

Faith, Hope, and Charity -- Bas relief sculpture of the three theological virtues, Edinburgh, United Kingdom

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA
Walking in love. Welcoming all.

The Rev. Seldon M. Walker, Rector Suzanne Daniel, Music Director The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes, Bishop Diocesan

THE **20**TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

OCTOBER 26, 2025 | 10:30 AM

The Word of God

Welcome to Grace Church! Thank you for worshiping with us today. Your presence is truly a blessing to our church family. Announcements begin at 10:20, followed by a moment of silence. To preserve the spirit of worship, we thank you in advance for silencing all electronic devices. Our time of worship will begin with the prelude and the ringing of the church bell at 10:30.

Entrance Rite

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

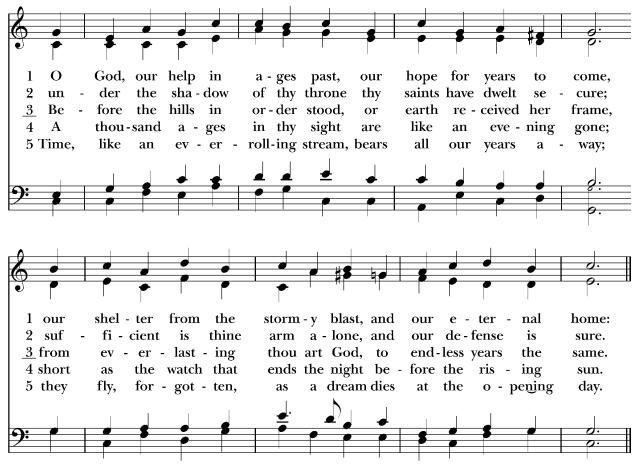
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

The Celebrant may say

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN OF PRAISE O God, our help in ages past (St. Anne) (H 68o)



6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8; 16-18

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to Timothy.

6As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. 7I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

16At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! 17But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. 18The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 84:1-6

Remain seated.

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

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *

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

- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
 - they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

GOSPEL ALLELUIA Halle, Halle, Hallelujah Gospel Acclamation (Sedio) (EOM2 119)

All stand.

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus] told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. "The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. "I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

THE MESSAGE (BCP p. 358)

The Rev. Seldon M. Walker

Following the Message, a period of silence will be held for reflection.

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

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 (BCP p. 359)

All remain standing. The People respond to each petition with the words in bold.

Let us pray to God, who goes before us in all things, saying, Christ before us, Christ beside us, Christ within us.

Holy God, You call us to walk in faith, trusting that Christ leads us each day. In this season of stewardship, open our hearts to generosity, that we may give from the abundance you have provided. Christ before us, Christ beside us, Christ within us.

God of all wisdom, as our nation faces uncertainty in the midst of a government shutdown, we remember those whose lives and livelihoods are most vulnerable: federal workers, contractors, families who depend on government services, and all who are anxious about the future. Grant our leaders wisdom, compassion, and courage to seek the common good.

Christ before us, Christ beside us, Christ within us.

Compassionate Savior, You taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Guide us to use our gifts—of time, talent, and treasure—to serve others, especially in times of hardship. May our stewardship reflect your boundless love.

Christ before us, Christ beside us, Christ within us.

God of hope, when we are uncertain or afraid, remind us that you are our shield and our strength. Help us to see Christ before us in every challenge, Christ beside us in every companion, and Christ within us, giving us courage to act in faith.

Christ before us, Christ beside us, Christ within us.

God of blessings, we give thanks for the goodness which you pour into our lives: For our parish family; for our visitors and newcomers; for our Day School; for our friends in ministry and mission, especially for FISH and the Grace Little Free Libraries who we are supporting with our Thanksgiving Basket this month; and for our Altar Arrangements which are given by Stuart and Denise Wash in celebration of Sam's 27th birthday and by the Zellers family in memory of Missi Rhodes.

Christ before us, Christ beside us, Christ within us.

God of mercy, we remember before you those in need of healing, comfort, or peace. Surround them with your loving presence. On this day we pray especially for...names will be read aloud...

God of grace, we give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, whose lives inspire our own journey of faith and generosity. May we, like them, trust in your unfailing love. On this day we pray especially for...names will be read aloud...

God of all, gather our prayers and our lives into your keeping, and send us forth as stewards of your grace, confident that wherever we go, Christ goes before us.

Christ before us, Christ beside us, Christ within us.

Concluding Collect to be said be Celebrant

Gracious and loving God, you have called us to be one in the body of your Son, to shine with the light of Christ in a world longing for hope. Grant us grace to grow, to seek maturity in faith and wisdom, and to walk always in the path of your love. May we, nourished by your Word and strengthened by your Spirit, go forth as bearers of your light, inviting all who thirst to come and drink of the water of life. Unite us in purpose, make us bold in compassion, and keep us ever mindful that you alone are the source of all goodness. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is bound together in love with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THANKSGIVINGS

The Thanksgiving Basket for October will go to FISH, an all-volunteer nonprofit that has since 1975 provided food, clothing and housewares to those in need in the Historic Triangle and the Grace Little Free Libraries. Altar arrangements are given to the glory of God by Stuart and Denise Wash in celebration of Sam's 27th birthday, and by the Zellers family in memory of Missi Rhodes.

The Holy Communion

This is the table not of the Church, but of the Lord and all baptized Christians are welcome to come to the table. It is made ready for those who love him, and for those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, for it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here. If you are not baptized and would like to come forward for a blessing, please know that you too are welcome.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says

God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 2 *Corinthians* 9:8

OFFERTORY MUSIC (BCP p. 361)

At the Reception of the Offering (sung by all) (St. Patrick's Breastplate v 1)

All stand.







The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 361)

The People remain standing.

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.

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 361)

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 S-125 (BCP p. 362)

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 362)

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS (BCP p. 363)

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM Lamb of God: Agnus Dei (Dunphy) (AS 11)









INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

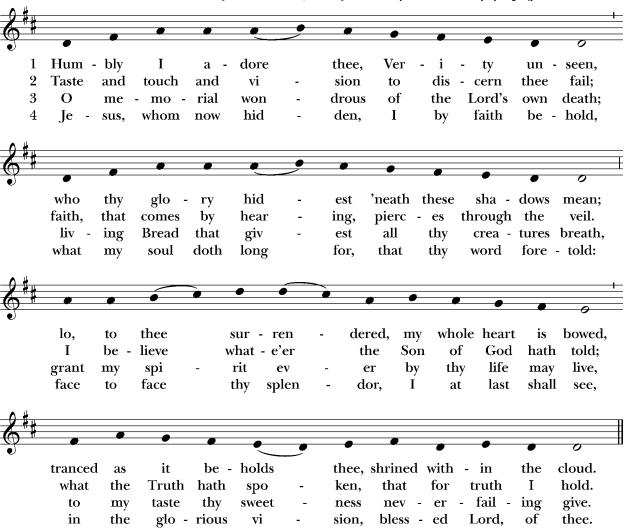
The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

HOW TO RECEIVE COMMUNION AT GRACE

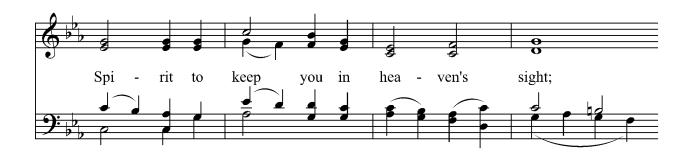
The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. In the Diocese of Southern Virginia intinction is currently not authorized by individual communicants. Intinction has consistently been shown to be the practice that is the least hygienic and most conductive of bacterial germs. Therefore, and to be in line with the guidelines of our Diocese, Grace will now only allow sipping from the chalice by individual communicants and that chalice will be wiped with a purificator following each individual who sips. If you wish to have your wafer dipped, the Eucharistic Minister will dip it for you. Please hold the wafer in your hands so that the Eucharistic Minister can see that you wish to have your wafer dipped. If you do not wish to sip or have your wafer dipped, please know that receiving Communion in one kind (i.e. bread only) is a sufficient and perfectly acceptable Communion practice. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the clergy administering the bread. If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. Thank you.

COMMUNION HYMN 1 Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen (Adoro devote) (H 314)



COMMUNION HYMN 2 God to enfold you (Enfolding) (MHSO 146)

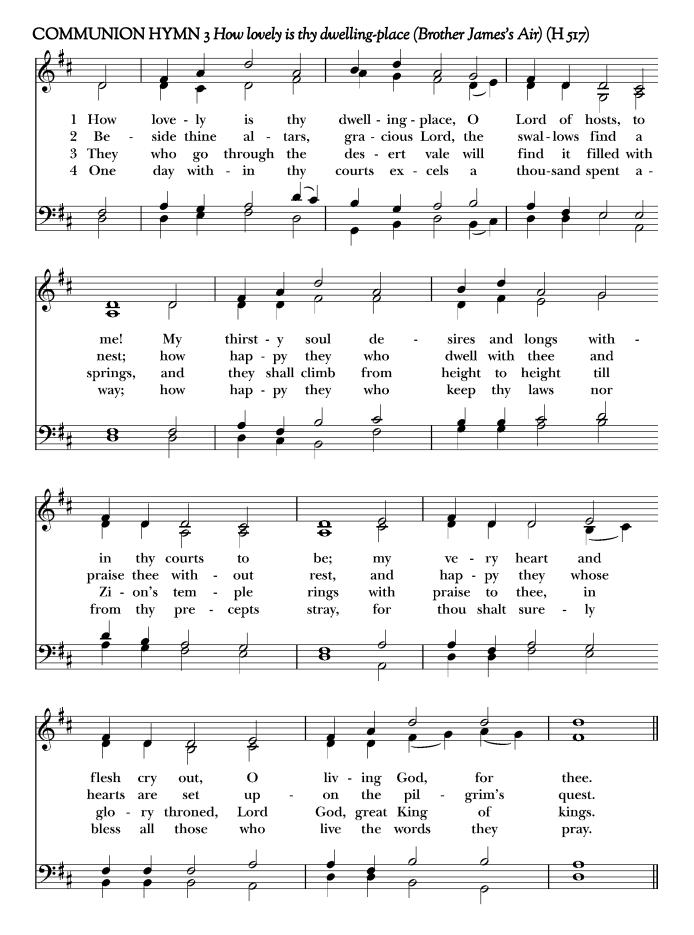








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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

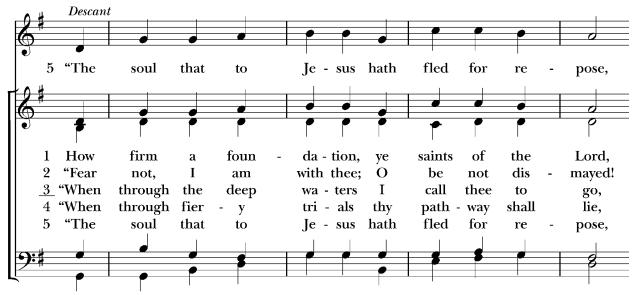
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

The Priest blesses the people, saying

Remember that life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us; so be quick to be kind, make haste to love, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord (Lyons) (H 637)





DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Thank you for your service to our church community!

TODAY'S SERVICE ASSISTANTS

Acolytes Usher Lay Assistants
Sylvia Jaskoski Vance Field Lucy Chamberlain
Apple-Rose Powell Rose Field
Caitlin Tant Frank Morgan
Diana Mason-Smelt Vestry Person of the Day
(Coordinator) Megan Jaskoski

GRACE CHURCH VESTRY

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Aleyne Hamers	Art Boyce	Megan Jaskoski
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Denise Wash	Jann Seiter	Shelley Winegrad
Day School	Finance & Christian Formation	Outreach
Lynn Lubinski	Laura Boice	Frank Morgan
Outreach	Beloved Community	Christian Formation
	Rose Field, Registrar	
	Jerry Twigg, Treasurer	

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I-Church
9:45 a.m. Pre-service Choir rehearsal-Choir Room
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II-Church
11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal-Choir Room
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Halloween Family Lunch & Games-Riverview

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:30-8:05 a.m. Centering Prayer-Online

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:30-9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer-Riverview
10:30 a.m.-Noon Staff Meeting-Parish Hall
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Book Shop Open
2 p.m. Day School Board Meeting-Parish Hall
4-5 p.m. Endowment Board Meeting-Riverview
6:30-8 p.m. Vestry Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:45-10:10 a.m. Day School Chapel-Church
10-11:45 a.m. Aging Gracefully-Parish Hall
Noon Holy Eucharist Rite II with Healing Prayers-Church
6-8 p.m. Original Men's Group-Riverview
6-8 p.m. Beloved Community Committee-Online

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Book Shop Open 4-5:30 p.m. Graceful Knitters-Riverview 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday Men's Group-Riverview 7-9 p.m. AA meeting-Parish Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:30-9 a.m. Men's Breakfast-Parish Hall 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cursillo-Riverview 7-9 p.m. AA Meeting-Parish Hall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

All Saints' Sunday
Daylight Saving Time ends (fall back)

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I-Church

9:45 a.m. Pre-service Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II-Church

11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room



PRAYERS OF THE PARISH

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

The saints who have gone before us

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Gregory Brunson, Brendon Baez, Erica Baez, Meghan Collins, Bryce Everette, James Gouger, Thomas Lopez, Justin Mowery, Max Poelker, Andrew Sainsbury, Alex Szlamczynski, Donald Washburn, William Washburn.

WE Pray for those Special Needs & Concerns of the congregation

Riley Jones (grandson of Judith Rheinstrom & Gordon Rheinstrom), Teresa Haskin (family of Ellen & Scott Thacker), George Thomas (brother of Peggy Lansinger), Erin Tschida (niece of Marlene Bryan), Nichele Browne Cooper and Lisa Browne (daughters of Sylvia & Ivar Browne), Liz & Jerry Landgraf, Jimmy Bevelacqua, Rachael Cofer, Martha Field, Paulette Culbert, Emily Daniels (family of Bonnie Griffith), Albert Massey, Harland Ketchum, Carlus Waller (friend of Kathy Michaels), Sandy & Dick Swift, Kenita Carter (daughter of Gigi Carter), Margaret Simms (sister of Caroline Redpath), Gary (family of Lou Stack), Leslie Lee, Kevin Carrisosa (friend of Kim Lenz & Matt Poelker), David Teagle (friend of Faye Keenan), Allison Teubert (granddaughter of Celia Wilson), Kathie Price+ & Dale Jordan, Mary and Rhett (family of Kathie Price+ & Dale Jordan), Dorothy Burke (sister of Marilyn Staton), Bruce Fisher, Donna, John, Dee Holland Brock & Melitta Holland (family of Sandy Armstrong), Ron Tschida (brother of Marlene Bryan), Pam Clark (sister of Cheryl Clark+), Vicky Koch, Virgie Twigg, Wayne Hall (family of Lamar & Warren Hall), Danielle & Tom Cannella, Twyla Oppenhuizen, Lou Stack, Madeline Sell, Kendall, Davis & Amber Walker (family of Seldon & April Walker), Debra Clapp (friend of Bonnie Griffith), Foster Ryan, Glema Layne (family of Judy Layne-Wood and Bob Wood), the people of Israel and Palestine, the people of Ukraine

For inclusion on the prayer list please email: prayers@GraceChurchYorktown.org



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CHRIST BEFORE US







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Childcare (up to 5 years old) is located on the lower level of the Parish Hall

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

The Nursery will remain open until 11:45 a.m.

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