

Grace Weekly: The Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

November 18, 2018

**denotes music in the 10:30 liturgy*

Children's Chapel is offered the second and fourth Sundays at the 10:30 am liturgy.



***Prelude**

Chorale Prelude

Dietrich Bixtehude

***Gathering Hymn (insert)**

To God be the glory

William Howard Doane

Text: Fanny Crosby

Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

The Response: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (*Read responsively by whole verse, beginning with the lectern side.*)

1 Hannah prayed and said,
“My heart exults in the LORD;
my strength is exalted in my God.

2 “There is no Holy One like the LORD,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

3 Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.

4 The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.

6 The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.

8 He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
and on them he has set the world.

9 “He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.

10 The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

***Sequence Hymn 665**

All my hope in God is founded

Michael

The Holy Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

***Offertory Music**

Seek ye the Lord

J. Varley Roberts
Marlene Hyatt, soprano

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near:
Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and return unto the Lord.
He will have mercy, and abundantly pardon. Amen

***Communion Hymn (insert)** *There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place*

Doris Akers

***Recessional Hymn 473**

Lift high the cross

Crucifer

***Postlude**

Toccata in F major

Dietrich Buxtehude

Our Prayers

Members of Grace Church: Adele, Ben & Joanne, Bill & Diane, David, Donna, Edwina & Frank, Jim & Eleanor, John & Christa, Katherine & Lisa, Kent & Crystal, Linda & Al, Maribeth, Michael & Valerie, Nan, Prescott, Sami

For those who have died: Joyce SoJourney, *stepmother of Lauri SoJourney*; Joseph Ray Clary, *father of Kent Clary*

Friends of Grace: Anne, Ronald & Linda, Ashley, Becky, Benn, Billy, Carol, Dale & Trish, Dick, Drew, Ed & Chris, Elaine, Elizabeth, Ellen, Gwen & the Breese family, the Hallmark family, Howard, Ila, Jackie, James, Jennifer, Jo & Kate, John, Kent, Mary, Matt & Marcia, Maxcy, Melene & Ron, Mickie & Howard, Norris, Pam, Randy, Robin, Rosemary, Sarah, Scott & family, Spencer, Sue, the Taylor family

In our Cycles of Prayers this week, we remember: Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury) and the Rt. Rev. Nicholas Dill; Church of the Advocate, Asheville

Serving This Week

Choir: Kathy Alley, Jackie Blevins, Diane & Bill Collins, Pam Davis, Ann-Cherie & David Dye, Nancy Fergusson, Mary & Mike Hartman, Marlene Hyatt, Mary Alice & Michael Lodico, Ann Rothermel, Joanne Thrower, Jan Treston, Bill Simmons, Kathleen & Bob Vogt, Paula & Peter Welling, Derrick Zeller

Altar Guild: Melanie Walt, Georgia McManus, Jim Lynn, Lauren Sutton, Mary Lockey

Coffee Hour: Jim & Janine Geenen (8:00); Lauri SoJourney & Travis Zach (10:30)

Collection Counters: Tony Sexton & Bill Collins

Crucifer, Server, & Torchbearers (10:30): Gracie Yeargin, John Zeller, Christopher & Amanda Wells

Lectors: Laura Armour (8:00); Derrick Zeller, Susan Williams (10:30)

Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Deeb, John Mozelewski, Donna Buckner (8:00)
Susan Williams, Sara Tyburski, Derrick Zeller (10:30)

Ushers (10:30): Kent Clary, Martha Bradley, Frank Blevins

Eucharistic Visitor: Cathy Simons, visiting Betty Shore

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Barbara Jo White and Pat Robinson.

Today

EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

Children: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (*Downstairs, Age 3 – Kindergarten*)
Godly Play (*Downstairs, Grades 1 – 4*)

Youth: Rite 13 (*Across from Library, Grades 5 – 7*)
Journey to Adulthood (*Rector's Office, Grades 8 – 12*)

Adults: *Quarterly Vestry Forum* – a chance to meet and greet the candidates for next year's Vestry and to receive general parish updates.

A **Community-Wide Thanksgiving Service** will be hosted by First Baptist Church on Main Street on today at 7:00 pm. Members of the Grace Church Choir will participate, and a reception follows. This is a wonderful way to come together ecumenically in Waynesville.

Announcements

The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday of this week for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Advent Events: December is a busy month for Grace Church! If you just can't wait to see what's going on, check out the full calendar of events in the eNewsletter, on the church website, on the fliers, or in the forthcoming "Guide to Grace."

Ways to Give & Share this Holiday Season (log on to www.gracewaynesville.com for complete information):

- **Warming Tree** – Contact Diane Collins (704-607-5992).
- **Call for Knitters & Crocheters to make Hats, Gloves, and Mittens** – Contact Emily Chatfield-Lusto (echatfieldlusto@gmail.com) or Paula Welling (pmw02176@yahoo.com).
- **Angel Christmas Tree** – Contact Laurel Destry (828-558-7818 or laurel1641@gmail.com) or Maureen Hunt (678-491-7952).
- **ECW Cookie Sale Preparation** – Contact Carol Lans (828-926-8062) with questions about making cookies in the church kitchen, or Laurel Destry (828-558-7818) for general information.

Office Volunteer Opportunity: The parish office is in need of a temporary volunteer receptionist the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Duties may include answering phone calls, helping to prepare for Sunday services, proofreading, and feeding the church cats. Please contact Nancy Armstrong (call or text 404-213-3949, or email nawishes@mindspring.com) if you are interested. Newcomers especially welcome!

Beyond Our Doors

Season of Light Multicultural Holiday Celebration at the Pigeon Center (450 Pigeon Street) on Saturday, December 1st, from 5:00 until 8:00 pm. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, desserts, music, and sharing of customs from Advent, Diwali, Fiesta da la Griteria, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas and Winter Solstice! Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 6 through 12, and free for guests five and younger with two nonperishable food donations. Tickets are available at the Pigeon Center, Blue Ridge Books, First United Methodist Church, Grace Church in the Mountains, and online. Call (828) 452-7232 for more information.

Senior Dinners at the Pigeon Center take place on the third Thursday on every month at 12:30 pm. All are welcome! Donations of any amount are appreciated but not necessary.

Gatherings this Week: November 19th – 24th, 2018

(* = open to all to attend)

- Cursillo Reunion, Monday, 10:00 am, Library
- *Open Library Use, Wednesday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- *Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Wednesday, 12:00 noon, Church
- *Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:00 pm, Choir Room

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

The Rev. Joslyn Ogden Schaefer, Rector

The Rev. Br. Raymond Escott, OSB, Deacon

The Revs. Orion Davis, Earle Pratt, & Harriet Simmons, Priest Associates

Charles M. Banks, Director of Music

Dawna Keilman, Nursery Supervisor

Sarah Yeargin, Interim Parish Administrator

Members of the Vestry

Bill Collins, Sr. Warden (2018)
Mary Lou Daily (2018)
Linda Sexton (2018)

Linda Deeb (2019)
Rob Viau (2019)
Paula Welling, Jr. Warden (2019)
Mary Lockey, Clerk

Crystal Clary (2020)
Mary Hartman (2020)
Kenneth Ratcliffe (2020)
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