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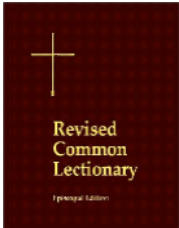
"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year."

~Vern McLellan

Sunday January 5th

Second Sunday After Christmas (Rite I)

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| Subdeacon/Chalice | Carla Boyer |
| MC/2nd Chalice | David Brokaw |
| Thurifer | |
| Crucifer | |
| Acolyte | Allison McLean |
| Acolyte | |
| OT Lector | Rick Scott |
| NT Lector | Eileen Barrett |
| Intercessor | Patty Seekamp |
| Ushers | Joseph Barrett Eileen Barrett Mark Strunsky Sue Scott |
| Use our audio mixer to listen to the 9:30 Sunday Mass live. Click Here | |
| To watch Sunday Mass on Facebook live. Click Here | |
| For the Sunday prayer bulletin. Click Here | |



Website for Lectionary Readings

The webpage is in calendar form - just click on the date and you will see the readings for that day.

<https://www.lectionarypage.net/CalndrsIndexes/Calendar2025.html>

Upcoming Events

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| Sunday January 5th | 9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I) |
| Wednesday January 8th | 10:00 AM Healing Mass |
| Sunday January 12th | 9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II) |
| | Baby Shower for Morgan Spisso to follow mass |
| Wednesday January 15th | 10:00 AM Healing Mass |
| Sunday January 19th | 9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I) |
| | 11:15 AM Monthly Vestry Meeting |
| Monday January 20th | Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - Office closed |
| Wednesday January 22nd | 10:00 Healing Mass |
| Sunday January 26th | 9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II) |

The Photography Corner



I took this photograph last December at the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville. We were walking through the resort's atrium and the simple lines of this beautiful flower caught my eye.

I would like to thank all who have shared photographs with us. I could always use a few more if you'd like to send some. ~Joe

We are sad to announce the passing of Graham Stillwell Jamison, husband of Ellen Jamison, who passed away on Sunday December 8, 2024.

To read his obituary, please click this link
<https://wmgaganfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/1260/Graham-Jamison/obituary.html>

Mystic Poets Society

This week's poem is sent to us by Patty Seekamp and written by Mary Oliver. Thanks Patty!
If you have a poem or reflection that you would consider sharing with your fellow parishioners, please send it to me. Thank you, Joe.

Praying by Mary Oliver

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch
a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway
into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

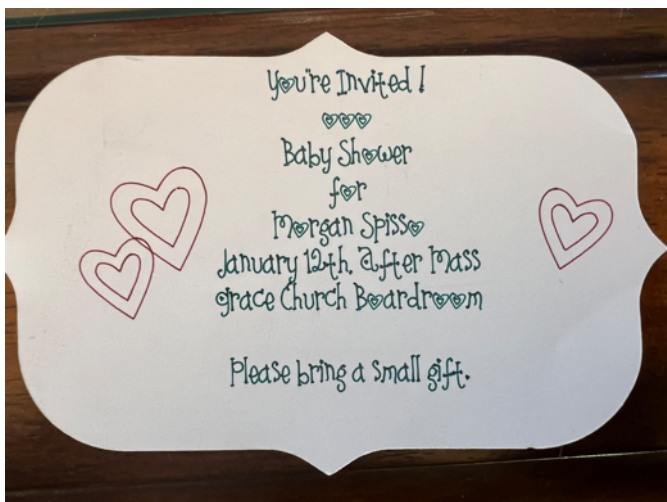


This past Sunday we celebrated the December birthdays of Connie, Savannah and Carla (with Don standing in for her) at a festive coffee hour.

ShopRite Grocery Gift Cards are available for sale EVERY Sunday after each service. Grace Church receives 5% on the sale of the cards from ShopRite, while you purchase the cards at face value! ShopRite gift cards can make shopping for the family easy. Our ongoing fundraiser of ShopRite gift cards helps you prepare your holiday meals while helping Grace Church. Please keep us in mind when preparing your shopping lists!



We are happy and pleased to announce that we can accept credit card purchases for the ShopRite gift cards. So, if you use a rewards credit card you can now accumulate points while supporting Grace Church! To purchase gift cards, please see either Eileen or Claire.



We will be having a baby shower for Morgan Spisso.

When: January 12th after Mass

Where: Grace Church Boardroom

If you wish, please bring a small gift.



[Grace Calendar](#)

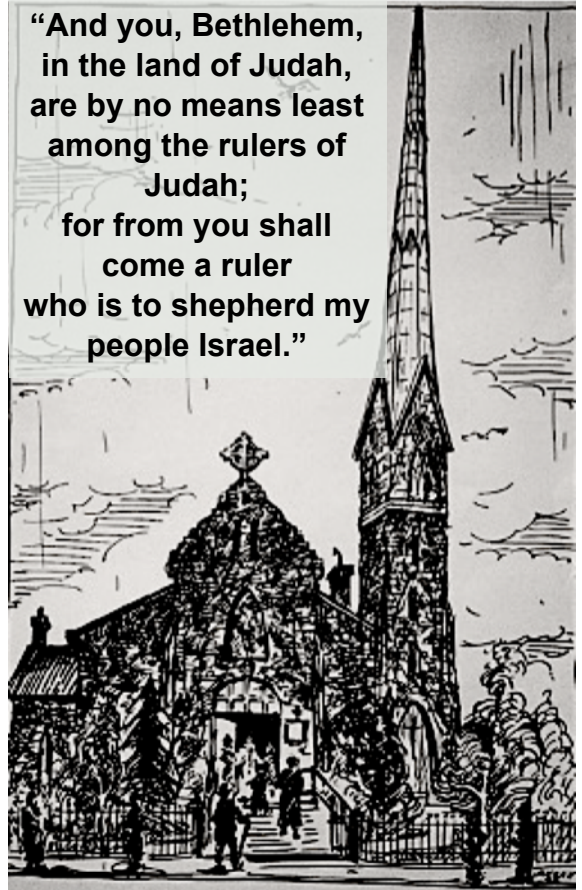
Vestry News

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday January 19th starting at 11:15 AM.
All are invited to attend!

[Click here to read the minutes of the October 20, 2024 Vestry meeting.](#)

[Click here to read the minutes of the November 17, 2024 Vestry meeting.](#)

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”



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Your Grace Church Vestry.

Wardens:

John Cusack

Claire Newquist

Clerk of the Vestry:

Treasurer:

Kathleen Hamilton

Allison McLean

Vestry:

Lorraine Witkowski

Anne Caldwell

Barbara Chumard

Michelle Tubbs

William Gunn

Lenora Vaughan

Mark Strunsky

Eileen Bloomer

Torry Guardino