



GRACE  
ANGLICAN  
CHURCH

December 28, 2025  
*First Sunday after Christmas*

Welcome to the weekly worship that has been celebrated in Anglican churches for centuries. This leaflet includes everything you need to participate in today's service. Congregational responses are in italics.

1. As the congregation sings an opening hymn of praise, the cross leads the procession into the church. In this way, the cross draws us into worship, as Jesus said, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself" (John 12:32).
2. At the beginning of each service, a seasonal (appropriate to Lent, Epiphany, Easter, etc) greeting is exchanged, locating us in the flow of the church year.
3. During this prayer that "collects" the prayers of the gathered congregation, we acknowledge who God is and recognize our need for his grace to love and worship him (John 4:24).

### **Hymn <sup>1</sup> – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!**

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

WORDS (1533): TR. JOHN MASON NEALE, MUSIC: GERMAN CAROL

### **The Acclamation <sup>2</sup>**

For unto us a child is born,  
*Unto us a son is given.*

### **The Collect for Purity <sup>3</sup>**

*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**

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

4. The summary of the law has shown us our sin. Now, we make the only proper response: to ask God to have mercy on us, which he will do on account of Christ (Titus 3:5).
5. Dating from the 4th century, the Gloria finds its first source in the joyful hymn of the heavenly host (Luke 2:14) and is a fitting way to rejoice in God's provision of a savior.
6. Another "collection" of the prayers of the church, this prayer sets forth a theme that unifies the worship that follows.
7. The Bible is our foundation and final authority in all matters of Christian faith and life (2 Tim. 3:16).

Each week we read from one of the four Gospel accounts of Jesus' life as well as another passage from either the Old or New Testament.

Lord, have mercy upon us. <sup>4</sup>  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **The Gloria <sup>5</sup>**

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

### **The Collect of the Day <sup>6</sup>**

The Lord be with you.  
*And with your spirit.*  
 Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The First Reading <sup>7</sup> – Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

8. Churches—and synagogues before them—have been singing the psalms since they were composed. Singing the word of God has immense power; God wrote the psalms, and he loves to hear them sung. Singing psalms transforms us by instilling the word of God deeply into our hearts and minds, acting as a theological framework for our emotions and prayers (Ephesians 5:19).

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

## The Psalm <sup>8</sup> – Psalm 147:13-21

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;  
praise your God, O Zion;  
For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;  
he has blessed your children within you.

[Antiphon]

He has established peace on your borders;  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.  
He sends out his command to the earth,  
and his word runs very swiftly.

[Antiphon]

He gives snow like wool;  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.  
He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;  
who can stand against his cold?  
He sends forth his word and melts them;  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

[Antiphon]

He declares his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.  
He has not done so to any other nation;  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

[Antiphon]

9.

The Gospel is read in the midst of the people as a symbol of Jesus' incarnation, that Christ came into the world to live as one of us, to die in our place, and to be raised again for our justification (John 1:14).

### Hymn – It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:

“Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heaven’s all-gracious King.”

The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;  
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled  
two thousand years of wrong;  
and warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring;  
O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

WORDS: EDMUND H. SEARS, MUSIC: RICHARD STORRS WILLIS (1849)

### The Gospel <sup>9</sup> – John 1:1-18

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10. The sermon in a Christian church both helps the congregation understand the meaning of the biblical texts that have been read and proclaims the Good News about Jesus: that though we are great sinners, he is a greater savior (1 Tim. 1:15).
11. Composed around the time of the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, this early statement of belief sums up the essential core of the Christian faith, believed the world over and throughout time.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

### **The Sermon <sup>10</sup> – The Rev. Nick Lannon**

#### **The Nicene Creed <sup>11</sup>**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

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.

12. Used in this way, catholic means universal
13. After affirming their faith in the words of the Creed, the people petition the Lord in prayer (John 14:13).

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<sup>12</sup> 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<sup>13</sup>**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; 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.

*[Silence]*

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially Donald, our President, 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.

*[Silence]*

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servants Steve, our Archbishop; Alan, Quigg, Paul, and Steve, our Bishops; Nick, Jacob, and David, our Priests; and Michael, our Deacon; that by their life 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.

*[Silence]*

14.

**Missions Partners**

- Refuge International
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Intervarsity
- Mission Hope  
Appalachia
- Friends of Gahini

15.

**Prayers**

- Megan Regal
- Sarah Skinner
- BettyLee Payne
- Bob & Diane Shaeffer
- Piper Regal

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world,<sup>14</sup> and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

*[Silence]*

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.<sup>15</sup>

*[Silence; you are invited to offer up your own prayers at this time, either silently or aloud.]*

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

We remember before you all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom.

*[Silence]*

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*



16. The confession of sin and the assurance of pardon is the bedrock of the Christian faith. God promises to forgive all those who ask for it (1 John 1:9).
17. Having confessed our sins, been absolved by Christ's finished word, and heard comforting biblical words assuring us it's all true, we can share the peace we have with God with one another (Col. 3:15).

## The Confession and Absolution of Sin <sup>16</sup>

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those 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.*

## The Comfortable Words

Hear these words of comfort from Christ and his apostles:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 JOHN 2:1-2

## The Peace <sup>17</sup>

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*And with your spirit.*

18. As the music team makes its offering to the Lord, the congregation takes a moment to prepare their hearts for the communion service.
19. Representatives of the congregation bring the offering forward and it is set on the table with our offerings of bread and wine. Everything we have comes from God, and it is only from his generosity that we can give at all (James 1:17).

## Offertory<sup>18</sup> – Now Found is the Fairest of Roses

Now found is the fairest of roses,  
'mongst briars it sweetly reposes;  
My Jesus so precious and holy  
Abode among sinners so lowly.

Since man his Creator deserted  
And wholly his image perverted,  
The world like a desert was lying  
And all in transgression were dying.

But God, as his promise had granted,  
A rose in the desert has planted,  
Which now is with sweetness endowing  
The race that in evil was growing.

All men should with gladness forever  
Give praises to God for his favor,  
But many have ne'er comprehended:  
The rose to the world has descended.

Oh, seek ye the places most lowly  
And weep before Jesus the holy,  
Then gain ye his sweetness for malice,  
For roses grow fairest in valleys.

H.A. BRORSON (1542)

## The Presentation<sup>19</sup>

*[The congregation stands]*

Your perfect law exposes me, I feel my sin and desperate need  
My best good works are powerless, to satisfy your righteousness  
But there is one who lived for me, his life, my only victory  
His death forever sealed in time, that I am his and he is mine  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him, all creatures here below  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WORDS: TRADITIONAL; ZAC HICKS & JULIE ANNE VARGAS

MUSIC: LOUIS BOURGEOIS (1551) ARR. ZAC HICKS & JULIE ANNE VARGAS (2014)

20. The first section of this refrain, called the Sanctus, is the song of the seraphim in Isaiah's vision (Isaiah 6:3), while the second section includes the words from the crowds welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem (Matt. 21:9). It is a hymn of praise that joins the voices of the faithful with the angels in heaven.

21. Here is the core of the Gospel: Jesus died on the cross as the substitute for sinners. God's anger at sin is poured out, but not on those who deserve it. In Christ, he takes it back into himself, a perfectly satisfying atonement for anyone who puts their faith in Jesus (2 Cor. 5:21).

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,  
*And of your own have we given you.*

### **The Communion Service**

The Lord be with you.

*And with your spirit.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

*Holy, Holy, Holy, <sup>20</sup> 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.*

### **The Prayer of Consecration**

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, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. <sup>21</sup>

Recitation of Jesus' words and acts has been central in all Eucharistic prayers since the third century. This form of the story is based chiefly on Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11 and Luke's story of the Last Supper (Luke 22).

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 be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that 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."<sup>22</sup>

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, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, 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.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

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 all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, 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.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.*

23. We pray as Jesus taught his disciples (Matt. 6:9-13).
24. Referencing Jesus' interaction with a Syrophoenician woman (Mark 7:24-30), this prayer ensures that we do not approach God's table because we deserve to, but because God is merciful in Christ.

### **The Lord's Prayer**<sup>23</sup>

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.*

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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.  
*Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### **The Prayer of Humble Access**<sup>24</sup>

*We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world  
*Have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world  
*Have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world  
*Grant us your peace.*

25. This prayer sums up what God has done with us in Holy Communion and reminds us that he is now sending us out as missionaries into the world (Eph. 2:10).
26. Based on Philippians 4:7, this blessing asks God to keep us ever mindful of what he's done for us, and reminds the congregation that no matter where we go from here, God has promised to be with us (Matthew 28:20).

## The Ministration of Communion

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 table is Christ's, not ours; all baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. To receive, come forward when your row joins the line in the center aisle and extend your hands in front of you with your palms up. Then, proceed to your side's chalice and either take a sip of wine or dip your wafer into the wine before consuming it. Then return to your seat. If you are not baptized, you are encouraged to come forward and receive a blessing; indicating your desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are interested in baptism, please see a member of the clergy. Gluten free elements are available on the table; if you would like to partake of those, please cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the celebrant and then serve yourself.]*

## The Post Communion Prayer<sup>25</sup>

Let us pray.

*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, through hope, 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 for ever. Amen.*

## The Welcome

### The Blessing<sup>26</sup>

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Here, we are sent out into the world in mission, fueled by the worship service in which we have just participated. The Holy Spirit will empower us to go—as we pray in the Post-Communion Prayer—do all the good works that God has prepared for us to walk in. These good works are his gift to us, the fruit of the Gospel.

## Hymn – Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

### *Chorus:*

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with man to dwell;  
Jesus, our Immanuel!

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings!  
Risen with healing in his wings  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth.

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY (1739), MUSIC: FELIX MENDELSSOHN (1840)

## The Dismissal <sup>27</sup>

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing  
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*



## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**January 6, 6:30 pm**

*Women's Study Kick-Off*

On the first Tuesday of each month, the women of Grace Church (18+ or high school graduate) will meet to study the names by which God identifies himself in Scripture.

**January 11, 9:30 am**

*Service of Holy Baptism*

During this Sunday service, we will celebrate Holy Baptism, the rite by which we welcome new members into Christ's family, the church. If you're interested in having a child baptized—or being baptized yourself—please speak to a member of the clergy.

**January 16, 6:00 pm**

*Adult Meet-Up @ Upland Brewery*

Join the adults of the parish (18+ or high school graduate) at Upland Brewery for a time to hang out. There's no agenda; we'll just spend time together.

**January 18, 11:00 am**

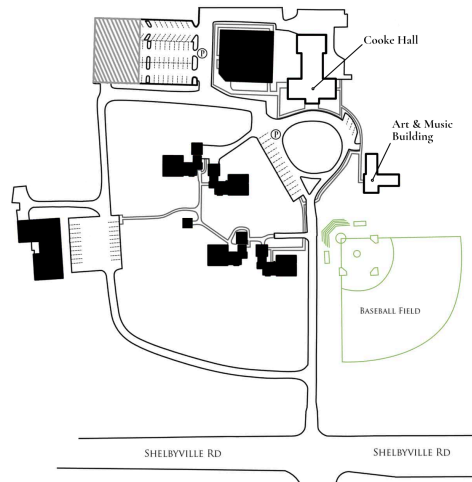
*Spring Formation Kick-Off*

After church, our Spring Formation offerings will begin: Numbers for adults, two youth group Bible studies for students, Sunday school classes and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children, and the Exploration Class for those new to Anglicanism or to Grace Church.

**January 21, 5:00 pm**

*Wednesday Night Kick-Off*

Each Wednesday Night during the semester, we gather for Evening Prayer at 5pm, dinner at 5:45, and Bible study at 6:30. The youth and adults are studying Joshua, and there is a class for children. Nursery care is available.



Visit the Events page on our website to explore full details and registration info for all of our upcoming events.

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