



We Gather

Processional Hymn: #109

The first Nowell

Please stand as you are able.

Christmas Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God who comes to us in human form.

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

Collect for Purity

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Gloria: #S-280

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Please be seated.

Reader: A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84

Reader: How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *

People: **My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

Reader: The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *

People: **by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

Reader: Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

People: **they will always be praising you.**

Reader: Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *

People: **whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Reader: Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *

People: **for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

Reader: They will climb from height to height, *

People: **and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

Reader: LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *

People: **hearken, O God of Jacob.**

Reader: Behold our defender, O God; *

People: **and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

Reader: For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *

People: **and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

Reader: For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *

People: **he will give grace and glory;**

Reader: No good thing will the LORD withhold *

People: **from those who walk with integrity.**

Reader: O LORD of hosts, *

People: **happy are they who put their trust in you!**

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Reader: A reading from book of Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart

enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #128

We three kings

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Please remain standing.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'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.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon

Silence for reflection after the sermon.

Nicene Creed

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All in unison; Please stand.

Prayers of the People

Please kneel, sit or stand.

Reader: As we have offered gratitude for God's grace upon this community, let us now offer our gifts to the Lord, trusting that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be led to ever more faithful fellowship and service.

Reader: For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...

People: **Grace, Yukon; Diocese of Alabama; The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.**

Reader: For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For...

People: **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Tom, our clergy; Tim & Pat, our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...

People: **Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Markwayne, our Congressman; James & Jim, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Marlon, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...

People: **Barbara & Family, Blackwell Family, Brad, Brewer Family, James & Shirley, Mike & Betty, Rogers Family, Kenneth, Pat & Joe, Quinn & Nancy, Prisca, PJ, John & Sharon, Emma, Ronnie, John, Troy, Sarah, Ark of Faith, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

Reader: We pray for those in the armed services. We pray for those who have died (*especially...*)

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially ...

People: **Dotty, John, Jeff, Chelsea, Nora, Jackson, Amanda, Carolyn.**

Reader: Also those who are traveling, (*especially...*)

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: Bless all those everywhere who give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy for love of him who laid down his life for us.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Remembering our most blessed Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: **To you, O Lord.**

Reader: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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Please kneel, sit or stand.

Peace

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Please stand as you are able.

Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

Please be seated.

Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts with thanksgiving

Offertory Anthem:

Seeking the Newborn King

Rick Ewing

Doxology: #380

Please stand and sing as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Distribution of Communion

At Grace Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the usher if you need communion brought to you at your seat. IF you wish to receive the bread only, hold your palms upward, consume the bread, and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer approaches. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a Blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest approaches.

Sursum Corda

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Sanctus: #S-130

Please stand, sit, or kneel.

Lord's Prayer:

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Fraction Anthem: #S-164

Lamb of God

Please remain seated.

Breaking of the Bread

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A period of silence is kept.

Communion Hymn:#89

It came upon the midnight clear

We Go Out To Do Our Work

Christmas Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: **Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

Christmas Blessing:

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: #100

Joy to the world

Please stand and sing as you are able.

Sending

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Lovely Poinsettias on the Christmas Altar
are Given to the Glory of God.

In Loving Memory of:

- ☞ Mallory Paige Coburn by Katherine Coburn.
- ☞ Paul Archer, Ada Wood Kenneth Sellers and Keith Sellers by Lora Sellers.
- ☞ Kayden Stepp, Freddie Ramirez, John Chelssi, Larry Woods and, Debra House by Terra Tomlinson.
- ☞ Cooper Cox Betty & George Knapp, C.V. & Loretta Wilkinson by D. I. Wilkinson.
- ☞ Audrey Hansen by Jean Lewis.
- ☞ Cliff Franklin & Mallory Coburn by Diamond Franklin
- ☞ Madeline & Bob Minton, Don Jiles, Burk & Bonnie Gilbreath, Ray & Ruth Odom, Sandy Odom by Van & Marlene Odom.
- ☞ Emily Green, Linda Edwards, Debby Schrader by David Edwards
- ☞ Alvin & Mabel Freie, David Gaillard, Donna Maxwell by Melody & John Freie.

In Honor of:

- ☞ Freeman & June Little by Terry Tomlinson.
- ☞ Molly & Casey, Jacob, Kenize & Lainey by Doug & Lisa Duffy
- ☞ Our children & grandchildren by Van & Marlene Odom.
- ☞ Dorothy Fite by David Edwards.
- ☞ Pat & Dave Wilcox by Chris & Rick Ewing.

2022 FLOWERS



Below is the list for 2022 Altar Flower sponsors, listed by date. If the date listed by your name is okay, there is nothing to do. If you would like to make a change to the dedication as listed during 2021, or if you have any questions, please contact the office at 918-687-5416. Suggested donation is \$50.00

JANUARY:

2: CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
9: OPEN
16: Marion & John Della Magiora
23: Amanda Milligan
30: Connie & Richard Haugland

FEBRUARY:

6: Janie & Don Cole
13: Nancy Hurley
20: Stuart Woods Family
27: Edith Lubin

MARCH:

6: LENT
13: LENT
20: LENT
27: LENT

APRIL:

3: LENT
10: PALM SUNDAY
17: EASTER SUNDAY
24: Dorothy Fite

MAY:

1: Melody & John Freie
8: Edith Lubin
15: Jennifer Sparks
22: David Edwards
29: Connie Haugland

JUNE:

5: OPEN
12: Shirley & James Slate
19: Kaia & Tim Holder
26: Kathy & Jerry Coburn

JULY:

3: Charles G. Bradley Family
10: Bret Smith
17: David Edwards
24: Jennifer Sparks
31: OPEN

AUGUST:

7: Chuck/Dotty Oelkers; Eddie Boen
14: Connie & Richard Haugland
21: Edith Lubin
28: OPEN

SEPTEMBER:

4: Barbara Tobin
11: Dotty Oelkers
18: David Edwards
25: Marlene & Van Odom

OCTOBER:

2: OPEN
9: Kathy & Jerry Coburn
16: Edith Lubin
23: OPEN
30: Marriott & Sam Fowler

NOVEMBER:

6: Brenda Groves
13: Ron Woods
20: Shirley & James Slate
27: THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

DECEMBER:

4: David Edwards
11: Jane & John W. Haworth
18: CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
25: CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



2022 Bread & Wine Offering

Below is the list for 2022 Communion Bread offerings, listed by date. If the date listed by your name is okay, there is nothing to do. If you would like to make a change to the dedication as listed during 2021, or if you have any questions, please contact the office. Suggested donation is \$15.00.

JANUARY:

2: Virginia Lipotich
9: Stuart Woods
16: Kaia & Tim Holder
23: OPEN
30: B.J. & John Charbonneau

FEBRUARY:

6: Melody & John Freie
13: Edith Lubin
20: Jennifer Sparks
27: Nancy Green

MARCH:

6: Jennifer Sparks
13: Edith Lubin
20: Stuart Woods
27: Barbara Haworth

APRIL:

3: Barbara Tobin
10: Jennifer Sparks
17: Edith Lubin
24: B.J. & John Charbonneau

MAY:

1: OPEN
8: Betty & Tom Honea
15: OPEN
22: OPEN
29: OPEN

JUNE:

5: Melody & John Freie
12: Jennifer Sparks
19: Virginia Lipotich
26: Tom Honea

JULY:

3: Jennifer Sparks
10: B.J. & John Charbonneau
17: Edith Lubin
24: B.J. & John Charbonneau
31: Kaia & Tim Holder

AUGUST:

7: Stuart Woods
14: Betty Honea
21: OPEN
28: Shirley & James Slate

SEPTEMBER:

4: Jennifer Sparks
11: Kathy Coburn
18: Nancy Green
25: David Edwards

OCTOBER:

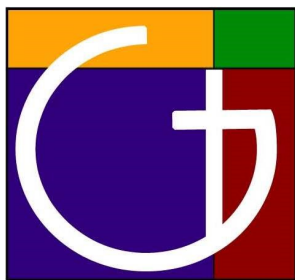
2: David Edwards
9: OPEN
16: Melody & John Freie
23: OPEN
30: OPEN

NOVEMBER:

6: Audrey & Jeremy Stone
13: Kaia & Tim Holder
20: David Edwards
27: Nancy Green

DECEMBER:

4: Shirley & James Slate
11: Barbara Haworth
18: Tom Honea
25: John & Melody Freie



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