



Grace Anglican CHURCH

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August 31, 2025
10:00 AM

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Rev. Steven A. Savia – Rector | Rev. Malcolm Roberts, III – Assisting Priest | Rev. Frances McSorley Britt - Deacon

Weekly Services and Studies

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

7:30 AM Morning Prayer - Zoom

NO 2:00 PM Bible Study – See you on September 10th.

Thursday, September 4, 2025

NO Women of Grace Bible Study – See you on September 11th.

NO Crafters – See you on September 11th.

Saturday, September 6, 2025

NO Men of Grace Breakfast & Bible Study – See you on September 13th.

Sunday, September 7, 2025

NO 8:00AM Holy Eucharist Service

10:00AM Holy Eucharist Service – Sanctuary and Zoom

11:30 AM – Forum – Fellowship Hall

For a full Calendar, check the Church Website under Calendar.

**For emergencies call 919-369-1925.
For an appointment with Rev. Steve Savia, please call 919-369-1925.**

For an appointment with Rev. Mal Roberts, please call 252-259-7841.

For an appointment with Rev. Frances Britt, please call 252-671-3632.

Welcome to Grace Anglican Church

Grace Anglican Church is a welcoming, Christ-centered Church, committed to the truth as expressed in Scripture, and dedicated to service and developing a vibrant and spiritually strong congregation.

Holy Communion is open to all who are believers in Jesus Christ and have been baptized. Children may receive communion at their parent's discretion. If you participate by Zoom and need communion elements, please call the office and leave a message.

For **infants**, we have a Nursery. For **toddlers to early elementary students** we have an Activity Room. They will be brought into the Sanctuary to receive a blessing during the Eucharist. **Upper School-aged children** should remain in the Sanctuary and sit with an adult throughout the Service

ZOOM Connection Instructions:

You can connect either by video (computer) or by telephone.

*The Meeting ID is **886444634***

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Opening Hymn 16 – We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer - Verses 1 -3 **(Standing)**

- 1 We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before Thee; we kneel and adore
Thee; We bless Thy holy name: glad praises we
sing.
- 2 We worship Thee, God of our fathers, we bless
Thee; Thru life's storm and tempest our Guide
hast Thou been; When perils o'ertake us,
escape Thou wilt make us, And with Thy help,
O Lord, our battles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer,
To Thee, great Jehovah, glad anthems we
raise; Thy strong arm will guide us, our
God is beside us, To Thee, our great
Redeemer, forever be praise!

Julia C. Cory

The Acclamation (Standing)

Celebrant: The Lord made this day for worship.

People: ***Let us rejoice and be glad. Amen***

People: ***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.***

The Summary of the Law (Standing)

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." *Matthew 22:37-40*

The Collect (Standing)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always precede and follow after us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons (Seated)

Old Testament – Proverbs 16:1-6, 8-9, 11, 20-26; Deuteronomy 8:18-19.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. | People: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Psalm - Psalm 112 (responsive reading by whole verse)

- ¹ Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in His commands.
- ² ***Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.***
- ³ Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ ***Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.***
- ⁵ Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ ***Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.***
- ⁷ They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- ⁸ ***Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.***
- ⁹ They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor.
- ¹⁰ ***The wicked will see and be vexed, they will gnash their teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.***

Hymn 623 **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

New Testament - Hebrews 13:1-8.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. | *People: Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel (Standing)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Luke 14:1, 7-14.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Special Music – Hymn 42 - Seek Ye First 1, 2 (Standing)

¹ Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto
you -- Allelu, alleluia!

² Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened
Unto you -- Allelu, alleluia!

Sermon – Rev. Steven A. Savia

The Nicene Creed (Standing)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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, 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 God's People (Seated or kneeling)

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Almighty and ever living God, Your Holy Word instructs us to offer prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all people in Your creation. We humbly ask You mercifully to receive our prayers. May your Holy Spirit continually inspire the universal Church in truth, unity, and love; and grant that all who confess Your holy Name may agree in the truth of Your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. And may those who do not know You be drawn by demonstrations of our love into a full and satisfying relationship with You.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / ***People: Hear our prayer.***

Reader: We pray for the nations of the world, a world troubled with turmoil, conflict, violence, wars, disasters, and hatred. We pray they may be moved in the way of peace and righteousness for the sake of all people. We pray that our nation's leaders would seek and be guided by You, especially our President, Congress, the Judiciary, Governors of the States, and all in positions of elected or appointed authority, that Your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue. And grant that through Your indwelling and ever-present Holy Spirit that there would come a true spiritual revival in New Bern, North Carolina.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / ***People: Hear our prayer.***

Reader: We pray You give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and duly ordained ministers of Your word, especially to Your servants Steve Wood, our Archbishop; David, Terrell, and Thad our Bishops; Steven our Priest, Mal our Assisting Priest, and Frances our Deacon, that by their lives and teaching, they may proclaim Your true and life-giving Word, and

rightly and duly administer Your holy Sacraments. And to all Your people give Your heavenly grace, especially to this congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive Your holy Word, and serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. This week we pray with churches throughout the Diocese for Grace Anglican Church, Gastonia, NC. The Rev. Jeremiah Caughran, Rector.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / *People: **Hear our prayer.***

Reader: Protect and guide, we pray, all those who are called to proclaim the Gospel of Your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen them and us to fulfill Your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that You have commanded.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / *People: **Hear our prayer.***

Reader: Look with favor, we pray, on our students, that their knowledge may increase and they may always learn. Grant them wisdom and understanding in spite of the challenges they face. Bless those who teach, that in mind and spirit they may reach their students in new ways; and grant that in humility of heart they may ever look to You, from whom comes all wisdom and true understanding.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / *People: **Hear our prayer.***

Reader: We ask You in your goodness and mercy, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those on our prayer list.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / *People: **Hear our prayer.***

Reader: We remember always all Your servants who have departed this life in Your faith as they now live eternally in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Their faith has become sight. We pray that You grant us the grace to follow the good examples of all Your saints that we may share with them in Your heavenly kingdom, and that all who come behind us may find that we were faithful.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / *People: **Hear our prayer.***

The Confession of Sin (Seated or kneeling)

Reader: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*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 Absolution (Seated or kneeling)

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Who in His great mercy promises forgiveness of sins to all His saints who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to Him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Holy Communion (Seated)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. | *People: **And also with you.***

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. | *People: **We lift them up to the Lord.*** Celebrant:
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | *People: **It is right to give Him thanks
and praise.***

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is Your living Word from before time and for all ages; by Him You created all things, and by Him You make all things new.

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever proclaim the glory of Your Name:

*People: **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: All praise and glory is Yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in Your tender mercy, You gave Your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, a full, perfect, and atoning sacrifice, offering, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world.

We remember the institution of Your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and we Your humble servants celebrate and make here before Your Divine Majesty the memorial Your Son commanded us to make; remembering His blessed passion and precious death, His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and His promise to come again.

So now, O merciful Father, in Your great goodness, we ask You to bless and sanctify, with Your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may spiritually be partakers of His most blessed Body and Blood.

On the night He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of Me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of Me."

Therefore, together we proclaim the mystery of our Faith:

*People: **Christ HAS died.***

Christ IS risen

Christ WILL come again.

Celebrant: And here we offer and present to You, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that we be filled with Your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with Him, that He may dwell in us, and we in Him.

By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

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.

Celebrant: These are 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.

The Post Communion Prayer (Seated)

People: Almighty and ever living God, we thank You for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of Your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of Your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, in confident expectation, of Your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask You, heavenly Father, to assist us with Your grace; that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that You have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing (Standing)

Celebrant: May Christ go before you and be behind you, be on your left and on your right, be above you and be below you, where you lie, and where you sit, and when you arise; and may Christ be in the hearts of all those who love you and be in the mouths of friends and strangers. And may Almighty God protect you and keep you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Closing Hymn 76 – O for a Thousand Tongues - Verses 1 - 5 (Standing)

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!
- 2 Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
- 3 He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.
- 4 Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap ye lame, for joy.
- 5 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread thro' all the earth abroad,
the honors of Thy name.

Dismissal (Standing)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, sharing the Gospel of Christ!

People: ***Thanks Be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***