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**This Week At Grace**  
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**9 am – 1 pm**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**Jan. 12 – Jan. 18, 2025**

Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22; Psalm 29  
<https://www.lectionarypage.net/>

**Sunday:** **ANNUAL MEETING DAY**  
9:00 am **HOLY EUCHARIST**  
10:30 am **Potluck Brunch**  
11:15 am **134<sup>th</sup> Grace Church Annual Meeting**

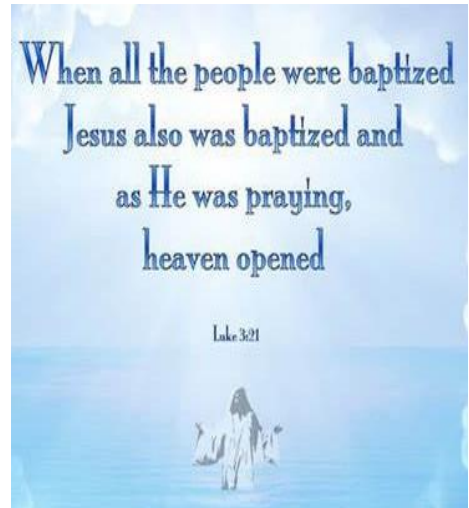
**Tuesday:**  
12:00 pm BAM  
12:00 pm 8:00 am Choir practice

**Wednesday:**  
6:00 pm Prayer/Praise/Eucharist service

**Thursday:** Birthdays: Bob Amara, Maty Lynn Hastings

**Saturday:**  
9:00 am Men’s Bible Study  
10:00 am ECW General Meeting  
10:15 am Outreach Committee Meeting

**Sunday’s Gospel**



**COLLECT for SUNDAY:** 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

Sunday’s **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God for blessings on Grace Church in 2025.

Sunday’s **Ambry Candle** is given in loving memory of Anna Marie and Michael P. Pitek Jr.



## GRACE CHURCH 134<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING DAY

**THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025**

The Annual Meeting in the Episcopal Church is a cornerstone for building a vibrant, well-governed, and mission-focused church community. It allows the congregation to actively participate in the governance of the church, ensuring that decisions reflect the community's collective voice. Leaders present reports on the church's activities, finances, and future plans, fostering transparency and accountability. Election of new vestry members provides an opportunity for fresh perspectives and leadership within the church.

Please join us on this important day!

**9:00 am – ONE COMBINED SERVICE**

**10:30 am – FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK BRUNCH**

**Bring a brunch or lunch dish or dessert to share.**



**11:15 am - *Meeting* ANNUAL MEETING STARTS**



### **ANNUAL REPORT EMAILED to MEMBERS on THURSDAY, JAN. 9**

The 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Report will be emailed to members to read ahead of the meeting on Sunday, January 12. This 24-page report contains the 2025 budget and summaries from ministry leader's about their 2024 ministry activities.

We do this in our continuing effort to be good stewards of our resources and save paper!

If you do not receive this email, please contact the office. There will also be several paper copies on each table for your reference during the meeting.



### **CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE In the Narthex is NOW CLOSED**

If you were out of town for the holidays and did not have a chance to pick up your Christmas Cards, they are now in the office.



**OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING  
SAT. JAN. 18 at 10:15 am**

The first Outreach Committee meeting for the new year will be Saturday, January 18 at 10:15 am in the St. John's classroom of the HUM wing of our parish hall.

All who are interested or a little bit curious in helping on this committee are welcome to attend. This January meeting is when we discuss the new year's plans. If you have any questions, please call me on my home phone number 386-788-3845, or just come. Carol Titkemeier

**Our Outreach Mission:** "Reach out to the community at large as Christ's arms of love, serving and inviting into fellowship, God's people outside the doors of Grace Church."

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**ECW GENERAL MEETING  
SATURDAY JAN. 18 AT 10:00 am**

All ladies of Grace Church are invited to our first meeting of the new year in Goddard Hall. Meet our new board members as we start planning for a new year of service to Grace.

**Our ECW Mission:** "To respond to Jesus Christ, to witness, work and pray for the spread of God's kingdom; submitting to and being guided by the Holy Spirit and providing for the needs of Grace Church and its people."

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**NEXT LUNCH BUNCH- THURSDAY, Jan. 30 at 12:00pm**



We will meet at Rossi's Dinner on Ridgewood Ave. in South Daytona. Please note that we are requesting to meet at 12 noon instead of our usual 12:30 pm.

Sign up in the narthex by Jan. 26 so we have enough seats for everyone. Their menu is here: <https://www.rossisdiner.com/>

Lunch Bunch meets on the LAST THURSDAY of each month at different local restaurants. All are most welcome.



### CHAPEL NOW OPEN BEFORE 10:30 am SUNDAY SERVICES

For those seeking quiet, peaceful solitude for prayer before the 10:30 am Sunday services, the Chapel is open for your use.

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**PLAN on CELEBRATING VALENTINE'S DAY with YOUR GRACE CHURCH FAMILY and FRIENDS**

**SAVE THE DATE – Friday, February 14  
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in Goddard Hall.**

**Stay tuned for more details about this fun event!**



**FEB. 25 AND FEB. 26 –  
PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS will be  
at GRACE to TAKE PHOTOS for our NEW  
DIRECTORY.**

1. There is no cost for you to get your photo in the directory and everyone receives one free 8x10 photo.
2. Photo sessions will be scheduled by appointment.
3. You may pay for additional photos.
4. Bring your kids, your grandkids and/ or your fur babies!
5. This is a great opportunity to update your family photos.

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

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## Let's Be Healthy Together!

Lifeline Screening will be here at Grace Episcopal Church on **Wednesday, January 29, 2025**, offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family, and your community, please register for these health screenings today.

### Three ways to register:

- Call toll-free: 1-888-814-0466 promo code HSCA001
- Online: <https://www.ilsa.social/hsca>
- Text: the word **circle** to 216-279-1607

*Northeast Deanery*

***Cursillo Ultreya***

***Friday February 21, 2025***

*Evening begins at 6:00 pm with potluck meal*

***EVERYONE WELCOME!!!!***

***St. Barnabas Parish Hall***

*319 W. Wisconsin Ave., DeLand 32724*



***An evening of Spiritual Renewal,  
Fellowship,***

***Praise music and Good eating!***

*Musicians bring your instruments!*



*For more information contact:*

*Nancy Tribble 386-453-3243, email: [netribble@yahoo.com](mailto:netribble@yahoo.com)*



For more information on the Cursillo Weekends for 2025, contact Jamie Roberts or Rev. Jonnette



The Diocese of Central Florida Cursillo Community

Invites YOU to attend a

**2025 Cursillo Weekend**

**June 20 – 22, 2025**

**OR**

**November 14 – 16, 2025**

**--Both weekends will be COED--**

Open to couples as well as individual men and women. Cost \$250 per person includes lodging/meals

**NEW LOCATION!**

**San Pedro Spiritual Development Center**

**95 Bishop Grady Lane, Winter Park, FL 32792**

*The Cursillo weekend is intended to enrich and deepen your faith by bringing together a diverse group of Episcopallians to share the richness of many modes of worship and gain new insights on your faith and a direction for fostering ministry to live out your Baptismal Covenant to serve Christ. Lay people conduct the weekend with clergy functioning as spiritual advisors. The weekend starts on Friday evening and runs through Sunday filled with talks, meditations, Holy Eucharist, fellowship, music, great food & much more.*

More information on Cursillo may be found on the website: [www.cfepiscopalcurso.org](http://www.cfepiscopalcurso.org)



**VITA TAX PREPARATION at GRACE CHURCH  
STARTING FEB. 4**

Volunteers from VITA will once again be at Grace Church on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm starting February 4 and ending April 10.

Appointments will be necessary. Stay tuned for further information about the appointment process.

**HUM PANTRY CURRENT NEEDS:**

**This month HUM can use donations of MAC and CHEESE**

**GRACE CHURCH PET FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**

**Dry or Wet Cat & Dog Food Dog/Cat Treats**

**Gallon Ziploc Slider Style Bags**

*For monetary donations, make checks out to "Grace Episcopal Church" with "Pet Food Pantry" on the memo line.*

**QR CODE FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING**



Many parishioners are finding it more convenient to donate to Grace electronically. This QR code will connect you to Donor Box which accepts Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo and credit and debit cards. It is also printed on your 2024 Pledge Card. Note: this QR code is on your bulletin each Sun.



**ECW EMAIL** -All Grace women are automatically members of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW), our very active service and fellowship ministry. We maintain a separate e-mailing list to send out requests and news for specific ECW events. If you would like to be included in the ECW e-mail list, please send your name and email address to [ecwgrace@gmail.com](mailto:ecwgrace@gmail.com).






### Vision

Grace Church is a welcoming community of hope and healing, where all can experience and share God's transforming love.

### Mission

We are the Church of Open Arms.

### Guiding Principles

-  Through worship, we experience the presence of God through Word, Sacrament, Music, and Community.
-  Through outreach, we serve others by providing for their physical, spiritual, and social needs.
-  Through congregational care, we express our love for one another.



## ***Good News Daily***

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### **Sunday, January 12**

John 1:1-34 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* (v.1 RSV)

As we begin a new year, it is good for us to look again at our eternal Savior who existed before the world began (v.2), who helped make our world (vv.3, 10), and who took on our flesh and lived among us (v.14) so that we might go to heaven to live with him.

Christ, the God-man, is both divine and human. He was discouraged, hungry, weary, and tired just like we are, yet he did not sin.

John the Baptizer gave testimony to Jesus by calling him the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (v.29). John bore witness to the light (vv.6, 7). Peter, Andrew, Philip, and Nathanael, when they heard John's sermon, were the first to follow Jesus.

Do we use our opportunities to witness by sharing the Good News of Jesus or are we afraid of ridicule or ostracism? Do we have the courage that John had to bear witness to Jesus Christ?

Dear Jesus, make me brave to share what I know about your goodness.

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalms 146, 147; Hebrews 1:1-12

### **Monday, January 13**

Psalms 1 *His delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.* (v.2)

This psalm contrasts the happiness of the godly with the misery of the wicked. The one who walks in the counsel of the wicked, stands in the way of sinners, and sits in the seat of the scoffer will blow away like chaff (the waste product after the harvest).

Notice the progression: first walking with the wicked, then stopping their journey and standing in the way of sinners, and finally sitting down in the seat of scoffers (being in fellowship with those who hate God).

Temptations of the world and our own flesh come to all of us through the devil, but we should not give them a place in our heart or mind or spend time with them. As Martin Luther said: birds will fly over our heads but we need not let them make nests in our hair!

When we delight in His law, God promises us that we will be like a tree planted by streams of water, yielding fruit, not losing our leaves, and prospering in all we do.

Dear Lord, help us delight in Your law.

Isaiah 40:12-23; Psalms 2, 3; Ephesians 1:1-14; Mark 1:1-13

### **Tuesday, January 14**

Isaiah 40:25-31 *They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.* (v.31)

What a graphic verse! I love the visual images. When we are tired and weary the Lord gives us new strength so that we can fly like mighty eagles. We receive the ability to continue to run tirelessly on our spiritual journey.

*Wait* is the operative word here. So often I want to run ahead of the Lord and say, “I have it all figured out, God. I want to do it this way.” But He shakes His head and says, “My dear child, you still need to learn to wait on Me.”

He is so faithful and He empowers us with His grace. Our Lord is the everlasting God who does not faint or grow weary. His understanding is unsearchable (v.28). In His infinite power and wisdom, He created the world. He says the nations are like a drop in a bucket (v.15). So are we if we fail to wait on Him.

Thank you, Lord, that You are our living, loving God.

Psalms 5, 6; Ephesians 1:15-23; Mark 1:14-28

### **Wednesday, January 15**

Psalm 119:1-24 *I have laid up thy word in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.* (v.11)

What a wonderful recommendation for memorizing Scripture—committing it to heart so it can comfort us in sadness, inspire us when we meet challenges, and keep us strong when we confront temptation.

The psalm begins by promising blessedness to those who walk in the law of the Lord. We have been told of countless saints of God who, despite Alzheimer’s or lying on their death bed, are still quoting God’s word and comforting those around them.

Scripture is truly the “manufacturer’s handbook.” God gave us His word to help us know how to live and be blessed.

A good New Year’s resolution might be to memorize some psalms and favorite New Testament passages. We have read inspiring stories of prisoners of war who have maintained their sanity and that of their fellow prisoners by whispering Scripture or tapping it out in Morse code.

Dear Lord, help me meditate on Your precepts, fix my eyes on Your ways, and delight in Your statutes.

Isaiah 41:1-16; Ephesians 2:1-10; Mark 1:29-45

### **Thursday, January 16**

Ephesians 2:11-22 *He [Jesus] came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.* (v.17)

Jesus came to bring peace. He broke down the dividing wall of hostility. He made us fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. There are no more alienations: Jew/Gentile, male/female, freemen/slaves. We are all one in Christ. Through his death on the cross he brought hostility to an end.

He gives us his peace which passes all understanding, peace which the world cannot give. In the midst of our hectic lives, we can tap into peace with a simple prayer. He is indeed our Prince of Peace. So many today are seeking peace through their hobbies, investments, sports activities, homes, boats, and cars but they are still separated from Christ, having no hope and without God.

May the peace that we have in our Lord Jesus Christ shine like a beacon in this dark world so our neighbors, friends, and colleagues will ask us where they also can find peace.

Dear Jesus, thanks for giving us your peace.

Isaiah 41:17-29; Psalm 18:1-20; Mark 2:1-12

**Friday, January 17**

Mark 2:13-22 *And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." (v.17)*

"The Church is full of hypocrites," says my unbelieving friend. "That may be true," I reply, "but they are going to the right place to be healed."

The Church is a "hospital" for sinners, not a museum of sainthood. If we can look back for the last five years and see that we are less angry and jealous, doing less gossiping and criticizing, reading our Bible and praying more, then we know that we are allowing God's Holy Spirit to do His work in us and we are on the road to recovery.

The religious leaders criticized Jesus for eating with tax collectors and sinners and complained that his disciples did not fast or keep the Sabbath law. But they completely missed the point. It is wonderful that he came to Planet Earth for people like you and me—so we could be forgiven and healed! Great Physician, thanks for healing me.

Isaiah 42:1-17; Psalms 16, 17; Ephesians 3:1-13

**Saturday, January 18**

Ephesians 3:14-21 *Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen. (vv.20-21)*

When you applied to college, were you asked to write out your life goals? I remember struggling to do that as a 16-year-old. Now, as an older woman, I look back at all of God's gifts and goodness in my life, and it is awesome! There have been deep heartaches and losses along the way, but I have "known the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge" (v.19).

Paul prays for the members of the Church in Ephesus, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth... that you may be filled with all the fulness of God" (vv.17-19)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I wish the same for you as we begin this new year together. Thanks, God, for all Your great blessings.

Isaiah 43:1-13; Psalms 20, 21:1-13; Mark 2:23—3:6

***by Jacqueline Littleford***

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