GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A COMMUNITY OF GRACE, ANCHORED IN CHRIST, LIVING TO LOVE, GROWING TO SERVE



First Sunday of Advent

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist: Rite II at 10:30AM

Prelude Trumpet Tune on "Sleeper's Wake" Martha Sobaje
At the introduction to the opening hymn the congregation stands and prepares to sing.

Opening Hymn Sleeper's Wake! A Voice Astounds Us HM 61

The Liturgy of The Word

Opening Sentences

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

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

Collect for Purity BCP 355

Hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

The Collect of the Day

BCP 211

The People sit for the lessons

The Lessons

First Lesson (see insert)

The Response (see insert)

Second Lesson (see insert)

Choir- My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain - All

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Choir- Though I am small my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy shall last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. **Refrain- All**

The Gospel (see insert)

Sermon The Rev. H. Pickett Wall

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 worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People, Form I

The Leader and **People** pray responsively

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the lovingkindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this city for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.	
Lord, have mercy.	

In the communion of [_____ and of all the] saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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

Celebrant

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 LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

The Offertory

Presentation of the gifts Offertory Doxology

Come, Lord Jesus, Come to Earth

Walter Pelz Old 100th

The Holy Communion

The people remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: E	BCP 367	
Sanctus	HM S129	
The Lord's Prayer (Traditiona	BCP 364	
The Fraction		
Fraction Anthem	BCP 364	
Agnus Dei		HM S164
The Communion of the Pe	cople: The Invitation to Communion	
Communion Hymns	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	HM 66
•	Love Divine, All Love Excelling	HM 657

The liturgy concludes with the closing thanksgiving. The congregation kneels.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving BCP 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending HM 58

The Dismissal

The People Respond Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayers of the People As of November 28, 2021

We pray for the Church, for +Michael, Presiding Bishop and Primate; +Andrew our Bishop; for Pickett+ our rector.

We pray for Joe our President; for the leaders of the nations, Henry our Governor; Alfred Mae our Mayor and for our city and country.

We pray for those who are in need of God's healing, especially: Patty Baker, Bob Barinowski, Michael Beard, Collins Coker, Effie Taylor Ellis, Virginia Ferguson, Barbara Goode, Mary Hendrix, Peggy Mullikin Kinney, Ed Latini, Jennifer Latini, Jack McGee, Laurie Owen, Jim Parrish, Mel Pearson, Rich Pinkerton, Alma Raley, Jamie Raley, Ed Royall, Helen Royall, Sara Jane, Neal Stegner, Patsy Topping, Carl Wylie

Please call church office, if there are additions or updates to the Wednesday extended or Sunday prayer lists. Names will be removed every four (4) weeks unless notified.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces: Alex Baker, Afghanistan; Holden Brunson, Camp Lejeune, NC; Hunt Brunson, Syria; Mitchell Edwards, Charleston; Allen Dempsey, Texas; Campbell Freitas, Norfolk, VA; Riley Kohn, OCS Navy training; AMN Dara O'Neal, McChord AFB, Washington; Chris Smith, Korea; Joe Todd, Ft. Gordon, GA; Parker White, New River, NC; and those around the world and at home.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: 11/29- George Little; 11/30- Catharine deLoach, John McCarney; Lochlan Robbins-Murphy; 12/2-Phil Jackson; 12/4-John Hungerford

For those celebrating anniversaries this week:11/28- Stephen and Eliza Van Horn

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of The Rev. Harry E. Lawhon, Jr. and Jo Lawhon by Kay Fletcher

<u>Calendar</u>

Sunday 28

8:00 AM HE Rite I-Church

9:00 AM Breakfast

9:30 AM Sunday School Only 10:30 AM HE Rite II – Church

After service Children's Christmas Pageant music practice

Tuesday 30

6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00AM Knitting Group 1:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Wednesday 31

Noon HE w/Healing 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Announcements

December Choir

Please consider joining our **December Choir** this year at Grace Church. You will enjoy singing Advent gems and Christmas favorites with our talented Adult Choir. We need all voice parts and all ages are welcomed! This will be a 6-8 week commitment culminating in the beautiful candlelight Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6-7 pm in the choir room.

For more information please see Barbara Taylor (803-397-5079) or any choir member. We look forward to sharing the glorious music of the Advent and Christmas seasons with you!

- New Website is up gracechurchcamden.org Please sign up for Newsletter on the website.
- Christmas Poinsettias The cost is \$16.00 each, you may put check in the mail, offering plate or use our Venmo account. Just make sure to note that it is for the Christmas Poinsettias. If you are unable to sign up online and need an envelope there is some on the table in the Narthex. Please note if it is in memory or honor. Deadline to turn in names December 14th
- Annual Meeting will be held between the 8AM and 10:30AM services. Sunday, December 12th, 2021 at 9 am
- Children's Christmas Pageant Music Practice after service every Sunday during Advent
- Pints w/the Priest Dec 15th at 6PM
- Holiday Schedule of Services

December 24th - 3:30PM - Holy Eucharist

- 7:00PM - Carol Prelude - 7:30PM - Holy Eucharist

December 25th - 10:30AM - Holy Eucharist (only)

December 26th - 10:30AM - Holy Eucharist (only)

No Sunday school Dec. 26th and Jan. 2nd

*Submissions for bulletin announcements, need to be in by Wednesdays.

Lector - Moultrie Burns Eucharistic Minister: Cathy Kovacs

Crucifer - Noah Roberts; Jr. Crucifer-Nate Roberts; Torch's- Crickette

Chmiel, Sophia Roberts; Gospel Book-Lillian Chmiel

Ushers - Ben Mackey, Chip Hardy

Altar Guild- Margaret Myers, Ronna Creed

Flower Guild - Marti Wallace Kitchen Angel- Margie Lane

VPOD - Keith Brunson

Vestry Roster

Yr. End 2021- Marcia Cashion, Pam Jackson, Margaret Pennebaker, David Williams

Yr. End 2022- Keith Brunson, Jr. Warden, Margaret Ellis, Bev Ferguson, Nelson Lindsay, Sr. Warden

Yr. End 2023- Johnny Kornegay, Lisa Long, Ben Mackey, Helen Walker