They debated alternative means of funding these projects. This conversation is ongoing, and the Wardens and Vestry will inform the congregation when they have decided on a plan. Meanwhile, work continues installing a new security system, reviewing historical and legal documents, re-organizing our files and our storage spaces, and preparing our space for the program year.

Parish Retreat: Change the Date – Our Parish Retreat, originally scheduled for September 7th & 8th has been changed to **Saturday December 1, 2018, 10am – 6 pm.** Given the different responsibilities requiring the attention of the Search Committee and the Vestry during the fall, we thought it best to change our plans. We also want this to be a day when both our English-speaking and our Spanish-speaking members will be able to pray, sing, eat, and talk together. This requires a different kind of planning. We also want to have age-appropriate sessions for children and youth, and not only does this require different planning, but the beginning of the school year is not the best time for wide participation. December 2nd is the day before Advent begins – a “liturgical new year’s eve,” of sorts, and it is therefore a more appropriate time for all of us to gather in thanksgiving for the past year and in asking God’s grace on the new ministry you will be about to begin. The day will end with our First Saturdays at Grace Holy Eucharist and a potluck dinner.

Summer Sunday Service Schedule: July 1st through September 2nd: 9 AM & 12:30 PM

Looking Ahead:

Sundays in September

September 2nd	Labor Day Weekend; services at 9 AM & 12:30 PM
September 3rd	Grace's Kitchen Labor Day BBQ 8:30 am to 11:30 am
September 9th	Backpack blessings & Alzheimer Awareness Sunday Services at 8 AM & 10 AM & 12:30 PM Presentation on Alzheimer’s Disease at 9 am, 11:30 am, and 12:30 pm The Choir Returns at 10 AM Nursery Care returns 11:30 AM Sunday School Registration in the Parish Hall 11:30 AM St. Nicholas Choir Rehearsal – Music Room
September 15th	5PM to 10PM La Gracia Fiesta – Grace Church Ballroom
September 16th	Bi-lingual Family Service at 11 am Luncheon following the service 10:15 AM St. Nicholas Choir Rehearsal – Music Room 12:30 PM Sunday School registration in the Parish Hall
September 23rd	Sunday School Classes, Rite 13, and J2A begin
September 30th	11:15 AM World Café Parish Forum Rite 13/J2A classes will participate in the World Cafe

La Gracia Fundraiser for Grace La Gracia: Saturday September 15th 5 PM-10 PM

Please see Fr. Adolfo or contact the Parish Office to purchase tickets to this gala evening of dancing, dinner, basket raffle, and joyful fellowship for all ages. Half the proceeds go to Grace Church operating budget, and half go to the La Gracia lunch program. Please talk with Fr. Adolfo to see how you can help.

General Information:

Volunteers Needed for Grace's Kitchen Labor Day BBQ

Grace's Kitchen staff will have the day off on **Monday, September 3rd**. The Confirmands and the Young People of Grace, coordinated by James Heffner, are organizing this event. Let's all support our young people of Grace Church. Please consider volunteering (even for an hour) to set up, serve food and/or clean up between 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Monetary donations and food contributions (salads, fruits, juice and/or soda) are always appreciated. Monetary donation can be mailed to the parish office. A Sign-up Sheet for food contributions is posted outside of the Parish Hall. Please contact James Heffner (jamesheffner02@gmail.com)

Bishop's Visitation: Sunday October 28th – 11 AM Bi-lingual service. Please see Mother Judith or Father Adolfo to discuss how to prepare for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception into the Episcopal Church (if you have been confirmed in the Lutheran or Roman Catholic traditions), and Renewal of Baptismal Vows. The Bishop's Visitation is a very important milestone in the life of the church: Please plan to be present to welcome Bishop Dietsche, to celebrate with our Confirmands, and to give thanks for the grace that has brought us together.

Host a Sunday Coffee Hour- Hosts Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to host coffee hours beginning in September. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board near parish hall.

Bulletin Boards: We have established a new practice so that Maria Campos oversees all postings on the bulletin boards in the building. Fr. Adolfo will oversee postings on the La Gracia bulletin board. This will improve consistency, complementarity, and coherence in the way we share news and information with our visitors. All postings should be given to Maria: by email, mail, or in person.

Paying Pledges by check or online

We now offer the opportunity to pay your pledge through PayPal on our website (www.gracechurchwhiteplains.org/Giving). If you pay by check, please note the current posted date and write your pledge number on the memo line. To arrange automatic payments of your pledge, please contact Maria Romeo in the parish office (mromeo@gracechurchwhiteplains.org).

Summer Pledges: Even though summer attendance decreases as many of us go away during this period, our financial obligations don't change. To prevent a cash flow shortage, we urge you to keep up your pledges during the summer. Some parishioners pre-pay, mail in, or have pledges automatically sent from their banks. Regardless of the method used to send in your pledges, it is greatly appreciated!

E-mail news: In upgrading our Microsoft software, some email addresses were inadvertently deleted from our database. And our new weekly e-newsletter may be going to your SPAM folders. If you or anyone you know is not receiving parish emails, please contact Maria Campos at mcampos@gracechurchwhiteplains.org or 914-949-2874.



The Right Reverend Andrew M.L. Dietsche, Bishop
The Right Reverend Allen Kunho Shin, Bishop Suffragan
The Right Reverend Mary Glasspool, Assistant Bishop
The Reverend Dr. Judith Lee, Interim Pastor
The Reverend Adolfo Moronta, Associate Priest
Peter Roberts, Director of Music of Grace Church
Juan Carlos Abreu, Director of Music of La Gracia
Donna Louis, Youth Ministry Coordinator
Maria Campos, Secretary
Taurino Juárez, Sexton

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Hillary Fleming, Treasurer
Sorraya Sampson Elliott, Clerk

Class of 2018: Irene Alves, Karen Odom, Amy Auld Owens, Sorraya Sampson Elliott

Class of 2019: Trisha McGuinness, Marisol Ortega, Charlotte Roberson

Class of 2020: Daisy Calderon, Hillary Fleming

Grace Church is a diverse congregation committed to a common life sustained by worship. We bear witness to God's love in Christ through our life together and our service to the wider community. All are welcome.