



Grace Anglican CHURCH

2nd Sunday of Christmas - A
January 4, 2026
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, January 7, 2026

7:30 AM Morning Prayer - Zoom

2:00 PM Bible Study - Hebrews

Thursday, January 8, 2026

9:00 AM Women of Grace Bible Study
– James

10:15 AM Crafters

Saturday, January 10, 2026

8:00 AM Men of Grace Bible Study –
John

Sunday, January 11, 2025

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Service –
Sanctuary

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Service –
Sanctuary and Zoom

11:30 AM – Forum – Fellowship Hall

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

For emergencies 919-369-1925.

Appointments with:

Rev. Frances Britt, 252-671-3632.

Rev. Steve Savia, 919-369-1925.

Rev. Mal Roberts, 252-259-7841.

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.

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.

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Opening Hymn 166 – We Three Kings - Verses 1-2, 5 (Standing)

1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and
mountain, following yonder star.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. [Refrain]

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

5 Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

John Henry Hopkins, Jr. MA

The Acclamation (Standing)

Celebrant For unto us a Child is born,
People **Unto us a Son is given.**

Isaiah 9:6

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: Blessed Lord, Who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons (Seated)

Old Testament – Jeremiah 31:7-14.

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

The Psalm - Psalm 84 (responsive reading by whole verse)

For the director of music. According to *gittith*. Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm.

- ¹ How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!
- ² ***My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.***
- ³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God.
- ⁴ ***Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.***
- ⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
- ⁶ ***As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.***
- ⁷ They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.
- ⁸ ***Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.***
- ⁹ Look on our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.
- ¹⁰ ***Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.***
- ¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.
- ¹² ***LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.***

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 - Ephesians 1:3-14.

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 2:41-52

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to You, Lord Christ.***

Special Music – Hymn 125 Joy to the World (1-2, 4) Issac Watts

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| 1. Joy to the world; the Lord is come;
Let Earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n
and nature sing, And heav'n and heav'n
and nature sing. | Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the
sounding joy, repeat, repeat the
sounding joy. |
| 2. Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns;
Our mortal songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains, | 4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, and wonders of
his love, and wonder, wonders of his
love. |

The Sermon - Rev. Malcolm Roberts, III

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; Ray Sutton, our interim 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 St. Paul's Anglican Church, Greenville, SC — The Rev. T. Brown, 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; Because You gave Jesus Christ, Your only Son, to be born for us; Who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary His mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become Your children.

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, Whose birth we celebrated and the one Who the Magi sought, 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, 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 163 – As with Gladness Men of Old - Verses 1-4 (Standing)

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| 1. As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Ever more be led to Thee. | 3. As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King. |
| 2. As with joyful steps they sped
To thy lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom Heav'n and Earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy seat. | 4. Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way,
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide. |

William Chatterton Dix

Dismissal (Standing)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Go in peace into the world proclaiming Jesus as Lord of all.

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