



## Celebrating 120 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – January 2022

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dear Grace family,

I cannot express enough my love for all of you. You have feted me with Christmas gifts and buoyed me with prayers and comfort during my Covid illness. I am on the mend, taking it slow and following Linda's orders! You know how that goes!!!

What an honor it is to serve as your Pastor.

With Love, Anne +

### *This Is the Time to Be Slow*

*by John O'Donohue*

This is the time to be slow  
Lie low to the wall  
Until the bitter weather passes

Try, as best you can, not to let  
The wire brush of doubt  
Scrape from your heart  
All sense of yourself  
And your hesitant light.

If you remain generous,  
Time will come good;  
And you will find your feet  
Again on fresh pastures of promise,  
Where the air will be kind  
And blushed with beginning.

John O'Donohue, "This Is the Time to Be Slow." From *To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings*. Penguin Random House, 2008.

### Children's Church

"Train up a child in the way he should go."

Proverbs 22:6a

The Sunday school that began on November 14<sup>th</sup> is establishing rituals such as the lighting a candle to symbolize the presence of Jesus in our midst, prayers of the children, listening to the Gospel, singing hymns and songs, and praying the Lord's Prayer. It is a kid-friendly church service, a Children's Church.

The children also participate in the fellowship time after church. They delight in playing together and serving plastic food to some of the adults.

Vicar Anne opened Thursdays at 4:00 PM for after-school puzzles and games. This gave more time to practice singing "Hark Herald Angels Sing" and a Nativity pageant for the Christmas Eve Family Service.



It is a joyful thing to hear children's voices happily learning to live according to God's Will in "the kingdom" that we ask our Lord to bring to earth as it is in heaven, every time we pray the Lord's Prayer.

Barbara Nye



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### *A Prayer for the New Year*

*Lord, Whether we're leaving behind a year of joy and blessing or trials and difficulties, we pause to give thanks.*

*We thank You that You are always with us every single day of every single year.*

*Please remind us of Your presence in the year ahead, even when life is busy.*

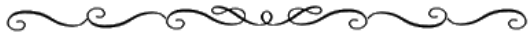
*We are so thankful that we serve a God who makes things new and gives us the grace of fresh starts and new beginnings.*

*Be glorified in our lives this year.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen.*

[heathercking.org](http://heathercking.org) blog)

Jeannie



### **A New Way to Make an Offering of Flowers**

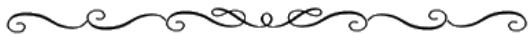


There is a new Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the hallway which allows you to sign up to put flowers on the altar on a particular Sunday for a particular reason.

I have signed up for February 6<sup>th</sup> in remembrance of my parent's 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Once you sign up, give Linda the information you would like printed in the bulletin for that Sunday and coordinate with the Altar Guild person for that month. To have the Church make the flower arrangements, simply make a \$40 donation to the Altar Fund.

Vicar Anne

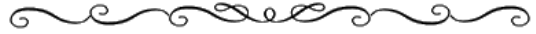


### **Choir**

Thanks to a generous loan of hand chimes from Piedmont Episcopal Church, December saw the addition of chimes to our weekly services. Thank you to Ron & Jenny Morris, Pat Peck, Ann Mingledorff, Eleanor Wabnitz, Jean Byerly, and

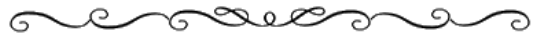
Agnes Dalton for bringing new sounds into the Advent season. As choir rehearsals remain on "pause", we are looking forward to letting the chimes ring - a fine way for our talented parishioners to make music together and serve Jesus through song.

Blessings,  
Lenny & Suzanne



What a glorious Christmas Eve to see Children living into the story of Christ's Birth.

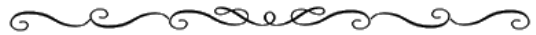
It should give us all hope that God has given us a new purpose and mission for these children to know God's love through the joy and love we share with them!



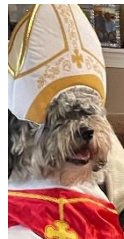
### **Junior Warden's Report**

Our church sign has been restored and is once again hanging in front of the church. Many thanks for the hard work that went into this project.

Jean Byerly



### **YES! The Bishop is Coming to Grace!**



The Right Rev. Ted Gulick will make an Episcopal visit to Grace Church on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. If there is anyone who wishes to be Confirmed or Received, this is the time. Let Vicar Anne or Linda know of your desire and we will get you prepared.

**† Birthdays, Baptisms, &  
Anniversaries †  
January 2021**

Let us give thanks and praise to God for these special days in the life of our parish family members and friends.

**Birthdays**



- 11 Lucie Mae Pattison
- 13 Matthew Fickes  
Hannah Rees
- 20 Herb Fickes
- 21 April Bertraux  
Pam Weldon
- 26 Kathryn Thomas

**Anniversaries**



- 05 Roy & Ann Dye
- 15 Brian & Suzanne Pattison

**Baptisms**



**Did you know?**



We have brought back the lovely tradition of offering prayers for those celebrating birthdays each month.

On the first Sunday of each month we will invite anyone with a birthday that month to come forward during the service for a prayer and blessing.

It has always been a tradition to put an offering in the Church bank for the number of years you are celebrating.



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