



January 25, 2026  
10:30 am

## Third Sunday after Epiphany

Grace Episcopal Church

### The Holy Eucharist

**Prelude**

*Cantabile*

Cesar Franck  
(1822-1890)

**Opening Hymn** 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see and praise him here.

5. Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways  
and as his people in the world  
we'll live and speak his praise.

### The Opening Acclamation

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Collect for Purity

*An ancient prayer for centering ourselves at the beginning of the service.*

**All** 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.**

## Gloria S 236 A Song of Praise Canticle 13

1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord  
God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_  
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will  
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your  
tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be -  
tween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and  
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

*Descant*

5. Gloria to you, be - hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to hea - ven, 6. Gloria to you, Fa - ther, you. 6. Gloria to you, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you. Glo - ry to you! high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945)

## The Collect of the Day

*The prayer of each Sunday, which 'collects' or summarizes the theme of the liturgy this week.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Let us pray.

*Celebrant* Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Readings

*All may sit.*

### The First Lesson Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

**Psalm 27:1, 5-13** *Dominus illuminatio*

George Elvey (1816–1893)



1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; 'whom then shall I' fear? \*  
     The LORD is the strength of my life; of 'whom then shall I' be a- 'fraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; 'one thing I' seek; \*  
     that I may dwell in the house of the LORD 'all the' days of my' life;

6 To behold the fair' beauty of the' LORD \*  
     and to 'seek him' in his' temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me' safe in his' shelter; \*  
     he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me' high  
     up- 'on a' rock.

8 Even now he' lifts up my' head \*  
     above my' énemis' round a- 'bout me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with' sounds of great' gladness; \*  
     I will' sing and make' music to the' LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, 'when I' call; \*  
     have' mercy on' me and' answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, '“Seek my' face.” \*  
     Your' face, LORD, 'will I' seek.

12 Hide' not your' face from me, \*  
     nor turn away your' servant' in dis- 'pleasure.

13 You have been my helper; 'cast me not a- 'way; \*  
     do not forsake me, O' God of' my sal- 'vation.

**The Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or

“I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

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

*All may stand.*

**Sequence Hymn** 533 How wondrous and great

1 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!  
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name?  
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.

2 To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;  
their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:  
thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad,  
till earth’s every people confess thee their God.

**The Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*Gospeler*   The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*   **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All may sit.*

### **The Sermon**

*A message usually based on the readings and their relevancy to life today.*

*All may stand.*

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Creed comes from the Latin ‘Credo’, ‘I believe.’, The Nicene Creed was created in the formative years of the Church, to be a symbol of common faith. It pertains to the Holy Trinity – a core belief which distinguishes Christianity from other faith traditions.*

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

### **The Prayers of the People**

*p.388*

**Form IV (BCP,**

*The community of the Church is called to pray in Christ's name for the needs of the world. Standing for the Prayers is a sign of our calling to be a corporate priestly community (the priesthood of all believers), praying for those needs.*

*During the prayers, at the phrase "Lord, in your mercy," you are invited to respond "Hear our prayer."*

### **Confession of Sin**

*In preparation for receiving Holy Communion, we acknowledge our failings with God and with each other, and seek healing and forgiveness.*

*The Deacon or Priest says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

### *Clergy and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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.*

### **The Peace**

*The Peace is meant as an encounter with Christ in others, and a reconciliation with one another and with ourselves in anticipation of the kingdom of God.*

*Priest*      The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*    **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*All may sit.*

**Greeting**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Anthem**

*The Light!*

Kell Julliard  
(b. 1949)

*The light, the light, it shines in the darkness.  
God so loves the world that He gives His only-begotten son to save us.  
God so loves the world, He loves it.*

**Offertory Hymn**    321 My God, thy table now is spread

1 My God, thy table now is spread,  
thy cup with love doth overflow;  
be all thy children thither led,  
and let them thy sweet mercies know.

2 O let thy table honored be,  
and furnished well with joyful guests:  
and may each soul salvation see,  
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

3 Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,  
in countless numbers let them come  
and gather from their Father's board  
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

4 Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest  
till through the world thy truth has run,

till with this Bread shall all be blessed  
who see the light or feel the sun.

# The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer C (*BCP*, p.369)

*This is the prayer of blessing over the bread and wine, based on Jewish table prayers. It begins with the priest inviting the people to join giving thanks, since the whole congregation are together “celebrants.”*

*The People remain standing.*

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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 you blessed us and created us in your image, and you made us the stewards 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:

**Sanctus S 125 *Holy, holy, holy***

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The Celebrant continues*

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 and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; 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.

*People: Amen.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Together we pray the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. This prayer is common to all Christians.*

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

*People and Priest*

**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.**

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

*This is a sign that the bread is to be shared by all.*

*Priest:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People:* We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

## Fraction Anthem      *S 157 Lamb of God*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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## The Communion of the People

*All who seek God, and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at his table. If you do not wish to receive Communion, but desire a blessing from the priest, simply cross arms across your chest to indicate this, and the priest will say a prayer of blessing over you. If you require a gluten-free communion wafer, please go to one of the Communion stations at the front of the church. Wine may be consumed from the chalice. Intinction, the dipping of the bread into the wine, is NOT allowed.*

## Communion Hymn      549 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me;"  
saying, "Christian, follow me;"

2 as, of old, Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,

leaving all for his dear sake.  
leaving all for his dear sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store;  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."  
"Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.  
serve and love thee best of all.

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

*This prayer gives thanks for the gift of Communion, that it may bear fruit in daily life.*

*All*      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.

### **The Blessing**

*The traditional ending of the service. We are reminded that God is with us and empowering us.*

**Recessional Hymn**    381 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At thy speaking it was done;  
For created light we thank thee,  
While thine ordered seasons run:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of thy salvation,  
Breathed thine own life-giving breath:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

3 Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our live our hopes confess:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

4 God the Father, Light Creator,  
To thee laud and honor be;  
To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally;  
Holy Spirit, Light Revealer,  
Glory, glory be to thee;  
Mortal, angels, now and ever  
Praise the Holy Trinity.

## Dismissal

*At the point of leaving, the Church sends us forth. In Christ's name we are sent out for mission and service in daily life.*

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Postlude**      *Prelude and Fugue in D minor*

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

## Serving at the Altar Today

8:00 am	Celebrant Preacher Deacon Lectors Eucharistic Ministers Ushers	The Rev. Thomas N. J. Synan The Rev. Susan Schaeffer The Rev. Rebecca Grant Kitty Dougherty, Elizabeth Brown Carlton Ho, Gail Gnatek Carlton Pickron, Brenda Aldrich
10:30 am	Celebrant Preacher Deacon Lectors Eucharistic Ministers Bell Ushers	The Rev. Thomas N. J. Synan The Rev. The Rev. Susan Schaeffer The Rev. Rebecca Grant Trent Maxey, Sarah Boy Henry Maxey, Hannah Abbott Trent Maxey Sarah Liberty-Laylin, Peter Laylin

## Please remember in your prayers

**For strength and healing:** Michael Erard, Lisa, Marc Hamel, David LeSage, Emrys Bond, Leo, Mia, Trish Callard, Janet Teng, Rick Read, Joan Dunn, Tommy, Cherie Feeley, Gretchen Gerzina, Laura Klock, Cara Crandall, Meg Kelsey Wright, Robin, Scottie Faerber, Carl Miller, Lauren & Stephen, Greta, Sara Stelzner, Jon Zobel, Bob Moran, Sophie Gergley, Jona Hammer, Kay Gregory, Nancy Rose, Norah, Zen Latimore-Dallas, Roberta Olsen, Ramona & Warren Hebert, Paul Pesenti, Carla Shanahan, Loy Harris, Mary Sidney Treyz, Wally Rodriguez, Roberta & Dennis Kirby, Anne Neely, Peter, Alan Musgrave, Lorie Healy, Penny Lane, Stephen Dogero, Doug Adler, Chris & Deanne Riddle, Patricia Tillona, Pam Wilkinson, Carmen Lee, Maida, Amy, Steve, Jessie, Kenneth Page, Tim Callard, Castor Moss, Marion, Cyndee & Dennis Grader, Reynolds Winslow, Annmarie Wobst Wille, Joey Baker, Jane Pemberton, Michael Baker

**For the repose of the soul of** The Rev. Dr. Joy Ann Rose, Paulette Gangemi

**For all those having birthdays this week including** David Wissemann, Marsha Hertel, Charles Tebbetts, Emily Riddle, Daniel Dineen, Nancy Rose Weeber, Helen Leung, Tom Baker, The Rev. Susan Schaeffer, Georgianna Brown

**For peace with justice in Ukraine, Palestine and Israel, Venezuela.**

**For our partners in Haiti:** St. Matthieu, Bayonnais—its priest, teachers, students and their families

**For our partners at the Episcopal Technical & Vocational Training Center in Ramallah, Palestine**

**According to the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. John's, Athol; Church Without Walls, Springfield; Spouses of deceased clergy

**According to the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

*Please note that names are removed from the prayer list after one month unless you specify otherwise.*

# Parish Announcements January 25, 2026

## About the Choir Anthem:

“The Light” was composed for the interfaith Sufi Choir of Boulder 50 years ago. It celebrates that wonder and joy that comes from the experience of God’s total, unconditional love for us — for us! The light referred to is not primarily the physical light of our world, beautiful as that is, but the light of God’s wisdom, love, and compassion, which is visible everywhere if we but open our spiritual “eyes.”

## No nursery staff this week

Unfortunately, due to nursery staff being unavailable, we cannot provide childcare until February.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering January 25

The Outreach Commission has selected Craig's Doors to be the recipient of Grace's fourth Sunday offering.. Craig's Doors is a human services organization that serves vulnerable and unhoused members of our community. It believes that all human beings are deserving of safety, dignity, and a sense of belonging, and that access to housing, mental and physical health care, and nutritious food is a fundamental human right. It currently operates two year-round shelters and a Resource Center that is open to members of the community. If you write a check, please make it payable to Grace Church and add “outreach” on the memo line. Thank you for any gift you are able to give.

## Joy of Living Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m., 2nd and 4th Mondays

This group combines meditation, practices integrated in the flow of life, and discussion. Next meeting, in the Connector: **January 26, 2026**

## Icon Exhibit, Jan. 31 & Feb. 1

There will be an exhibit of icons created in the St. Luke's Iconography Workshop at Grace Church on Saturday, January 31 and Sunday, February 1, 12 noon to 5 pm each day. The exhibit will be in the Chapel, with an entrance on Spring Street.

## Grace Church Annual Meeting

will be held on Sunday, February 1st following a single service at 9:30am.

## Pastoral Care

A Grace parishioner is in need of meals for the next few weeks. If you are interested or would like more information, please email Gail Gnatek at [ggnatek@gmail.com](mailto:ggnatek@gmail.com)

## 2026 Pledge Envelopes

If you requested envelopes, you may pick them up from the box on the table in the back of the church beginning this Sunday. They will (hopefully) be in alphabetical order. Note: if this is the first year that you have requested pledge envelopes, your pledge number may have changed.

## Gifts to Grace

When making a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) gift to Grace Church, please ensure your fund provider includes your name and the intended purpose of the donation (e.g., Pledge, Haiti, Outreach) with the distribution. This helps us ensure your gift is properly acknowledged and applied. Thanks, Jaana

## The Grace Church Stewardship campaign for 2026

To date 142 pledges have come in totaling \$536,532 – most encouraging, we have 5 new pledges. We are off to a good start. To those who have pledged God bless, to those who have yet to pledge please pray and pledge so our Vestry can budget for 2026. If you need a pledge card, they are available as you enter the church or you can contact the office (413) 256-6754.

## Publicity for your Event?

Please let the Communications Committee know if you need help with your event. Please fill out this form: <https://www.gracechurchamherst.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Request-for-Event-Publicity-Form-2023.pdf>, also located on the "Outreach" page of the church website. The committee requests at least 6 weeks notice. Please forward questions to Patrick Kelly or Sarah Chadwick.

### **Coffee Hour**

Coffee hour is a lovely tradition and we hope to see you there after the 10:30 service. The hospitality committee keeps a small supply of treats on hand but this often is not enough. Won't you please be so kind as to donate a baked good for all to enjoy? Coffee cakes, quick breads, muffins, or bagels are always appreciated as well as other baked goods. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. Please see Sarah Chadwick if you have questions or want to help out further.

### **You are welcome!**

We want you to know that you are welcome here. If you are new to Grace Church please reach out, because we are here to invite, embrace, and welcome you into our community. Whether you are:

- New to the area
- New to our church (and perhaps new to the Episcopal faith)
- A longtime resident in search of connection and community
- Part of the LGBTQ community and are looking for a spiritual home where you are welcomed and affirmed
- A New Student, looking for a place of safety and comfort during your time studying here
- A Mom or Dad of a student and want a place that will support your child while they live and study here

We are here for you. Please fill out a blue Card, and reach out to someone wearing a WELCOME badge and come back **AGAIN !**

### **Vestry Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the most recent Vestry meeting are posted on the bulletin board in the Connector just to the left of the door into the Church. If you wish to see past meeting minutes, please go to our website at <https://www.gracechurchamherst.org/our-church/parish-staff/>

**Calendar Donations** Please bring extra 2026 calendars to the food basket for the Survival Center.

### **Save the Date**

#### **Soup Will Be On!**

**The Haiti Soup Supper Annual Extravaganza will be on Saturday, February 7.** The full list of soups will be available for purchase online on Monday, January 26. Although the list of soups won't be final until then, orders will be taken in the Connector after each service on January 18 and 25 and at the Annual Meeting on February 1 for soups that have been confirmed. As in the past, delicious soups made by parishioners as well as those donated by favorite local restaurants will be available. A meal will consist of a quart of soup, homemade bread, and cookies that will be enough for two. All proceeds benefit the St. Matthew's School in Haiti. Please consider donating soup or volunteering and contact Sarah Chadwick at [snchadwick@verizon.net](mailto:snchadwick@verizon.net). To donate bread or cookies, please contact Gail Gnattek at [ggnatek@gmailcom](mailto:ggnatek@gmailcom).

The Soup order book is now open:

Long URL <https://airtable.com/appbIBbISGI8F1YCS/pagbB4GW5AYAgjbZj/form>

Short URL <https://shorturl.at/96Ndc>



Or go via the Grace In Haiti website: <https://graceinhaiti.org/>