



The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 2026

8:00 am (Said)

10:30 am (Sung)

Grace Episcopal Church
The Plains, Virginia

Welcome to Grace Church in The Plains. We are grateful for your presence in worship today. If you would like to learn more about our life at Grace, or become more closely involved with our community, we encourage you to complete a pew card, which may be placed in the offering plate, given to an usher, or mailed to the church office. For detailed information about the mission and ministry of our parish, including the complete schedule of worship services and weekly events, visit: www.gracetheplains.org. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Please remember to silence all mobile phones and other electronic devices.

Nursery Care available from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Opening Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on *Malabar*

Leo Sowerby

Hymn 51

We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting

Decatur Place



1 We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who
 2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the
 3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -
 4 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may



called us out of sin and dark - ness in - to his own light,
 faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,
 a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,
 take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,



that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest - hood.
 ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.
 sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.
 his own life im - par - ting, food ev - er - last - ing.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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

People

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

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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.**

Verses read in unison at 8:00

Verses sung by the Grace Church Choir at 10:30;

Refrain sung by all

f REFRAIN: All in unison

A - rise, — shine ————— for your light has come —

— and your glo - ry has dawn'd up-on you.

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land;
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. *Refrain*

For over you the Lord will rise,
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawning. *Refrain*

Your gates will always be open;
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord,
the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. *Refrain*

Violence will no more be heard in your land,
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation,
and all your portals, Praise. *Refrain*

The sun will no more be your light by day;
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory. *Refrain*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson Isaiah 49:1-7

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."
And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength--
he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Read by all at 8:00. Sung by the Cantor at 10:30.

- 1** I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2** He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3** He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4** Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5** Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6** Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.
- 7** In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8** Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9** In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'"
- 10** I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O LORD, you know.
- 11** Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- 12** You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Reader A reading from First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy
 2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -

face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy
 dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry

Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -
 to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -

tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.
 bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

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The Gospel John 1:29-42

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Pete Gustin

The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

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 worshipped 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.

The Prayers of the People

*The Intercessor and People pray responsively;
Congregational responses are in bold.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo, we pray to you, O Lord.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, for Trinity, Charlottesville; St. Andrew's, Richmond; and St. George's, Arlington; we pray to you, O Lord.

For the Grace Church Staff, the Grace Church Choir, The Potter's House, and the families and teachers of Grace Montessori School, including Head of School **Jillian** Johncox, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those away from home in the service of our country, including **Bishop Ann** Ritonia. Are there others? We pray to you, O Lord.

For the people of **Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine**, and for those on our parish prayer list, including **Richard** Asher, **Tim and Anita** Berg, **Steve** Burtness, **Drew** Calhoun, **Teresa** Gordon, **Gene** Higgins, **Ruth** Hooper, **Douglas** Jones, **John** Johnson, **Elizabeth** Lenhardt, **Travis** Lucas, **Joe** Mitchell, **Annelle** Murphy, **Delilah** Ohrstrom, **Allan** Rogoff, **Mike** Ryon, **Pat** Tucker, **Scott** Wehner, **John** Watson, **Nam and Cessie** Wright, and **Ed** Wright. Are there others? We pray to you, O Lord.

Celebrant
Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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 Celebrant offers an Absolution.

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

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Christ is the world's true Light

Walter Stanton

Sung by the Grace Church Choir

Christ is the world's true Light,
its Captain of salvation,
the Daystar clear and bright
of every race and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.

One Lord, in one great Name
unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord
all shall forsake their fear,
to ploughshare beat the sword,
to pruning-hook the spear.

Presentation Hymn 380, st. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Old 100th

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing as able.

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy S 125

Said by all at 8:00

Sanctus

Sung by all at 10:30

Richard Proulx

Celebrant and 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.

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.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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

Fraction Anthem, S 154

Said at 8:00

Celebrant

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

People

**Therefore let us keep the feast,
Alleluia.**

Pascha Nostrum

David Hurd

Sung at 10:30

This setting is not used in Lent.

The musical score is written for a single voice in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

Celebrant 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.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant and people

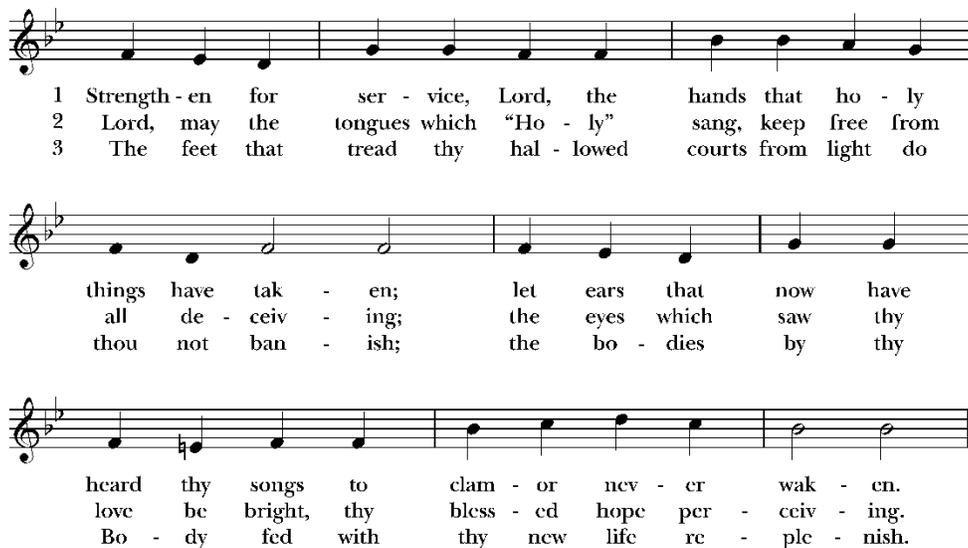
Lord Jesus, we believe that You are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love You above all things, and long for You in our souls. Since some members of your Body cannot now physically receive You, come spiritually into all our hearts, we pray, that we might embrace You and unite ourselves entirely to You. Amen.

You are invited to sing the hymns during Communion.

Communion Hymn 312

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands

Malabar



1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly
2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang, keep free from
3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do

things have tak - en; let ears that now have
all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy
thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy

heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.
love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.
Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

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1 In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my
 2 Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by
 3 Now my heart sets none a - bove you, for your

sin - filled heart and mind, else this world had
 grace you set me free; for my heart would
 grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing well, that

still en - thrall - ed me, and to glo - ry kept me blind.
 still re - fuse you had your love not cho - sen me.
 if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

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The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

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 542

Christ is the world's true Light

St. Joan

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

freedom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

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The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Voluntary

Allegro maestoso from Sonata No. 2 in C Major

Felix Mendelssohn

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Serving Today

Celebrant

The Rev. Pete Gustin

Organist and Choirmaster

Dr. Jason Farris

Eucharistic Minister

8:00 Nigel Roberts

10:30 Teresa Duke

Reader & Intercessor

8:00 Sarah Roberts

10:30 Cathy Sloan

Ushers

10:30 Rosemarie
and Fred Wunderlich

Teller

10:30 Neil Polhemus

Audio Visual Minister

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Today's Adult Forum with the Rev. Pete Gustin
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Join Rev. Pete for a discussion of how John and Matthew differ in their approach to the Gospel. In today's Gospel, John describes the call of the first disciples; next week, Matthew will describe the same event, but in a very different --even contradictory -- way. Why couldn't they agree on these basics? Come and explore how each tells his own story in his own way.



Introducing Lauren Downs, new Director of Operations

We are delighted to announce the arrival of Lauren Downs, the new Director of Operations for Grace in The Plains. Lauren comes to us with a solid background in customer service and IT administration, and is already familiar with Grace Church and Grace Montessori School, where her daughter Emerson is a student. Lauren's warm personality and her professional skills will be a wonderful asset to Grace, and we welcome her to the Grace Church family! She may be reached at lauren@gracetheplains.org.



Walk in Love: 2026 Annual Giving Campaign

Please prayerfully consider pledging your support of Grace Church in 2026. Pledge cards may be found in the pew racks and in the Parish Hall, or you may make your 2026 pledge online at gracetheplains.org.



The Peas & Grace Community Food Pantry

Thank you for your continued financial support, your donations of food and toiletries, and special thanks to our devoted volunteers.

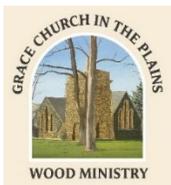
During the cold weather months, we are also grateful of donations of hats, gloves and warm socks for our clients.

Learn more at gracetheplains.org, or email April Gaines at peasandgrace@gmail.com.



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The Grace Church Wood Ministry delivers free firewood to families in northern Fauquier County who depend on wood to heat their homes. The Wood Ministry holds workdays on select Saturdays through the winter (weather permitting) to split, stack and deliver firewood. All are welcome to pitch in! For more information, or to receive news of upcoming Wood Ministry workdays, email April Gaines at peasandgrace@gmail.com.

Altar Flowers for Loved Ones in 2026

Altar flowers are often given to mark special life events such as birthdays; the anniversary of a wedding, baptism, or confirmation, or in memory of a loved one, or as a thanksgiving for life's blessings.

You can reserve a particular Sunday for your dedication with a donation of \$35. Your dedication will be noted in the worship bulletin. Contact the church office at 540-253-5177 or gracechurch@gracetheplains.org if you would like to make a dedication, or visit the Grace website at gracetheplains.org and click Give, click Donate, and select Altar Flowers.