

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Second Candle: We light this candle as a symbol of proclamation. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel!

8:00 a.m. ✠ The Holy Eucharist: Rite I		
<u>Processional:</u>	Prepare the way, O Zion	<u>THE HOLY COMMUNION</u>
	<i>Hymnal 65</i>	<u>The Offertory:</u> There’s a voice in the wilderness
<u>Opening Acclamation:</u>	BCP 323	<i>Hymnal 75</i>
<i>Kyrie</i>	<i>S91</i>	<u>Doxology:</u>
<u>THE WORD OF GOD</u>		<u>The Great Thanksgiving:</u> Eucharistic Prayer I
<u>The Collect</u>		BCP 333
<u>The Lesson:</u>	Isaiah 40:1-11	<u>Sanctus:</u> <i>S 125</i>
<u>Psalms:</u>	85:1-2, 8-13	<u>The Lord’s Prayer:</u> BCP 336
<u>The Epistle:</u>	2 Peter 3:8-15a	<u>The Breaking of the Bread:</u> BCP 337
<u>Sequence Hymn:</u>	O come, O come, Emmanuel	<u>Fraction Anthem:</u> O Lamb of God <i>S 158</i>
	<i>Hymnal 56(vs 1 & 4 before 5 after)</i>	<u>Communion:</u> Comfort, comfort ye my people
<u>The Gospel:</u>	Mark 1:1-8 Rev. Susan McCaffrey	<i>Hymnal 67</i>
<u>Sermon:</u>	Fr. Gary Jackson	<u>Post Communion Prayer:</u> BCP 366
<u>Nicene Creed:</u>	The Book of Common Prayer 326	<u>The Blessing:</u>
<u>Prayers of the People:</u>	BCP 328	<u>Recessional:</u> On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry
<u>Confession and Absolution:</u>	BCP 331-332	<i>Hymnal 76</i>
<u>The Peace:</u>	<i>Please share a sign of our Lord’s peace with one another.</i>	<u>Dismissal:</u> <i>Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!</i>

10:30 a.m. ✠ The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

<u>Processional:</u>	Prepare The Way O Zion	<u>THE HOLY COMMUNION</u>
	<i>Hymnal 65</i>	<u>The Offertory:</u> Build My Life
<u>Opening Acclamation:</u>	BCP 355	<u>Doxology:</u>
<u>Songs of Praise:</u>	Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)	<u>The Great Thanksgiving:</u> Eucharistic Prayer D
<i>Kyrie</i>	BCP 356	BCP 372
<u>THE WORD OF GOD</u>		<u>Sanctus:</u> S130 Sung
<u>The Collect</u>		<u>The Lord’s Prayer:</u> Spoken
<u>The Lesson:</u>	Isaiah 40:1-11	<u>The Breaking of the Bread:</u> BCP 364
<u>Psalms:</u>	85:1-2, 8-13	<u>Fraction Anthem:</u> Behold The Lamb
<u>The Epistle:</u>	2 Peter 3:8-15a	<u>Communion:</u> Isn’t He
<u>Sequence Hymn:</u>	O come, O come Emmanuel	All Who Are Thirsty
	<i>Hymnal 56 (vs 1& 4 before 5 after)</i>	<u>Post Communion Prayer:</u> BCP 365
<u>The Gospel:</u>	Mark 1:1-8 Rev. Susan McCaffrey	<u>The Blessing</u>
<u>Sermon</u>	Fr. Gary Jackson	<u>Recessional:</u> It Is Well With My Soul
<u>Nicene Creed:</u>	BCP 358	
<u>Prayers of the People III:</u>	BCP 387	
<u>Confession and Absolution:</u>	BCP 360	
<u>The Peace</u>	<i>Please share a sign of our Lord’s peace with one another.</i>	<u>Dismissal:</u> <i>Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!</i>

Collect

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13 Said Responsively by half of verse

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, ***you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people ***and blotted out all their sins.**
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, ***for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, ***that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; ***righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, ***and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, ***and our land will yield its increase.**
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, ***and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

The Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” 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.”

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parish@egracepo.org*

Today	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist-Livestreamed
	10:30 am	Children’s Church
Tues.	12:00 pm	8 am Choir Practice
	12:00 pm	BAM with Artie
Wed.	5:00 pm	10:30 Choir Practice
	6:00 pm	PRAYER, PRAISE & EUCHARIST —Livestreamed
Thurs.	12:00 pm	Joyce Senatro Funeral

The Flowers on
the altar this
morning are given
to the glory of God

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NO GRACEWAY CAFÉ BETWEEN SERVICES during the month of December.

SIGN UP SHEET IN NARTHEX FOR CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS - if you would like to donate Christmas altar flowers as a memorial or a thanksgiving, please place your donations in the offering plate and sign the sheet by this Sunday, Dec. 17.

CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE IS NOW OPEN. Bring your addressed, unstamped cards for members of Grace and drops them in the narthex mailbox. They are sorted alphabetically and ready for pick up through Dec.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Dec. 24 - 9:00 am -4th Sun. of Advent; Dec. 24 -6:00 pm - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service; Dec. 25- 9:00 am - Christmas Day in the Chapel.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING – Join us after the 9:00 am Service on Dec. 24 as we transform the church and chapel for our joyous Christmas Services.

LUNCH BUNCH – There will be no Lunch Bunch in December – Next Lunch Bunch will be Jan. 25.

THANK YOU FROM OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Many thanks and blessings for all your recent donations to the CarePortal Bake Sale, Chiles Academy Baby Gifts, and the Angel Tree. Through your generosity we fulfill our mission of reaching out into the community with Christ’s arms of love.

PRAYER STATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH DURING COMMUNION –Our trained Prayer Team members will join with you privately & confidentially to lift up to God your specific prayer needs, concerns, and thanksgivings.

HUM FOOD PANTRY is in need of mac & cheese, ravioli and baked beans. Donations may be brought in Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 9:00am and 11:00am. or left in the narthex. Thank you.



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✦ Sunday Celebrations of The Holy Eucharist: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. ✦ Prayer and Praise Service Wednesday 6 p.m. ✦
✦ The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Holcomb, Bishop of Central Florida ✦ Fr. Gary Jackson, Rector ✦
✦ Rev. Susan McCaffrey, Deacon ✦
✦ Terry Schmitt, Worship Leader ✦ Amy Crane, Choir Director, Organist ✦

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023



Peace

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome in the Name of Jesus!

We’re delighted that you’ve chosen to worship with us this morning and hope that you will participate fully as we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection. All baptized persons may receive Holy Communion. If you are not receiving we hope you will come to the altar railing for a blessing. If this is the case for you please cross your arms over your chest and this will be a sign for us to pray for you. Visiting? Please sign a visitor card located in parish pews
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