

Grace Episcopal Church

A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio
Serving the Community of Sandusky, Ohio since 1835



First Sunday after the Epiphany

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021

9:30 a.m. Service

HOLY EUCHARIST

ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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

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

Please stand as you are able

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Together: 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.

GLORIA

Together: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: GENESIS 1:1-5

Please be seated

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29 (SPOKEN IN UNISON)

Ascribe to God, you heavenly beings, *
ascribe to God glory and strength.

Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; *
worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of God is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
God is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of God is a powerful voice; *
the voice of God is a voice of splendor.

The voice of God breaks the cedar trees; *
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

God makes Lebanon skip like a calf *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of God splits the flames of fire;
the voice of God shakes the wilderness; *
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Holy One, *
all are crying, "Glory!"

God sits enthroned above the flood, *
enthroned as Sovereign for evermore.

God shall give strength to the people; *
God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

SECOND READING: ACTS 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL INTERLUDE

GOSPEL: MARK 1:4-11

Please stand as you are able

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Presider: The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

Please be seated

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Wilbert

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Please stand as you are able

Presider: Let us join together and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, Arthur, and William, our bishops; for Brian, our priest; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence – The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence - The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Together: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Presider: 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.

People: Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise;
that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.
But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

(Hebrews 13:15-16)

OFFERTORY

Please be seated

PRESENTATION OF ALMS AND OBLATIONS

"All things come of thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee"

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please stand as you are able

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, 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:

Priest 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.**

Please stand or kneel as you are able

Presider: 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 before he died for us, 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,

Priest and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider: 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 forever. **Amen.**

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

**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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE COMMUNION

Please be seated

*Because we are not able to share the Eucharist in person due to the Covid-19 pandemic,
you are invited to share in a spiritual communion using this prayer,
which comes to us from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services.
This prayer is used by those whose military service prevents them
from joining a eucharistic celebration.*

*May we all know the blessing of our connectedness during this temporary time of separation
and know Christ's presence and God's peace in our lives.*

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Gracious and generous God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,
I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving.
I remember your death, Lord Christ;
I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory.
Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.
Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus,
and let me never be separated from you.
May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

MUSIC MEDITATION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able

Presider: Let us pray.

Together: **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, 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 for ever. Amen.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be seated

BLESSING

Please stand as you are able

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 those you love, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

SUNDAY SERVERS

Lector: Becky Montague

Livestreaming: Jeff Fowler

Organist: Randy Ruthsatz

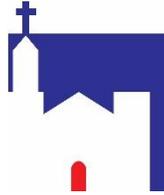
Altar Guild: Ellen Mettert

*The flowers on the Altar today are in loving memory of Judge James J. Fais (Ret.)
by his devoted wife Connie, daughter Christine, and son Scott.*

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The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Wilbert/Interim Rector
Randall Ruthsatz, Organist/Choirmaster
Debbie Chase, Parish Administrator
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Elaine Howey, Assistant Sexton

Vestry Members
Barby Gravengaard – Sr. Warden
Jeff Fowler – Jr. Warden
Terrin Schnee – Clerk
Ellen Mettert – Member-at-Large
Katie Crum
Scott Fais
Jim Hart
Bruce Miller
Becky Montague

The Ministers:
All the Members of Grace Church

Sunday, January 10	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	1:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee meeting via Zoom
Sunday, January 17	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

LIVESTREAMING AND YOU: Want to learn something new? Want to receive FREE training on an exciting technology right at Grace Church. JOIN THE LIVESTREAM CREW! Contact Jeff Fowler at (419) 602-2993 or e-mail fowlerja56@gmail.com



ARTS@GRACE EXHIBIT: Arts@Grace is currently hosting the work of the Firelands Area Art League. If you would like to view the exhibit virtually, please go to our website (gracesandusky.org) and click on the Arts@Grace tab.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES: If you requested offering envelopes, they are now ready and available to pick up in the Church Office. You can stop by anytime, Monday through Friday between 8am and 3pm.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING: The Outreach Committee will meet via Zoom today, Sunday, January 10th, at 1pm. Here are the meeting instructions.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89627542418>

Meeting ID: 896 2754 2418

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Sunday Servers for January 17th

Lector:	Janet Poyer
Livestreaming:	Jeff Fowler
Organist:	Randy Ruthsatz
Altar Guild:	Barby Gravengaard

COMMUNITY FREE MEALS: Our January Community Meal dates are **Saturday, the 23rd** and **Saturday, the 30th**. We continue to serve carry-out meals, already bagged for quick pick up, outside the front church door, from 4:30 to 5pm. Donations of fresh fruit and desserts are appreciated and can be dropped off at the church the week before the meal(s) or the Saturday of the meal after 3pm.

Topic: Sunday Morning Meet and Greet with Fr. Brian

Time: 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, until Jan 31, 2021, 4 occurrence(s)

Jan 3, 2021 10:30 AM

Jan 10, 2021 10:30 AM

Jan 17, 2021 10:30 AM

Jan 31, 2021 10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Topic: Wednesday Evening Meet and Greet with Fr. Brian

Time: 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Wed, until Jan 27, 2021, 4 occurrence(s)

Jan 6, 2021 07:00 PM

Jan 13, 2021 07:00 PM

Jan 20, 2021 07:00 PM

Jan 27, 2021 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Our prayers have been asked for

Alexander Lawson Family, Alicia, Barb, Beth, Betty & Mike, Betty B., Bobbie Jean, Bobbie K., Bruce, Caine & Owen, Dan & Sue, Darlene, David, Elissa, Greg E., Harold, Jane, Jean B., Jim, JoAnn & Paul, Joea & Neill, Karen, Kate, Lexi, Lois, Maralyn, Mary, Mary Lu, Matthew, Matthew S., Mel, Mia, Michael, Mike, Shelly & Derrick, Nancy, Nathan, Rena, Ron & Alice, Ron & Rene, Sharron, Skylar, Steve & Kathy, Sue D., Wayne, and Wendy

Those Who Have Died, Especially

Howard Elgart (December 25, 2020)
The Honorable James Fais (December 29, 2020)
Keith Singer (December 20, 2020)
Francis Whisler (December 19, 2020)

Those Who Serve and Protect

Ted Bertsch
Cameron Brace
Chris Cheek
Sam Freeman
Adam Hagelberger
Joel Hagy
Craig Lambert

Vance Lambert
Brian Michael Laws
Luke Lipomi
Marcus Mettert
Vincent Parenti-Herner
Matthew Poeschl

Kevin Poyer
Sean Poyer
Dr. Amy Reese
Cameren Scholl
Jamison Shriver
Jacob Tetzloff
Matt Trautman

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Bishops of Ohio, present and retired

the Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth Jr., Eleventh Bishop of Ohio
The Rt. Rev. William D. Persell, Assisting Bishop, Diocese of Ohio; Retired Bishop, Diocese of Chicago
The Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams Jr., Assisting Bishop, Diocese of Ohio; Retired Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Ohio
The Rt. Rev. J. Clark Grew II, Tenth Bishop of Ohio, Retired

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

In accordance with our Parish By-Laws and Diocesan Canons
The Interim Rector of Grace Church, Sandusky,
officially gives notice for The 185th Annual Meeting of the Parish
Sunday, January 24th 2021

This meeting will be held by “Zoom” technology at 11:00 a.m.
following the 9:30 a.m. live-stream celebration of the Eucharist.

Attendance at this meeting must be recorded
therefore participants must register in advance for the meeting.

To register, go to
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpfu2hpzIuGNUYr8R03NSon5cteVBYcZCO>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about
joining the meeting.

At this meeting we will:

Elect three persons to the Vestry
Review and adopt a budget for the year 2021 proposed by the Vestry
Hear a Report from Senior Warden, Barbara Gravengaard
Hear a Reflection from the Interim Rector, Fr. Brian K. Wilbert
Review the Annual Reports for 2020