## Grace Episcopal Church

A Parish Church in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta established 1828



Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024

### **Our Mission**

Grace Episcopal Church is a congregation in communion with all that is in God, seen and unseen. We are led by the example of Jesus Christ and are empowered by the Holy Spirit to support each other through prayer, formation, worship, and service.

#### **Our Vision**

We will welcome all with kindness, acceptance, and love, with God's help. We are Grace, grounded in faith and relentless in compassion.

### Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:15AM

Helpful notes: The 8:15 early service is a simple, contemplative service that offers you a time and space for prayer. It uses the more traditional language that can be found within the Anglican Tradition and primarily comes from the earlier 1928 Book of Common Prayer. Please feel free to take advantage of the quiet space before the service begins for your personal devotions.

#### **Community Minute**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

# Opening Acclamation Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Trisagion

#### The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who didst send thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

#### The First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.* 

#### Canticle 16

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, \*
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, \*

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

Reader: Martha Nesbitt

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You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God \*
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

#### The Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.* 

#### The Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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

#### The Homily: The Rev. Dr. Brandon Nonnemaker

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Prelude Prelude on Morning Star from The Union Harmony, 1848

Community Minute

Lighting of the Advent Candle: A selection from Psalm 62

For God alone my soul in silence waits; *from God comes my salvation.* 

God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

For God alone my soul in silence waits; *truly, my hope is in God.* 

God alone is my rock and my salvation, *my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.* 

In God is my safety and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before God, for God is our refuge.

#### Introit Matin Responsory

Giuseppe Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-94) adapted by David Wilcocks

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another. Go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

#### At the Entrance: Hymn 102

Verse 1: Niccole Williams, soprano Verse 2: Grace Choir Trebles Verse 3: Grace Choir Basses Verses 4, 5, 6: Choir and Congregation

#### The Opening Acclamation

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### Collect for Purity

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

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Once in David's Royal City

#### **Trisagion: Hymn S102** Hymns beginning with an S are found in the service music section at the front of the hymnal.

#### The Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

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 Blessing of the Children and Dismissal to Children's Chapel

Children ages three through second grade are invited to come forward.

People God of all, we thank you for the joy and wonder these children bring into our lives. May they learn about you and your Word, may they grow in loving-kindness, and may they know your presence is always with them. Amen.

#### The First Lesson: Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.'

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Here ends the Reading.

Anthem: Riu, Riu ChiuFelicia Hernandez, soloist; sung in SpanishSpanish villancico (c. 1550)

As God from the wolf keeps our lamb, the rabid wolf wants to bite her, But God the powerful knows to defend her. He wanted to make her unable to sin, Nor did original sin this virgin have He who is born a great monarch, Christ, our father, clothed in flesh We have redemption from this tiny creation. Though infinite, finite he was made. Mark well the rightness of what you have heard, That God could not make her more a mother. He that is her father is today of her born, He of whom she is the child is called her son.

Reader: Marsha Kump

#### The Second Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-5

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.'

Here ends the Reading.

#### Anthem: And the Glory of the Lord from Messiah

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

#### The Third Lesson: Isaiah 40:9-11

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.

Here ends the Reading.

#### Anthem: Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain

Climb to the top of the highest mountain, joyous tidings proclaim to the world, Lift up your voice, shout the good news: behold, your Lord comes to you. He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will carry the lambs in his arms, He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you. He who made the stars in the heaven, He who fashioned the earth and the sea, From time eternal he was God, the Alpha and Omega, he. Behold, your Lord! He will come in power and glory, he will rule with mercy and truth, Hope of the nations, light of all the world. He will love the little children, he will hold them in his arms. Love him and trust him as a little child. Behold, your Lord comes to you.

#### The Fourth Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Here ends the Reading.

#### Anthem: Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear; the evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The Bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh. Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near; go forth, as he approaches, with alleluias clear. The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand, Arise, O heirs of glory; the Bridegroom is at hand.

You saints, who here in patience your cross and suffrings bore, shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more. Around the throne of glory the Lamb you shall behold, in triumph lay before him your shining crowns of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, O Sun so longed for, above this shadowed sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free.

George F. Handel (1685-1759)

Carolyn Jennings (b. 1936)

Reader: Callie Flack

Reader: Susan Lahev

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

#### The Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-34

#### Reader: Beth Horton

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'

Here ends the Reading.

Anthem: Ave Maria

Sung in Latin

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

#### The Homily: The Rev. Dr. Brandon Nonnemaker

#### The 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.

Javier Busto

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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 Pravers of the People Form I

#### Leader: 8:15/Martha Nesbitt, 10:45/Jo Brewer BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Bishop, Rob, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.* 

For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.* 

For the city of Gainesville, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.* 

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.* 

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Tom Mundy, Kay Stringer, and Bob Murphy, husband of Karen Murphy; let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.* 

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Bernard Gaston Gosselin, father of Kathy Gosselin; let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.* 

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.* 

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.* 

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. *To thee, O Lord our God.* 

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#### The Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

#### The Peace

| Celebrant | The peace of the Lord be always with you. |
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| People    | And also with you.                        |

Please be seated.

Helpful notes: We have arrived at the point of the liturgy that focuses our attention on Christ's presence with us in the Holy Eucharist. "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving," and we are called to remember our gratitude to God for the blessings of our lives. Together, we share in Holy Communion, which we believe is the Real Presence of Christ both within the bread and wine and within each soul present. We offer ourselves and visualize ourselves on the altar, as we pray for a transformation of heart that will nurture our ongoing lives.

#### The Offertory Anthem My Lord What a Mournin'

My Lord, what a mournin'; My Lord, what a mournin'; Oh, my Lord, what a mournin', When the stars begin to fall, When the stars begin to fall. You will hear the trumpet sound, To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall. You will hear the sinner cry, To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.

#### At the Presentation: Hymn 48 verses 1, 3

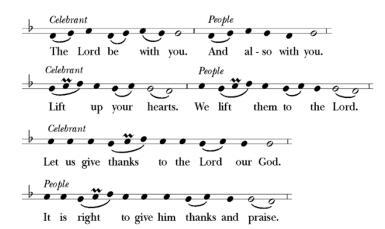
The Great Thanksgiving Please stand as you are able.

Es flog ein Waldvogelein BCP 361

arr. William Dawson

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#### Eucharistic Prayer B



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (the Celebrant will offer a prayer for the day)

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: Hymn S128

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. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

| Celebrant Let us pray.   |   |
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| God of abundance,  |   |
| you have fed us  |   |
| with the bread of life and cup of salvation;   |   |
| you have united us   |   |
| with Christ and one another;   |   |
| and you have made us one   |   |
| with all your people in heaven and on earth.   |   |
| Now send us forth  |   |
| in the power of your Spirit,   |   |
| that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  |   |
| and continue for ever  |   |
| in the risen live of Christ our Savior. Amen.  |   |
| Helpful notes: We remember now that we have not left the wor<br>space to be transformed by the Spirit's presence in our hearts. N<br>toward the ways we can embody the Light of Christ in the world. | low, we give thanks for this time of shared prayer, and we look |
| The Blessing   |   |
| The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God, str<br>in the name of the Holy Trinity. <i>Amen.</i>   | engthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,       |
| Closing Hymn 74  | Valet will ich dir geben  |
| The Dismissal  | BCP 366   |
| Postlude Toccata in C Major  | Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)                                    |
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### The Breaking of the Bread

### The Fraction Anthem: Hymn S164

| Celebrant | Behold who you are: The Body of Christ. |
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| People    | May we become what we receive.          |

Please be seated. Ushers will guide the congregation forward for Holy Communion.

#### **Communion Music**

| Hymn 66 | Stuttgart          |
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| Hymn 67 | Psalm 42           |
| Hymn 82 | Divinium mysterium |
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#### Prayer after Communion Please kneel or stand as you are able.

#### FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- On Sundays, December 8 & 15, join Sr. Genevieve Lynn in the Parish Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 to explore **Regula Vitae** (Rule of Life). Discussions will center around what a Rule of Life is and how having one can help you as you walk your spiritual journey. Please bring with you a journal and writing utensil, other materials will be provided.
- The annual **Patrick Kelley Memorial Blood Drive** will be held at Grace Church on Saturday, December 14 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM in the parish hall.
- Please make plans to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> annual **Messiah Sing Along** on Sunday, December 15 at 3:00 PM. All ages and musical abilities welcome!
- Pageant rehearsals are after the 10:45 AM service on December 15 and 22. Contact Fr. Brandon for details.
- Children, youth, and families are invited to go **Caroling at Lanier Village Estates** on Wednesday, December 18. Meet in the parish hall for dinner at 5:00 PM and bring a white elephant gift. Contact Fr. Brandon for details.

### THINGS TO NOTE

- Grace Church is **collecting food** for the Gainesville-Hall County Food Pantry. Needed items: cans of corn or green beans, canned fruit, tuna, dried beans, 16 oz jars of peanut butter, jars of pasta sauce, bars of soap, or toilet paper.
- Contributions to our **Christmas flower and greenery fund** may be made in thanksgiving for or in memory of loved ones, friends and family at www.gracechurchgainesville.org/give/christmas-flowers/ until December 15.
- Christian Education (CE/Sunday School) classes meet from 9:30 10:30 AM most Sundays until May 4. This winter, classes will not meet December 29, January 19, or February 16.
- It has been tradition for children or youth to play a Christmas piece as part of the **musical prelude** for the 4 PM service on Christmas Eve. Please email Lynn Swanson for information.
- Explore the Glimpses of Grace podcast on your podcast app of choice or at www.gracechurchgainesville.org/podcast.
- Prayer is at the heart of our life as a faith community. Grace Church invites members of the parish to **request prayer** at www.gracechurchgainesville.org/prayer.
- We invite **visitors and newcomers** to fill out a Welcome Card, online at www.gracechurchgainesville.org/welcome or in the pew (and dropped in the offering plate), so we can share information about Grace and answer any questions.
- The **nursery** is located in the children's education wing and is available to all children age 4 and under on Sunday mornings from 8:00 AM until noon.
- Services at Grace Church are **live-streamed/recorded** so that we may include those who cannot be with us physically. www.gracechurchgainesville.org/photo-video-policy.

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