



# Grace Episcopal Church, Elkridge

Rev. Travis K. Smith, Rector

Rev. Mimi Mathews, Deacon

Feast: The 6th Sunday After the Epiphany  
February 17, 2019 - 10:00 am

## Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

We're glad you are here! The center of all that we do at Grace is the worship of God as revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is our principle call as Christians and is the means by which we are nourished so that we might be the hands and feet of our Risen Lord in our community and the world.

- We invite everyone in worship to **come to our Lord's Table** during worship to receive communion or a blessing. The bread is received with an open hand; the wine by guiding the chalice to your lips or by dipping the wafer into the cup. If you do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead.
- An opportunity for **healing prayer** is offered during worship at the kneeler located under the heart banner in Grace's Wellness Corner. Prayers can be offered for any part of your life that needs it —physical, mental, spiritual. You can come seeking healing for yourself or for someone else in any part of their life.
- **Angels of Grace Nursery** is located upstairs. We love to have children at the services and welcome their energy with open hearts and arms. While not staffed, the nursery is a place parents can take a child if quiet time is desired. Go through the double doors, up the stairs, and follow the signs. A changing table is available in the nursery and in the women's restroom.
- **Children's Chapel** is offered during worship. After the Gospel, children process upstairs and celebrate God's love of them and their neighbor. Children rejoin the service during the Peace.

*Join us for further refreshment after worship concludes. If you're looking for a spiritual home, exploring your faith, searching for ways to serve your community, or seeking to make a difference in God's world, you are welcome at Grace Episcopal Church.*

### Mission Statement of Grace Church

- We are called by God to be a community of faith committed to knowing Jesus and making Him known to the world.
- We believe we are called to seek Christ in all persons and to love our neighbors as God loves us.
- We believe as the body of Christ we are called to reach out to our local community and the world, to invite all people to know the joy of God, and to welcome all persons into fellowship.

We believe we are called to nurture each other in the faith and to be a fellowship of grace and renewal.

Looking for a church that loves people? Come as our guest and leave as one of the family! Church services are held at 7:30a.m. at the **Historic Stone Church** in downtown ElkrIDGE off of Main Street and at 10 a.m. at the **Holy Family Chapel** at 6725 Montgomery Road. For more information about Grace Episcopal Church, check the website at [www.graceelkrIDGE.org](http://www.graceelkrIDGE.org) or call the office at 410-796-3270.

# Entrance Rites

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **Opening Hymn: Come Now Is The Time To Worship**

### Chorus 1

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

### Verse 1

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now

### Verse 2

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart soul mind and strength  
We gladly choose You now

### Misc 1

(Ending)

Come come just as you are come come

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## **Opening Acclamation**

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Hymn of Praise:

Chorus

Praise the name of Jesus

Praise the name of Jesus

He's my Rock He's my Fortress

He's my Deliverer

In Him will I trust

Praise the name of Jesus

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## Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## The Word of God

### First Reading

A reading from The Book of Jeremiah (17:5-10).

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,

in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup> I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Psalm 1**

*BCP p. 585*

*Beatus vir qui non abiit*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of  
the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when

judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Hymn: Step by Step - WR494**

Oh God You are my God  
And I will ever praise You  
Oh God You are my God  
And I will ever praise You  
And I will seek You in the morning  
And I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days

Alt to match WR 494 Step by Step

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*The people stand as they are able.*

## **Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (6:17-26).

<sup>17</sup> Jesus came down with the twelve apostles, and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. <sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and  
defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely  
your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup>“But  
woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false  
prophets.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Sermon - Rev. Travis K. Smith**

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

### ***All say together***

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.*

*Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Leader**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

We pray for Donald our President, Larry our Governor, Calvin our County Executive,  
Benjamin and Chris our Senators, Guy, Katie, and Clarence our State Senators, Elijah and



John our Representatives, Vanessa, Terri, Shane, Jessica, Jennifer, and Eric our State Delegates, Opel, and Elizabeth our Council Members.

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Eugene our Bishop, Traivs our Rector, and Mimi our Deacon; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

**Deacon:** We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
*Silence may be kept.*

### **Leader and People**

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Absolution**

*Bishop or Priest*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*Amen.*

### **Collect**

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

**Celebrant**            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People**              *And also with you.*

# The Holy Communion

*The Priest says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

## **Offertory Hymn: Take Our Bread**

Refrain

Take our bread, we ask you;  
Take our hearts, we love you.  
Take our lives, Our Father,  
We are yours, we are yours.

Verse 1

Yours as we stand at the table you set;  
yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.  
We are the sign of your life with us yet,  
we are your, we are yours.

Refrain

Verse 2

Your holy people standing washed in your blood,  
Spirit filled yet hungry we await your food.  
We are poor, but we've brought our selves teh best taht we could;  
we are yours, we are yours.

## **Presentation Song**

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow,*

*Praise him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host.*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

**Celebrant**            The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*  
**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.  
**People** *We lift them to the Lord.*  
**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People** *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
*By his blood, he reconciled us.*  
*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,*  
*heaven and earth are full of your glory.*  
*Hosanna in the highest.*  
*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*  
*Hosanna in the highest.*

### *Celebrant*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said,

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN

### **Lord's Prayer**

#### **Celebrant**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*The Priest invites the people to Communion*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Communion Hymn: I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light - WR 248 &**

*I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light (WR248)*

Verse 1

I want to walk as a child of the light  
I want to follow Jesus  
God set the stars to give light to the world  
The star of my life is Jesus

Chorus

In Him there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

Verse 2

I want to see the brightness of God  
I want to look at Jesus  
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path  
And show me the way to the Father

Verse 3

I'm looking for the coming of Christ  
I want to follow Jesus  
When we have run with patience the race  
We shall know the joy of Jesus

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*One Bread One body* (WR 689)

*Refrain*

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessings which we bless.  
And we, though many through-out the earth,  
we are one body in this on Lord.

1. Gentil or Jew,  
servant or free,  
woman or man, nomore.

*Refrain*

2. Many the gifts,  
many the works,  
on in the Lord of all.

*Refrain*

3. Grain for the fields,  
scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, all.

WORDS: John B Foley (1939 - ); Music: John B. Foley (1939- ); Gary Alan Smith (1947- )

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

### *Celebrant and People*

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **Blessing**

### *The Bishop or Priest says*

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## **Hymn: Shine Jesus Shine - WR319**

### Verse 1

Lord the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining  
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me shine on me

### Chorus 1

Shine Jesus shine  
Fill this land  
With the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze  
Set our hearts on fire



Flow river flow  
Flood the nations  
With grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word Lord  
And let there be light

#### Verse 2

Lord I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
Search me try me consume all my darkness  
Shine on me shine on me

#### Verse 3

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me shine on me

CCLI Song # 30426 // Graham Kendrick

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## Dismissal

**Deacon** Alleluia Alleluia: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People** *Thanks be to God. Alleluia Alleluia*

## **Announcements**

### ***Winter is Here:*** Cancellation Policy for 2019

If roads are Icy and ground is Snow covered at 7am there will only be one service at 10 am at the Parish Hall. A Constant Contact will be sent out or you can contact Rev Travis Smith at [TravisKerrySmith@gmail.com](mailto:TravisKerrySmith@gmail.com)

### **Giving Statements**

If you are interested in envelopes please contact the office or Dan Gerlowski, Treasurer. You can use the envelope as a reminder each week without having to pledge.

### **Ladies Lunch Out** - Today

We are bringing the "Ladies Night Out" back to life!

It will now be: "LADIES LUNCH OUT"!

Come for fun and fellowship!

When:

Sunday, February 17, 2019

12:00 Noon

Tino's Italian Bistro

8775 Centre Park Drive

Columbia, MD 21045

RSVP to Jody Nation (410) 207-9870 or Helena Jester (410) 533- 0130

To let us know if you are available to come, or if you wish to carpool.

We hope this will continue on, as a monthly event.

and we hope you can join us!

### **Grace's Outreach focus for February** - Due back Today

We will support the Columbia Pregnancy Center in two ways:

Baby Bottle Campaign & Collection of Unwrapped Gifts "Baby Shower"

Thank you to all who contributed to this outreach.

### **Tuesday Suppers** - This week

Thank you to Jean Schutt who has volunteered to coordinate the dinners for 2018 - 2019 year. If you would like help by doing a supper on a Vestry night, please contact Jean.

Next Supper is Feb 26 – hosted by Judy Fox

Vestry & Supper Dates are: Feb 26, Mar 5 (Shrove Tues), Apr 23, May 28. Soup Supper Days for Lent: Mar 12,19,26, Apr 2,9, 16 (Seder – Fr. Travis)

**Save the Date:**

*Pancake Supper* – March 5 – Helpers needed please see Jean Schuut

*Lenten Soup* – Tuesdays between March 12 & April 16 – Weekly soups needed please see Fr. Travis to sign up.

*Spring Tea 2019* - May 4

**Fun, Families, Fellowship** – Event Today

Save the following dates for this year's activities for the children of Grace Church and their families. We'd love kids of all ages and their families to come for fun and conversation with other Grace Church families. If you'd like to plan one of these activities or have any other questions, please contact Michelle Matto at mgamatto@hotmail.com or 410-579-8021.

April 28, 2019, 5 PM: Dance Party/Game Night (Sunday Night)

June 2, 2019, 2 PM: Nature Hike/Picnic

**VBS Summer 2019** \*\* NEW\*\* meeting 3/4

We will have our first meeting on March 4th at 6:30. If you are interested in having VBS this year, can you please give Marion Hayes a call (443 618 1894) or email. (mkhayes02@gmail.com).

**Adult Sunday School**

Week 10: The Christian Discipline of Confession:

“Create in me a clean heart oh God, and renew a right spirit within me.” This confession that we read together every Ash Wednesday is the basis for the language of our weekly confession. The cross of Jesus Christ is the reason we can confess. The grace of the Holy Trinity has been poured out for all of humanity, and is the path on which we journey as we sojourn towards the New Jerusalem. Our first response to the grace of God is to confess our lives. The heart of this is recognizing that all we have is gift and God longs to forgive us our sins. So with this in mind join us this Sunday to see the discipline of confession and begin to practice it together.

Week 11: The Christian Discipline of Guidance:

I know that we are supposed to be looking at worship for week eleven but I am changing it! I am switching worship with guidance so that we can combine worship and celebration next week. We have up to last week looked almost solely at individual disciplines, inviting individuals to the freedom that emerges from fasting, prayer, meditation, service, and

solitude. The corporate discipline of guidance is the process of inviting a community to that freedom. What does it look like to guide a community in prayer and fasting as they develop a vision of the future. How do we guide a community to confess their sin and complicity in the world. Guidance is the spiritual discipline of bringing the voice of God to a community and calling for a response. This will be an exciting week.

### **Gluten Allergy??**

Grace now has Gluten Free Host. If you are in need of the Gluten Free Host please let Fr. Travis or Rev. Mimi know and they will be happy to serve you.

### **Tithing via your Credit Card**

We have an agreement with Vanco, our online stewardship/giving company, to accept Credit Card (MC, Visa, Amex & Discover) contributions. You can register your credit card via online or via text message option. You can choose to make your contribution one time, weekly or monthly.

- Online option – [graceelkridge.org](http://graceelkridge.org) – go to top right corner click on “Stewardship/Giving” and follow prompts.
- GIVE + Text – text 410-618-1877 and a link will be sent to you for donating. Follow prompts after the link is open.
- We also purchased a “Mobile Card Reader” so we can use credit cards at events. See flyer in back of the church to log in or just to check it out.

### **AmazonSmile**

If you use Amazon - log into [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and choose Grace Episcopal Church, Elkridge and a portion of eligible purchases will be donated back to Grace.

### **Pastoral Care Team -**

Our next meeting was supposed to be on Feb 11, due to snow it was cancelled.

If you are interested in joining the Pastoral Care, there are opportunities for someone to serve so if you feel called to serve at Grace please drop a line to the office, Fr. Travis or Rev. Mimi

**Celebration of Life** – next meeting May 11 at 9am

### **Caring Card - Ministry**

~Have you ever wanted to let someone know that you are thinking of them? ~

- Now you can by using the new Grace “Caring Card”.
- These cards are available for you to take, write a message, and mail to someone.
- Grace provides the card, and you provide the “caring” and the postage.

There will be cards available at the Historic Stone Church & the Family Life Center.

\*Please make sure you get permission of the person you are lifting up in prayer, before you add them to the prayer list.

### **Prayer / Visitation (Look for the Yellow Card)**

Do you know someone in need of Prayers or Visit?

Fill out a yellow Prayer & Visitation cards located in the back of the FLC and the HSC, (4.5 x 5.5 yellow card). Please pass it only to the church via the offering plate, and the Pastoral Team will visit and or pray. Please make sure if requesting a visit or prayers the person is aware you are giving their name. Thank you for your support on this addition to communication to the office.

This yellow card is not in place of the weekly “Prayers of the People” to be read during services. We want to share with you, your concerns, joys & thanksgivings on the “Prayers of the People” sheet in the back of the HSC & Holy Family Chapel @ FLC.

### **Pastoral Care Team Reaches Out to Service Members**

Grace's Pastoral Care Team has started a ministry of sending prayer books and commemorative medals to people serving in the military. If you have a loved one who might appreciate receiving this gift from Grace, please contact the church office.

### **Just a Spoonful of Love – Casserole Ministry**

Grace's Pastoral Care team invites parishioners to join them in working to resume our Casserole Ministry to serve members during times of need, e.g., illness, hospitalization, arrival of new child, etc. To participate in this ministry, all you have to do is pick up a casserole pan (recipe included) from the back of the church, buy the ingredients, prepare the casserole, wrap it in plastic and aluminum foil, date it and attached the second copy of recipe card provided (so recipients can view ingredients for possible allergies), and return the casserole to the freezer in the FLC kitchen. Members of the Pastoral Care team will handle deliveries. Receipts may be presented to the church office for notation on individual's giving statement as donation in kind. If this experiment is successful, new recipes will be available monthly or seasonal. For information, see Rev. Mimi after services or contact her at 443-277-0068

### **Sonshine Card Ministry**

Thank you for your support, we have received many cards to help with our mission. Please continue to drop extra cards to the office when you have them. This is very special mission to many people in our parish.

### **Please Use Store Cards-Help The Local Poor**

In the fall 2017, The Vestry decided that on behalf of Grace Church, Fr. Travis Smith can and should continue helping indigent families approaching the church for assistance. While this is often overlooked, The Vestry is proud of this outreach and the judicious use of resources by Fr. Travis Smith. Put in simplest terms possible, the “profit” from the store card program will be used to continue this outreach; deficits will be covered by the Rector's Discretionary

Fund, (supported by loose plate offering 1st & 5th Sundays) surpluses mean more aid available to the community.

Please consider using store cards as a way to brighten the world, just a little bit for those who need it most.

### **Roving Radish - See you in the Spring**

The Roving Radish is back, pick up will be available on Wednesday 3:30 to 5pm in the Grace parking lot.

- Go on to [www.ROVINGRADISH.com](http://www.ROVINGRADISH.com) to check our weekly recipes.
- Cost per pick up will be \$32 per meal kit (2 dinners for a family of four).
- We are fortunate to be able to offer these subsidized kits, please see web site.
- Now offering Vegetarian Meals \$32.00 (2 meals for a family of four)
- Order weekly or in advance.

Pay at the time of your order online (credit card only) or at pick-up (cash or EBT only)

The Roving Radish is a Howard County Government program dedicated to promoting healthy farm to table eating habits to our community, while creating sustainable markets for our local and regional farms. We achieve this by selling healthy meal kits, sourced from local and regional farms, to our community.

### **Grace Early Learning Center**

Grace Early Learning Center is sponsoring a Scholastic Book and Bake Sale on Saturday, March 9th, 2019 from 9am-1pm. We will have books for all ages and interest. It is a community event to help support Grace's continued pursuit of accreditation. All proceeds will help us to provide the extend materials needed towards achieving accreditation. We are asking if anyone would like to donate any bake goods for our bake sale or if you are not a baker perhaps helping families finding their books or helping with sales. If you are interested, please contact the Center either by email: [geccdirector@gmail.com](mailto:geccdirector@gmail.com) or call 410-796-4561. Thank you for all your support!

### **YOGA and KARATE**

If interested, please contact Tom Harman [tom.harman111@gmail.com](mailto:tom.harman111@gmail.com)

Karate: All ages (minimum age 8)

6:00pm to 6:45pm 9-week session: Fitness & self-awareness (self-defense) class (\$donation or included if you sign up for karate)

Focus on flexibility, cardio, core strength, body mechanics, mindfulness, and self-defense,

Karate: All ages (minimum age 10)

7:00pm to 7:45pm 9-week session Ryukyu Kempo Karate Class (\$60/student or \$100/family)

Focus on body mechanics, 3 awareness's (self, environmental, and situational), and martial elements (flow, energy, theory, and practical application)

Karate students are encouraged to participate in the 6:00pm class

Yoga: All ages

8:00pm to 9:00pm 9-week session: Diurnal Yoga Class (\$donation)

Practice makes Practice

Focus on mindfulness, individual practice, vinyasa (movement through breath), core and mechanics

### **Mustard Seed Thrift Shop**

Is NOW open 1st Sunday of each month from 11am to 12:30.

Volunteers needed to help in The Mustard Seed on Tues, Thurs or Saturdays from 10am to 1pm. If interested in volunteering or have any questions, please call Isobel Schum: 410 747 9695.

As part of the mission of Grace the Mustard Seed donates the overflow of clothing for men, women & children's to Greendrop.com and Grassroots DAY Resource Center

The thrift shop is in dire (dire-an extremely serious or urgent situation or event) need of techie help to get its FACE on THE BOOK and other social media. If technology is your ministry and you are willing to help, please call Isobel Schum at 410-747-9695.

### **Grassroot Day Resource Center**

Thank you to all who have made donations to the Grassroot Day Resource Center. They are always appreciated very much. If you would like to make additional donations, bring them with you to Sunday worship. These are the items they are in need of currently: Canned Soup-Condensed, Chunky, Progresso, Canned Meats-Chicken, Vienna Sausage, Spam, Salmon, Tuna, Canned Vegetables-All types EXCEPT green beans, Canned Fruit-All kinds, Canned Beans-Pinto, Garbanzo, Black, Northern, Canned Meals-Chef Boyardee, Beef Stew, Corned Beef Hash, etc.,

Please check out their new website: [Daycenter.org](http://Daycenter.org)

### **Howard County Prescription Drop off**

Rid your home of any medication you no longer need, and in the process, help us continue to fight the opioid crisis in our area.

You can dispose of unneeded or expired medication safely and anonymously in any of our four permanent disposal boxes.

### **Open 24/7**

Northern District Station (3410 Courthouse Drive in Ellicott City)

Southern District Station (11226 Scaggsville Road in Laurel)

### **Drop Off During Business Hours**

Community Outreach (10741 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia)

Gary Arthur Community Center (2400 Route 97 in Cooksville)

### **10:00 am Servers @ Holy Family Chapel**

Please check the schedule for details or call Ginny Stickles @ 410 382 2184.

February: 17 – Jody Nation, Elaine Puppa, Isobel Schum, Bob Puppa  
24 – Ginny Stickles, Rita Chelton, Isobel Schum

March: 03 – Chris Fox, Keith Cameron, Bob Puppa, Karen Stewart  
10 – Rita Chelton, Jody Nation, Ginny Stickles, Isobel Schum  
17 – Betty McMullen, Roste Gloth, Ginny Stickles, Rita Chelton  
24 – Jody Nation, Bob Puppa, Karen Stewart,  
31 – Ginny Stickles, Michelle Matto, Isobel Schum, Ginny Stickles

**"Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."** John 7:38  
NRSV

Parish Calendar Week of February 17, 2019

### **Monday, February 18th** – Presidents Day

Office – CLOSED

7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ FLC conf rm 2

7:30 pm – Pastoral Care Meeting

7:30 pm AA meeting @ FLC

### **Tuesday, February 19th**

Office 9am – 2pm

9:00am - Discernment Study (All Welcome)

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store

8:30 pm – AA Meeting @ FLC

### **Wednesday, February 20th**

Office 9 am – 2 pm

6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 432 Meeting @ FLC

### **Thursday, February 21st**

Office 9 am – 2 pm

7:30am - Eucharist Service @ FLC

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store

6:30 pm – Private Rental @ FLC

6:00 pm - Karate @ FLC (OFF for Winter)

8:00 pm – Yoga @ FLC (OFF for Winter)

Friday, February 22nd

Office Hours CLOSED

10:30am GECC – Jump Bunch

7:00 pm – Private Rental @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church (2nd & 4th Friday in February)



**Saturday, February 23rd**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm - Mustard Seed Thrift Store

11:00 am – Private Rental @ FLC

**Sunday, February 24th**

7:30 am - Holy Eucharist @ HSC

9:00 am – Adult Sunday School @ FLC conf Rm 1

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist @ FLC

11:00 am – Grace Family Fellowship @ FLC

11:00 am – 12:30 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store OPEN (1st Sunday of Month ONLY)

12:00 pm – 4pm - Private Rental @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church

## Prayers of the People

**Feb 17 – Feb 23**

**The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Trinity, Towson; St Thomas', Owings Mills; Sherwood, Cockeysville

**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa

**In our community:** We pray that we may be devoted to your worship and directed and sustained in our ministries; that the Holy Spirit will guide and uphold this Parish in all its missions and in our individual spiritual journeys. We pray for the resident of Colonial Landing Apartments, give thanks and prayer for our visitors for whom have yet to walk in our doors. We bid prayers for all member of the Regular and Reserve Forces of the United States, especially *Brian Hesson (friend Rev. Mimi Mathews)*, *Rachel Werts (Karen Stewarts daughter)*, *Jason Werts (Karen Stewarts son in law)*, *David Kinnamont (Karen Stewart son)*, *John Lord (Betty McMullen grandson -in law)*, *Matt Merritt (Amy Szekely son)*, *David Shrewbury (Puppa's son in law)*, *Marc Benson (Stickles nephew)*, *Christen Kratz Woolford (Dennis Kratz daughter)* and *Tom Woolford (Dennis Kratz son in law)*. We also pray for all the men and women who risk their lives daily serving in law enforcement, fire and public safety. Prayers for the Military who have died and their families. We continue to keep all our military and public service casualties in your prayers for their continued recovery.

### Repose of the Soul:

**Prayers of Special Intentions:** Lawrence Altman, & Family, Mel Baumer, Blount & Family, Taylor Burry, George Chaney, Geri Ellen, Luke Filar, Rosemary Klocho, Henry, Vanessa Jones, Gabriel Louis, McBride & Family, Charlie Milstead, Petkus-Humbert Families, Patricia Parker, Rachel, John Roycroft, Eric Scott, Joyce Shields, David Sizemore, Ray Smith, Bruce Trent, Kailyn Thompson, Nancy Williams, Family of Stephanie Williams, Cory Woodall, Tessa & Family, Pam & Family

**For the hospitalized, sick and home bound:** Peggy Blackburn, Robin Blackburn, Doris Clay, Eleanor Gyr, Candice Harvey, Kyle Kratz, George Perry, Pam Stevens, Rebecca Ubert, Jean Williams, Irene Wilson

**Birthdays:** Janice Buxton, Christopher Fox, Henry Matto

**Anniversaries:** Peter & Nancy Maher

\* Names will remain on the prayer list for 8 weeks unless requested longer

## **WELCOME - Are you our guest today?**

Please take a moment to tell us something about you. Share whatever you like. Please tear this off and put in the offering plate or give it to the rector.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

At which location and service were you our guest?

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Historic Stone Church      \_\_\_\_\_ Holy Family Chapel @ the Family Life Center

How did you find us?

\_\_\_\_\_ Friend

\_\_\_\_\_ [Graceelkridge.org](http://Graceelkridge.org)

\_\_\_\_\_ Signs

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply: \_\_\_\_\_ First time guest    \_\_\_\_\_ Returning guest    \_\_\_\_\_ New to the area

\_\_\_\_\_ Would like information on Christian Education

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult

\_\_\_\_\_ Children

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Ministries

\_\_\_\_\_ Would like to know more about Grace

\_\_\_\_\_ Would like to know more about the Episcopal Church

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (Seniors, Fellowship, ...)

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