



*Sunday Worship  
November 25, 2018  
10:30 a.m.*

*Our Mission:  
Growing in Spirit  
Living as Disciples  
Serving God's World*

## **Preparation for Worship**

**God of Generosity and Grace,  
Today we give thanks  
for our many blessings,  
as we pray for those in need.  
We give thanks  
for our family and friends,  
as we pray for those who are lonely.  
We give thanks for our freedoms,  
as we pray for those who are oppressed.  
We give thanks for our good health,  
as we pray for those who are ill.**

**As we recognize this day for the gift that it is,  
may your love enfold us, your peace dwell within us,  
and your joy show through us in all of our encounters.**

**Amen**

**Prelude**

**Sean Cator, Pianist**

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Welcome and Announcements**

***Please sign the friendship register***

**† Passing of the Peace**

**Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.**

**People: And also with you.**

**Praise Song**

***You Never Let Go***

**Praise Band**

**† *Please stand if you are able.***

† Call to Worship

One: Where there is despair and hopelessness,  
where there is sadness and grief,  
Many: Help us to bring the light of Christ.  
One: Where there is sickness and suffering,  
where there is hurt and hatred,  
hunger and emptiness, prejudice and cruelty,  
Many: Help us to bring the light of Christ.  
One: O Lord, so fill us with your love, your peace,  
and your goodness that doubt and mistrust  
may be dispelled within us.  
Many: Grant that we might both see Christ's light  
and be Christ's light in a world of strife.

† Hymn #35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

† Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful God,  
We confess to you and to one another  
that we have sinned against you  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our  
whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.  
You alone know how often we have grieved you  
by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.  
Forgive us, loving God, and free us from our sin.  
Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

One Voice: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting unto everlasting. As far as  
the East is from the West, so far has God removed our transgression  
from us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven!  
People: Thanks be to God!

## **We Proclaim God's Word**

Baptism of AnnaGrace Elizabeth Giese, Daughter of Stephen and Callyn Giese

Hymn #486

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

Children's Message

*Play 'n' Worship and Bridges will follow the Children's Message. See Page 7.*

Anthem

*Reign*  
Chancel Choir

Aldredge

Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Sermon

*Kilkenny Cats and a More Excellent Way*

Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick

## **We Respond to God's Word**

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Arise*

Praise Band

† Response #609

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

† Prayer of Dedication

Judy Crooks

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## **We Depart To Serve God**

† Parting Hymn #546

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

Prayer

† Benediction

Postlude

Sean Cator, Pianist



*Sanctuary Decorations were prepared by  
The Flower Guild in Thanksgiving to God*

*Your greeters today were Fran and Chet McLaren*

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*Bountiful thanks to all our Grace congregation and friends for your amazing support of the 2018 Alternative Gift Fair. We raised over \$18,200 last Sunday for people in great need locally, nationally, and internationally.*

*The Alternative Gift Fair will be open again TODAY in the Library for those who would like to purchase olive oil and Palestinian gifts and crafts. Your shopping lists can also be turned in at the church office, if you would like to make donations and receive gift acknowledgement cards. Thank you for your generous support to help those less fortunate.*

## GRATEFUL GIVING AND LIVING

**Advent Sunday School for Adults.** Beginning next Sunday, December 2, we'll explore how Christmas is observed throughout each of the four Gospels. But, what did Mark even say about Christmas, you ask? Join us next Sunday to find out.

**Men's Chorus Sings the 1st Sunday of Advent.** The Men's Chorus sings next Sunday, December 2. Practice will be in the Choir Room at 10 a.m. Juice, donuts, and a Christmas snack will be available. All men of Grace are invited to sing. For more information, please call Bob Rawlins, 703-451-6825, or Mike Phillips 703-642-6533.

**Walk the Labyrinth.** We are happy to announce that the labyrinth borrowed for the Brown Bag Lunch will be here through the Longest Night on 12/21. As a meditation tool, you can pray, meditate, or read the scriptures while traversing the path. It will be in Wester Hall on 3 Fridays—12/7 and 12/14 from 11-4, and 12/21, from 11 until 7. Please come by 6:00 to allow adequate time for a peaceful journey before the Longest Night Service at 7:00. Contact Judy Riekse if you would like to be on hand to help orient travelers, or if you can help setup and take down the labyrinth.

**Christmas Giving Tree.** We are partnering with Nurturing Parenting to provide Christmas gifts for the children again this year. Some families like gift cards so they can shop for their children's gifts and others ask for gifts. Also dearly needed are grocery and gas cards so that parents can get to work and provide food for their families. To participate, take a tag from the tree in the Narthex and purchase the suggested gift or gift card. Bring the unwrapped gift or card to the Grace Church Office by **December 13**. Contact Greta Miller with any questions.

**You Can Help ECHO.** Donate unwrapped gifts for children and youths, and bring them to the church office for the ECHO Holiday Shop, in operation December 1-12. Be an "elf" assisting ECHO families, or help them through winter by donating food, men's and boys' coats, and pots and pans. Sponsor an ECHO family for a Christmas meal. A flyer outside the Library will detail how you can get involved.

***Gift Wrap for Bethany House.*** As you prepare for the holidays, remember our annual collection for Bethany House. Bring holiday wrap and gift bags, tags, ribbon, and bows to the church by **December 5**, and look for our basket near the Tower Entrance. Thank you for supporting Bethany House, which offers safe housing and services to victims of domestic violence in Northern Virginia.

## *GRACE EVENTS TODAY AND BEYOND*

***Pub(lic) Theology - Tuesday, November 27, 7:30 p.m.*** Together, we wake up the best in each other. Join us at Lucky's Grill, 7027 Manchester Blvd., as we wrestle with the issues of the day, and, through faith, help bring out the best in each other. Let Nelson know if you're planning to come.

***Youth To Shop for George's Kids - Sunday, December 2, 12:30.*** The George's Kids project is a partnership between the Grace Youth and Middlers and Cameron Elementary School. It is named for George Towery, longtime Principal of Cameron and a beloved member of Grace. His love for children turned Cameron School around and brought confidence to two generations of Grace kids. He was a Sunday School teacher, leader of Grace Messengers and Senior Highs, and served on Session and many committees. In his honor, we continue to sponsor children from Cameron for the holidays. We will use the donated funds from the Alternative Gift Fair to bring Christmas to 28 children this year. ALL Middle School and High School Youth are invited to meet after church in the Family Room for lunch, then drive to Target at the Springfield Mall to buy gifts, then return to the church to wrap them. Sign up on the Bulletin Board or e-mail Pastor Katie so we can plan lunch and carpools.

***AWG Advent Lunch - Wednesday, December 5, 11:30 a.m.*** All are invited to Wester Hall to see retired Navy captain and yoyo master Dick Stohr demonstrate his skill with the yoyo. Visit with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, and sing along with Ray Freeman playing carols on the piano. Enter your favorite angel in a contest to win a door prize. RSVP to Yvette by **December 3** with your chosen entrée, Chicken Tetrizzini or Roasted Vegetables on Penne Pasta, and your \$10 donation.

***GiG - Wednesday, December 5, 5:00 p.m.*** - Dine out twice in one day! Begin the Advent season with dinner and the Advent Workshop for all ages, with family crafts for little ones and adults. (Word has it that the Advent wreath workshop is back after a long hiatus!) Please sign up on the insert or the poster-board in the Narthex so that we have plenty of food and craft materials for all. If you haven't been to a Wednesday night supper yet, please come. The warmth of the holidays begins in your heart when you're at Grace!

# Pray WITHOUT CEASING



*Happy Birthday to Nifty-Nineties Vivian Martin,  
Judy Bernal, and Pat Perkins!*

**Members:** Adair Clayton, Kristie Mulhollem, Linda Patterson, and Judy Smith.

**Former Member:** Darwin Gregory.

**Grace Preschooler:** Scarlet Wesche.

**Our Missionaries:** Pastor Selvin (Honduras) and Doug Dicks (Jerusalem).

**Scholarship Students:** Cindi, Denis, Feralyani, Heydi, Mario, Leonardo, Ronal, and Wendy.

**The Mothers of:** Veronica Crump, Meg Rogers (Beth), Hiede Sowdon, Dave Treasure (Hilda), and Dwight Yarbrough (Verla).

**The Step-Mother of:** Donna Lucas (Jackie).

**The Father of:** Nancy Machado (Jim).

**The Husband of:** Donna Lucas.

**The Daughters of:** Rich and Kathy Calahan (Lynn), Glenda Etchison (Laci), Bob and Valerie Patrick (Molly), and Hilde Uffelman (Raven).

**The Granddaughter of:** Barbara Crowell (Josie, and Bryan and Rea), and Dave and Liz Lincoln (Bev).

**The Uncle of:** Yvette Moy (Chek)

**The Brothers of:** Linda Patterson (Arthur), Peter Smith (George), and Hilde Uffelman (Brian).

**The Sisters of:** Clara Gipson (Anna), Penny Newsome (Susan), and Marty Post (Sue).

**The Sister-in-Law of:** Claire Manger (Bev).

**The Nephew of:** Claire Manger (Edward).

**The Cousins of:** Donna Lucas (Angela), Yvette Moy (David), Valerie Patrick (Virginia), Meg Rogers (Colleen), and Scot Rogers (Ann).

**The Friends of:** Craig and Judy Crooks (Liz), Kate Machado (Ario and Muntaha), Meg Rogers (Jeannie), Susan and Tim Stryker (Brice), Hilde Uffelman (Lavette), and Valerie Wenderoth (Brynna).



# This Week's Calendar

For complete details, please visit [www.gracepresby.org](http://www.gracepresby.org); or call the Church Office.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		Sun
<b>Nov 26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Dec 1</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>9:00 am</b> Cong Care	<b>10:00 am</b> Outside Group	<b>9:45 am</b> Preschool Chapel	<b>10:00 am</b> AWG Steering		<b>8:30 am</b> Phoenix Landing	<b>D</b>	<b>9:15 am</b> Sunday School
<b>7:00 pm</b> Joyful Ringers	<b>1:00 pm</b> Bunco	<b>7:00 pm</b> Session	<b>5:00 pm</b> PEP			<b>E</b>	<b>9:50 am</b> Choir Rehearsal
<b>7:00 pm</b> Tutoring	<b>7:30 pm</b> Pub(lic) Theology	<b>7:00 pm</b> Caregivers Support	<b>6:00 pm</b> Woman's Club Bd			<b>N</b>	<b>10:30 am</b> Worship
<b>8:00 pm</b> Outside Group			<b>7:30 pm</b> Chancel Choir			<b>T</b>	<b>11:30 pm</b> Fellowship
						<b>B</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b> Children's Choir
						<b>E</b>	<b>12:30 pm</b> George's Kids
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						<b>I</b>	
						<b>N</b>	
						<b>S</b>	



***WE ARE VERY GLAD YOU CHOSE TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!  
PLEASE SIGN OUR FRIENDSHIP REGISTER SO THAT WE CAN  
GREET YOU BY NAME AND CALL ON YOU IF YOU WISH.***

***ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP - ...Even if they  
fidget! Worship Bags are available for young children with a  
children's bulletin, books, and crayons, and a Nursery is avail-  
able downstairs in Room 5 for infants through 3-year-olds.***

After the Children's Message, children have their own worship experience downstairs. Play 'n' Worship is for preschoolers, and Bridges to Worship is for K-3rd graders. Please pick up children before going to Fellowship. K-3rd graders will be in the Bridges Room (Room 14), and all other children will be in the Nursery (Room 5).

***SUNDAY SCHOOL*** - Classes are offered at 9:15 a.m. from the 2nd Sunday in September through the 3rd Sunday in May. Children's Discipleship provides classes for 4-year-olds through 12th graders, and Adult Discipleship reaches all adults after high school.

***GRACE INSIGHTS*** - Learn more about Grace Church, our mission, and our denomination, PC(USA), in classes that form throughout the year. If you are considering membership and would like to attend a class or if you have interest in learning more about us, please speak to one of our pastors or Elder Valerie Wenderoth. You will find Grace a very welcoming place.

***PLEASE ASK ANYONE FOR HELP OR DIRECTIONS!***

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be posted in the church office and on the  
church website soon.

## GRACE WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

The Preschool is a Christian-based  
ministry and developmental program  
for children aged 2 to 4. Classrooms  
are designed as learning centers, of-  
fering students a unique "hands-on"  
learning adventure. Registration  
opens for the following school year in  
the Spring. Please call the Preschool  
office for information or a tour.

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**MON-FRI 9:00-4:30**

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