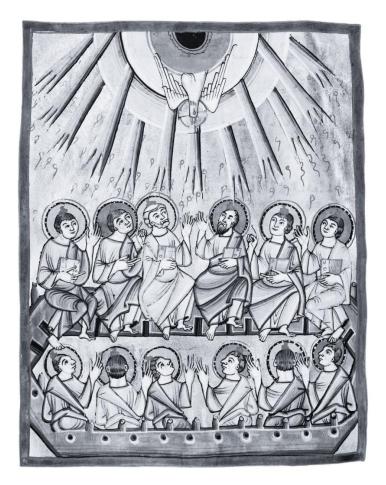
Grace Episcopal Church

A Parish Church in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta established 1828



The Feast of Pentecost June 8, 2025

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

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant	Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People	The Lord is risen indeed! Allehuia!

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.

Gloria

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Prelude Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Community Minute

At the Procession: Hymn 506

Opening Acclamation and Baptismal Sentences

Celebrant	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People	The Lord is risen indeed. Allehuia.
Celebrant	There is one Body and one Spirit;
People	There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People	One God and Father of all.

Gloria S280 Hymns beginning with an S are found in the service music section at the front of the hymnal.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Helpful notes: Our attention now turns to the assigned texts for the day, as we listen for the Spirit's guidance through ancient texts that connect with our present circumstances. We remember that it is not so much that "we read the texts," as it is that "the Spirit reads us through the texts." Following the readings, the preacher will offer a sermon that seeks to help nurture our personal and communal reflection.

The First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Reader: 8:15/Linden Gaspar, 10:45/Daniel Grizzle

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

`In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Frederick Atkinson, arr. Jan Sanborn

Finnian

and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Leader: 8:15/Linden Gaspar, 10:45/chanted by the choir BCP 736

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; * may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. * Hallelujah!

The Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

At the Sequence: Hymn 511

The Gospel Reading: John 14:8-17, 25-27

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, `Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

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

The Homily: The Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant <i>Sponsors</i>	The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented. We present Sarah Grace Schuler to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
Celebrant <i>Sponsors</i>	Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life? <i>I will, with God's help.</i>
Celebrant <i>Answer</i>	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ? <i>I will, with God's help.</i>
Celebrant <i>Answer</i>	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? <i>I renounce them.</i>
Celebrant <i>Answer</i>	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? <i>I renounce them.</i>
Celebrant <i>Answer</i>	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? <i>I renounce them.</i>
Celebrant <i>Answer</i>	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? <i>I do.</i>

Abbot's Leigh

BCP 301

Reader: 8:15/Steven Hatch, 10:45/James Tighe

Celebrant	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
<i>Answer</i>	I do.
Celebrant	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
<i>Answer</i>	<i>I do.</i>
Celebrant <i>People</i>	Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ? <i>We will.</i>
Celebrant	Let us join with Sarah Grace Schuler who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant <i>People</i>	Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Celebrant <i>People</i>	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? <i>I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.</i> <i>He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit</i> <i>and born of the Virgin Mary.</i> <i>He suffered under Pontius Pilate,</i> <i>was crucified, died, and was buried.</i> <i>He descended to the dead.</i> <i>On the third day he rose again.</i> <i>He ascended into heaven,</i> <i>and is seated at the right hand of the Father.</i> <i>He will come again to judge the living and the dead.</i>
Celebrant <i>People</i>	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? <i>I believe in the Holy Spirit,</i> <i>the holy catholic Church,</i> <i>the communion of saints,</i> <i>the forgiveness of sins,</i> <i>the resurrection of the body,</i> <i>and the life everlasting.</i>
Celebrant <i>People</i>	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? <i>I will, with God's help.</i>
Celebrant <i>People</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? <i>I will, with God's help.</i>
Celebrant <i>People</i>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? <i>I will, with God's help.</i>
Celebrant <i>People</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? <i>I will, with God's help.</i>
Celebrant <i>People</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? <i>I will, with God's help.</i>
Prayers for th	he Candidate Leader: Daniel Grizzle
Celebrant	Let us now pray for Sarah Grace Schuler who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Leader <i>People</i>	Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. <i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>

LeaderOpen her heart to your grace and truth.PeopleLord, hear our prayer.

Leader	Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Leader	Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Leader	Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Send her into the world in witness to your love.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
Celebrant	Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

Sarah Grace Schuler, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sarah Grace Schuler, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Celebrant	Let us pray.
	Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.
Celebrant	Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd 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 Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

William L. Dawson (1899-1990)

Benjamin Schoening, soloist

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain when my God spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. All around me, it looked so fine, I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul. There ain't but one train that's on this track, it runs to heaven and runs right back.

At the Presentation Hymn 380 verses 1 & 3

The Great Thanksgiving Please continue standing as you are able.

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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.

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Sanctus: Hymn S125

The people stand or kneel.

Old 100th BCP 361 Enriching our Worship

Then the Celebrant continues.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with [_______ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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

Celebrant and People

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem: Hymn S155

CelebrantBehold who you are: The Body of Christ.PeopleMay we become what we receive.

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

Helpful notes: To receive, please proceed up the center aisle and fill around the altar from the back to the front. If you do not wish to receive the consecrated bread and wine, simply cross your arms over your chest. We will offer a blessing for you as we share in Holy Communion. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please return to your seat by the side aisles.

Communion Music

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth, No 45 from Messiah

Hymn 488

Prayer after Communion Please kneel or stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 516

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Postlude Rondeau

G. F. Handel (1685-1759) Caroline Brent-Chessum, soprano

Slane

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Down Ampney

Jean-Josef Mouret (1682-1731) arr. D. Bish

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- There is a special **Town Hall Meeting** at 9:30 AM this morning. We will gather in the parish hall to discuss vital aspects of the parish's common life.
- Rebecca Turk will offer a **Sound Bath** in the nave at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, June 18. All are welcome!
- Join us for another **fellowship gathering** at NoFo Brew Co in Gainesville (434 High St SW) on Tuesday, June 24 from 6:00 8:00 PM. Hope to see you there!
- Grace Church's Performing Arts Camp invites you to **Matilda Jr. The Musical** on Friday, June 27 at 7 PM or Saturday, June 28 at 2 PM. Tickets are \$10, watch for more information.
- Join a group from Grace at Coolray Field on Friday, July 18 to watch the **Gwinnett Stripers** take on the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp! Sign up and pay for tickets by June 29, www.gracechurchgainesville.org/baseball

THINGS TO NOTE

- Today's **communion bread** was lovingly made by Karen Klas. The **wine** is a port from Chateau Elan, a favorite of Beth Neidenbach & Jim Bradley.
- Altar flowers may be given in memory or honor of loved ones at www.gracechurchgainesville.org/flowers.
- Regular Sunday **CE classes** are on summer break and will resume September 7.
- 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. Children's Chapel is on summer break.
- 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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