

## Celebrating 119 Years of God's Grace!

GRACE NOTES – January 2021

The News from GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### *The Vicar's Vision*

#### **What does 2021 look like for you?**

We have all been sending 2020 off with glee. It has definitely not been the best year. So many lives have been lost to this Covid disease. Isolation has caused many of us to suffer from some emotional pain. We have missed out on family gatherings, traveling, social gatherings with friends and our CHURCH family and worship. Unfortunately all these restrictions will not magically disappear but I live in hope for the coming year.

I was driving to Charlotte to spend New Year's Eve with my sister and this fabulous song came on over the Christian music radio station.

All throughout my history your faithfulness  
has walked beside me.

The winter storms made way for spring  
In every season, from where I'm standing

I see the evidence of your goodness  
all over my life, all over my life.

I see Your promises in fulfillment  
All over my life, all over my life.

Help me remember when I'm weak  
Fear may come but fear will leave  
You lead my heart to victory

You are my strength and You always will be

Hold fast to God and the promise of LOVE he gives each of us. It is evident in all of our lives. When we did our family Zoom last night, we each chose a word to lead us into 2021. I chose the word REVELATION. What is your word for 2021?

I can't wait to see what goodness God has instore for us at Grace Church in 2021!

Blessings,  
Anne



#### **Grace Church Annual Meeting**

Our Annual Meeting will be held virtually this year on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, following the 10:00 service. There are several important pieces of business that must be done. We will approve our Budget for the coming year and elect 3 new Vestry members. Larry Meslar, Pat Peck, and Barbara Nye will finish their three-year terms. If you have any interest in serving on the Vestry, please let one of the three retiring Vestry members know of your interest.

## Worship

During the past ten months of COVID-19 shutdowns, worship at Grace, Stanardsville has remained strong and faithful.



*Our Zoom service on a computer screen*

Our Vicar, Rev. Anne West and her son Sam have worked technical miracles in bringing the service into our homes via Zoom and to the parking lot of Feeding Greene, allowing us to meet together. Suzanne Pattison and Lenny Grasso have kept our rich music tradition alive by offering vocal and instrumental music at every service. In addition, they have invested in technology to enable the choir to sing together while remaining appropriately socially distant.



*Rev. Anne leads a "Drive-Thru" Eucharist*

Our Parish Administrator, Linda Robbins, has been essential in maintaining continuity with the discipline of scheduling readers and intercessors, sending out reminders and readings in advance, and writing weekly bulletins.

This could not have been accomplished without everyone doing their part and pulling together as a team and we give them thanks.

Ann Mingledorff

Vestry member of Worship Committee

## ECW MEDITATION

Tod Balsbaugh at Jackson-Feild was overwhelmed with gratitude for your gifts to the boys and girls.

Tod wanted you to know how much it means to the children that someone cares about them. It has been a difficult year for Jackson-Feild, but because of your generosity the children have gifts under the tree at Christmas. Thank you for your donations!

I am not sure what the New Year will bring. But I do know that the Episcopal Women of Grace Church will continue to help others, bring joy to our work, love our neighbors, and know that God is always with us.

With a Grateful Heart,  
Jeannie



## What's Online

Grace church had daily Facebook postings of Nativity Scenes submitted by parishioners during the days leading up to Christmas. It was delightful to see these quite different Nativities in their home settings, with their own special stories

and significance. You can view the collection on the church's webpage in the gallery at the bottom of the About page. Click on an image to view it and scroll to the right or left to see more images.

<https://gracechurchstanardsville.org/about/>



## Neighborhood News



We dug up an old Grace Church shirt and did a refresh and remake for the season on a RED sweatshirt. We bought enough shirts to give one to all the children we spend time with in the neighborhood. We would love to offer every parishioner the opportunity to grab one of these gems! You can have one of these gems for the low, low price of \$20. Your purchase will help us cover the cost of a sweatshirt for more kids! Let Linda know you would like to purchase, give her your size and pay her with check or cash and we will make sure you get your sweatshirt for the winter.

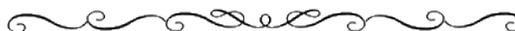
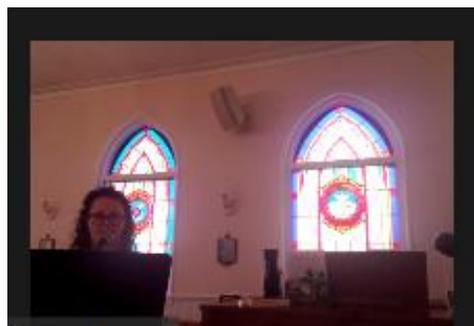


## Music

The music at Grace Church hasn't missed a beat during the past year. Despite the changes in how we worship, we have continued to have the same beautiful music during the service. Lenny & Suzanne alternate playing the organ, piano, and singing.

We have even had guest performers as Suzanne's sister, Samantha Reid, and her fiancée, Gray Moeller, sang for a service at Suzanne's house while Suzanne played the piano.

The choir, including our inspirational Eleanor Wabnitz, has practiced in their cars and continue to contribute to the worship music.



## A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,  
Whether I leave behind  
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,  
I pause to *give thanks*.  
Thank you for being with me  
every day of every year.

Thank you for making all things **new**  
and for giving me the grace of  
fresh starts

and *new beginnings*.  
Remind me of your presence in the days to  
come,  
even when I feel pushed and rushed by  
busyness.

**Be glorified in my life this year.**

*Amen*

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**† 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**



- 09 Eleanor Cary
- 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**



## Lay Participation Schedule for January

	<b>01/03 2nd Sunday after Christmas</b>	<b>01/10 1st Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>01/17 2nd Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>01/24 3rd Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>01/31 4th Sunday after Epiphany</b>
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</u>	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Genesis 1:1-5	1 Samuel 3:1-20	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
<u>Psalm</u>	Hymn 84	29	139: 1-5, 12-17	62: 6-14	111
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</u>	Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a	Acts 19:1-7	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
<u>Gospel</u>	Matthew 2:1-12	Mark 1:4-11	John 1:43-51	Mark 1:14-20	Mark 1:21-28
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<u>LEM</u>	----	----	----	----	----
<u>Lector</u>	Linda Robbins	Mary Hogge	Gwen Atwood	Ann Mingledorff	Betty Moreland
<u>Intercessor</u>	Ann Mingledorff	Betty Moreland	Pat Peck	Linda Robbins	Mary Hogge
<u>Usher</u>	----	----	----	----	----
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	----	----	----	----	----
<u>Vestry Person</u>	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly	Jean Byerly
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Ann Mingledorff	Ann Mingledorff	Ann Mingledorff	Ann Mingledorff	Ann Mingledorff

**Everyone** is welcome to join the service via Zoom. You can launch Zoom at 9:30 to chat with other parishioners before the service starts. For security reasons, an invitation is required. Please email Linda Robbins at [lindalrobbins@gmail.com](mailto:lindalrobbins@gmail.com) to request your invitation.

For help in getting started or for technical assistance, please call or email Jean Byerly at (434) 985-7567 or [jean\\_byerly@yahoo.com](mailto:jean_byerly@yahoo.com).



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