

Grace Weekly: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2018

Education Classes for all ages at 9:15 am throughout building.

**denotes music in the 10:30 liturgy*



***Prelude**

Pavane

Robert Elmore

***Gathering Hymn 569**

God the Omnipotent!

Russia

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Psalm 111 (*Read responsively by whole verse, beginning with the lectern side.*)

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD!

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor,

and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;

the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him;

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care

that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

***Sequence Hymn 707**

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Hollingside

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

***Anthem at the Offertory**

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

R. Vaughan Williams

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear his praise forth tell, Come ye before him, and rejoice.
The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.
O enter then his gates with praise, Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.
For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

***Communion Hymn 577**

God Is Love, and Where True Love Is

Ubi Caritas

***Recessional Hymn 448**

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Deus tuorum militum

***Postlude**

Voluntary

Denis Bedard

The altar flowers are given today by the Vestry,
to the glory of God in thanksgiving for
Bishop José

In our Prayers

Members of Grace Church: Barbara Jo, Bob & Gwen; Bill, Diane & Maribeth; Carol, Cathy, Dale, David & Anne; Doug & Mary Elizabeth; Joyce, Spring, Paul, Rachel & Mackie; Sandy, and Shane.

Friends of Grace: Alene, Andrew & Carol, Angela, Ben & Cassie, Donna & Clint, Flo, Francis, Earnest, Glenna, Gloria, Hank, Helen, Jack, Jackie, James, Jeff, Jerri, Jolly, Kathryn, Kristen, Lana, Logan, Louise, Lou & Jane; Madeline & Dakota, Matthew, Pauline, Sue, Stephanie, Steve, Jesse, Lori, Mahalia, Sascha & Megan, and the men and women in our Armed Forces.

For those who have died: **Bruce Ann Smith**, mother-in-law of Tim Hussey, **Francis (Bud) Huber**, brother-in-law of Fred Deeb

In Our Cycles of Prayers this week, we remember: **Church of our Savior, Lincolnton; Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil The Most Revd Francisco De Assis Da Silva Primate of Brazil & Bishop of South-Western Brazil.**

Serving this Week

Choir: Kathy Alley, Jackie Blevins, Diane & Bill Collins, Pam Davis, Nancy Fergusson, Mary & Mike Hartman, Marlene Hyatt, Mary Alice & Michael Lodico, Jessica Nash, Ann Rothermel, Joanne Thrower, Kathleen & Bob Vogt, Paula & Peter Welling

Altar Guild: Spring Allen, Melanie Cyre

Coffee Hour: Tony & Linda Sexton (8:00); Fellowship Committee (10:30)

Collection Counters: Jim Moore, Alyson Nelson

Crucifer/Server & Torchbearers: Susan Williams; Kathy Alley, Melanie Walt

Lectors: Linda Sexton (8:00) Bob Vogt (10:30)

Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Deeb; Donna Buckner, John Mozeleski (8:00)
Betsy Stecher; Mary Lockey, Susan Williams (10:30)

Ushers: Lisa Hardeman; Don Rothermel, Chasel Lawrence

Eucharistic Visitor: Deacon Ray

Today

EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

- *Children Ages 3 - 6 – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Downstairs)
Ages 7 - 10 – Godly Play (Downstairs)
- *Youth: Rite 13 (across from Library)
- *Adults: A Conversation with Bishop José

Today is Kathy Geyer McNeil's last Sunday as our Director of Music. We are so grateful for her ministry among us helping us to worship God through songs of praise and thanksgiving. We wish her well in her next call at First United Methodist Church.

Announcements

Open House for Children & Youth Ministry: Saturday, February 10 from 10:00 am – Noon. Come meet our teachers, see our lovingly prepared classrooms, learn about our thoughtful programs. All are welcome whether you have children or not! Spread the word to anyone with children or youth. We want to share the gifts we have been given.

Preparing for Lent: During Lent, Grace Church will participate in two national programs: Lent Madness (a spoof on March Madness where you root for saints rather than basketball teams) and The Good Book Club at the Presiding Bishop's invitation. Mark your calendars for Wednesdays in Lent beginning February 21 for a simple supper at 5:30 pm followed by the program and watch for a food sign-up.

February Fellowship

Super Bowl Sunday and Chili Cook-off Party, Sunday, February 4, 2018 6:00 pm until...in Thatcher Hall. Attendees can bring snacks or chili. There will be voting for the best tasting chili with a blue ribbon to be awarded. Colas will be served. Those who wish can BYOB. All ages welcome!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 13, 2018 and burning of palms for ashes 5 pm until 7 pm hosted by the Men of Grace. A \$3.00 per plate donation is recommended. Pancakes, sausages, bacon, apple sauce, coffee, juice and water will be served. There are sign up sheets in Thatcher Hall to let us know who is coming and also to let us know if you are willing to help serve or clean up. All ages welcome.

Beyond our Doors

[Healthy and Holy - realizing the image of God in ourselves, our bodies, and our relationships](#), Lake Logan 24-hour retreat Friday, February 23, 3:00 PM – Saturday, February 24, 3:00 PM. Realize the image of God in ourselves, our bodies, and our relationships, led by Mike Morrell (collaborating author, with Fr. Richard Rohr, on *The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation*), David Bolt, and Dr. Gus Vickery.

[Dismantling Racism Retreat & Workshop](#), February 24, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. This workshop provides a safe place to talk about race and racism. It is non-confrontational and blameless. One outcome of the workshop is the adoption of a common language for our discussions of race and racism. For the past few years, the Level 1 Workshop has been required participation for all clergy, vestry members, and members of diocesan commissions at least once every five years. Most of the participants who come because of the requirement state, at the end of the workshop, "I am glad I came."

Regular Gatherings this Week (* = open to all to attend)

Dream Work Group, Tuesday – 9:00 am Library

*Wednesday Eucharist with Healing, Noon, Church

*Sisters of Grace, Thursday, 6:00 pm.. Private home, contact Mary Lou Daily for more information (mldaily7@gmail.com)

*Friday Morning Prayer, 8:00 am, at Panacea Coffee House

*Men of Grace Monthly Breakfast & Fellowship, Saturday 9:00 am

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The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina

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The Rev. Br. Raymond Escott, n/OSB, Deacon

The Rev. Orion Davis, The Rev. Dr. Dan Matthews, & The Rev. Harriet Simmons, Priest Associates

Kathy Geyer McNeil, Director of Music

Paula Brandt, Communications Administrator

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Dawna Keilman, Nursery Supervisor

Peter Zinglensen, Sexton

Members of the Vestry

Bill Collins, Sr. Warden (2018)

Louisa Lunt (2018)

Linda Sexton (2018)

Linda Deeb (2019)

Rob Viau (2019)

Paula Welling, Jr. Warden (2019)

Crystal Clary (2020)

Mary Hartman (2020)

Kenneth Ratcliffe (2020)

Fred Deeb, Treasurer Mary Lockey, Clerk

Missional Priorities

To grow in mutual love for one another, specifically by improving our ability to communicate across difference.

To develop a vibrant ministry to children, youth and young adults.

To cultivate a culture of "welcoming" that engages each person's spiritual gifts.