

Welcome to Grace Church

The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

November 27, 2022

10:00 a.m. at Crissey Farm and on Zoom



GRACE CHURCH

an Episcopal Community in the Southern Berkshires

and on Zoom

Step into Grace where strangers become friends.

We are an open and affirming church.

Every one of every age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, or economic status is invited to join us as together

we live out the Gospel message of love, forgiveness, service, and justice.

No matter where you are in your spiritual journey—you are welcome here.

THE BELL RINGS AND THE PEOPLE GATHER IN SILENCE

PRELUDE from *Six Canzonetti* by Noël Goemanne, 1926-2010

Born and living in Belgium until his move to the U.S. in 1952, Noël Goemanne was pressed by Nazi occupiers to become a composer for the Third Reich, but he refused. He was later arrested for playing music by Felix Mendelssohn, a Jewish composer, in public. His wartime experiences turned him into a committed pacifist, which was reflected in his lifelong demand that his singers sing the "Dona nobis pacem" (Grant us peace), the final words of the *Agnus Dei*, with all the power they had.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The lighting of the Advent Candle and the prayer occur in the interlude between the two verses.

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

H56

O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - - ra - el,
O come, thou Wis - com from - on high, who or - derest all things might - i - ly;
that mourns in lone - ly ex - - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
to us the path of know - ledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Re-joyce! joyce! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el!

Reader: Come O Holy One,
As the morning light after a wakeful night!
Keep us mindful that at any moment you may ask of us
An accounting of our lives;
Help us to love you and love one another in all we do,
And so clothe us with your light
That we may bring others to love you also,
Through Jesus our Savior. **Amen**

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

The Word of God

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thought 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.

SONG OF PRAISE

S102 *sung 3x*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

¹I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
²Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.
⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.
⁷Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
⁸For my brethren and companions’ sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

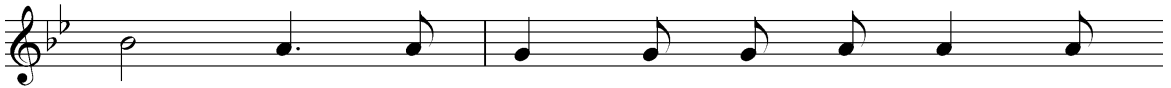
¹¹You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People Thanks be to God.

What is the crying at Jordan?

verses 1,2 before the Gospel; verses 3,4 after



1 What is the cry - ing at Jor - dan? Who
 2 Who then shall stir in this dark - ness, pre -
 3 Lord, give us grace to a - wake us, to
 4 Now comes the day of sal - va - tion, in



hears, O God, the pro - phe - cy? Dark is the
 pare for joy in the win - ter night? Mor - tal in
 see the branch that be - gins to bloom; in great hu -
 joy and ter - ror the Word is born! God gives him -



sea - son, dark our hearts and shut to mys - ter - y.
 dark - ness we lie down, blind - heart - ed, see - ing no light.
 mi - li - ty is hid all heaven in a lit - tle room.
 self in - to our lives; O let sal - va - tion dawn!

THE GOSPEL**Matthew 24:36-44**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in

what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Tina Rathbone

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The leader and People pray responsively

God of many names, God beyond all names; the beginning and the end of every story, the meaning of every life; infinite Mystery both hidden and revealed:

Hear us when we pray to you.

Blessed are You who join us together in the communion of Christ's Body. Renew and energize your holy Church, in this parish and throughout the world, that we may manifest your steadfast love in our common life of praise and service.

Hear us when we pray to you.

O perfect Wisdom, direct and rule the hearts of the leaders and shapers of society, raise up prophets of justice and peace, and empower your people to repair the world.

Hear us when we pray to you.

O Deliverer, You unlock every door and make a way where there is no way. Set free all who are afflicted or distressed in body, mind or spirit. Resurrect their hope, grant them peace, and restore their joy.

Hear us when we pray to you.

O compassionate One, hold us in your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the stranger, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle.

Hear us when we pray to you.

O Morning Star, come, enlighten all who sit in darkness, and those who dwell in the shadow of violence and death. Grant us your peace, and teach us to live in the dawn of your promise.

Hear us when we pray to you.

O Lover of souls, when we wander far away, lead us back to You; when we refuse your embrace, do not give up on us; when we forget You, do not forget us.

Hear us when we pray to you.

O Desire of every heart, forgive us those things which distract and delay us, and lead us ever deeper into your Way, and Truth and Life.

Hear us when we pray to you.

God who has come, God who is coming, God who is yet to come: Make us ready to welcome and receive You in the stranger's face, the loving act, the moment of grace, the presence of healing, the birth of possibility, and the gift of wonder. Let every heart prepare You room.

Hear us when we pray to you.

Dear people of God, what else, or who else, should we pray for?

The People offer their concerns and thanksgivings, aloud or in silence.

The Presider concludes with the following collect:

O Emmanuel, God-with-us, You show us the face of divinity, and reveal the fullness of humanity. Come: renew your creation, restore us in your love, and enable us to become who we are, and are not quite yet: your faithful and loving people. We ask all this in the name of your son, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant and the People greet one another by sharing a physically distanced sign of Christ's peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A GRATITUDE MOMENT

Take a few moments to think of one thing during the past week for which you thank God. If you wish to share your gratitude moment with the congregation, please come to the microphone.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN

H57

Lo! He comes with clouds descending



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord.

People **And of your own have we given you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues

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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

SANCTUS

S124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The celebrant continues

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,

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

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 for ever.

As our Savior Christ has taught us we now sing:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept, then all sing:

FRACTION ANTHEM

S161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant
The People

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

All Are Welcome at God's Table

Gluten-free bread is available. Please let the priest know if you would prefer this. If you would rather receive a blessing instead of communion, please come forward and cross your hands over your chest. And lastly, if you need communion brought to you, just let the usher know. All are welcome at God's feast.

The Grace Healing Team is in the back of the room during Communion to offer the laying on of hands and a prayer for healing to anyone who desires it for themselves or another.

If you can't physically receive the communion bread because you are participating in this service virtually, you are invited to pray this Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds, and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Rejoice, rejoice, believers

H68

1 Re - jice! re - jice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

**Most generous and loving God, we thank you for the gift of
children. With each child you refresh your promises to all of us.
Through each child you remind us to take care of all you have
created.**

**We pray your blessing on each child today. Teach them to love
courage and to trust you. Help them see you at work in your
world.**

**Help them speak words of love, peace, and friendship. Turn
their faces in kindness toward their neighbors, and fill each
one with confidence in your steadfast love. This we ask in the
name of your child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Christ the sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from
before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all, now and
forever. AMEN

Descant

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of

God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
 God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All

barred! Not robbed in roy - al splen - dor, in
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

things are in his hand, all a - ges and all

power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 bear it so he can make us free!

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in Peace. The Christ is coming.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Wachet auf (Sleepers, wake!)
 melody, Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicola (1556-1608);
 harm. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Flowers are given today by Steve & Andrea White
in honor of Aidan White's birthday*

WORSHIP LEADERS

ROTA	TODAY 11/27	Next SUNDAY 12/4 (tentative)
<i>WELCOME TEAM</i>	Sue Gore	Sally Brooke
	Rick Gore	Cathy Haywood
<i>ACOLYTE</i>	Peter Kirchoff	Kathy Clausen
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<i>LECTOR</i>	Lynn Walker	Pennie Curry
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	Peter Kirchoff	Holly & Caroline Murray
<i>HEALING TEAM</i>	Ted Cobden	Pennie Curry
	Pennie Curry	Ted Cobden
<i>ALTAR GUILD</i>	Debbie Holmes	Kathy Clausen
	Margaret Layton	Joel Jorgensen
<i>COFFEE HOUR</i>	Booton, Holmes	Brooke, Jordahl
<i>TECH</i>	Abe Streeter	Abe Streeter
<i>COUNTERS</i>	Sue Gore	Sue Gore
	Sarah Sieber	Ian Booton
<i>CELEBRANT</i>	The Rev. Tina Rathbone	The Rev. Tina Rathbone

GRACE CHURCH INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Please Include in Your Daily Prayers This Week

Members of the Parish Family: Monique Kirchoff; Debbie Holmes; Cathy Haywood; Linda White; Stacey Thomas, and her children, Claire, Mark and Johnny; Mark Anderson; Dindy Anderson; Doreen Hutchinson; Anne Andrews; Meredith Haider; Linda White; Rosemarie Blakely; Marina Bowens; Charles Folger; Barbara Gore; and Barbara Turner.

Others we Love: Denise Chandler; James Driscoll; Livia Driscoll; All those grieving the death of Jack Stedman, Wendy Reeve and Ed Hunt; Cynthia Griesing, Holly Murray's mother; Karen LaRocque friend of Sue Gore; Rosalind Haywood, Sue Gore's mother; Deborah McCurdy; Joy Milani, dear friend of Dindy Anderson; the Hardenberg family, friends of Lynn Walker; Michael Pine, Pennie's beloved Godson; Sophia, who is grieving the sudden death of her son; Michael Rywkin, Monique's father; Linda Tornicelli.

Those who have died: Jim Driscoll, father of Gideon's Garden intern, James Driscoll; Michael Rywkin, Monique Kirchoff's father; Wendy Reeve, Cathy Haywood's sister; Jack Stedman; Queen Elizabeth II; Rino Aldrighetti, beloved friend of Steve White; Ed Hunt, brother-in-law of Anne Andrews; Faustino Gonzalez Nasario; Ruth Thornton, a dear friend Steve and Andrea White; Richard Edelstein, husband of Pat and beloved friend of our congregation; Hugh Pecon; Nelda Curry; Sam Raymond; Sara Keene; Vanessa Neves, daughter of Patti Poulos, friend of many in the congregation; Alan Sparks, brother of Debbie Holmes; Ruth Crawford; Neil Brandt, brother of Linda White; Jim Santolin, a dear friend of Rick & Sue; Larry Cheek, John's brother; Patricia O'Hara.

Our world: For all places of violence and war around the world, that Peace may prevail, and human fear and suffering diminish. For all victims of gun violence in this country, especially the people connected to Club Q in Colorado Springs. We pray also for those who inflict gun violence on others. For people who are suffering from COVID, those who have died and those who mourn. For all who are alone, or afraid, or despairing. For prisoners, unhoused people, newly arrived immigrants and all our neighbors, near and far.

The many ministries of our local community, especially for our partners at St. Paul's and the Revs. Libby Wade, Jane Tillman; Christ Trinity and the Rev. Erik Karas; our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Doug Fisher; and the Mampong Babies' Home.

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GRACE CHURCH VESTRY

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Class of 2023	Dindy Anderson, Holly Murray, John Cheek
Class of 2024	Anne Andrews, Dutch Pinkston
Class of 2025	Cathy Haywood, Andrea White, Laura Jordahl

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesdays	Community Bible Study ³	7:00 PM
Wednesdays	Contemplative Eucharist ^{1 & 3}	10:00 AM
Thursdays	Centering Prayer ^{1 & 3}	5:00 PM
Sundays	Worship Service ^{2 & 3}	10:00 AM

Sunday services are at Crissey Farm; all other services are in the chapel at 67 State Road. If you are unable to join us in person, please visit our website, www.graceberkshires.org, for zoom links.

The Office/Chapel ¹ / Crissey Farm ² / On Zoom ³

*For more information about the Grace Church's regular work and worship, please visit **Tuesday's Child** newsletter on the website.*

Making the House Ready for the Lord

Dear Lord, I have swept and I have washed but still nothing is as shining as it should be for you. Under the sink, for example, is an uproar of mice – it is the season of their many children. What shall I do? And under the eaves and through the walls the squirrels have gnawed their ragged entrances – but it the season when they need shelter, so what shall I do? And the raccoon limps into the kitchen and opens the cupboard while the dog snores, the cat holds the pillow; what shall I do? Beautiful is the new snow falling in the yard and the fox who is staring boldly up the path, to the door. And I still believe you will come, Lord; you will, when I speak to the fox, the sparrow, the lost dog, the shivering sea-goose, know that I am really speaking to you whenever I say, as I do all morning and afternoon: Come in, Come in.

--Mary Oliver

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