



GRACE-ST. LUKE'S

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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MORNING SERVICE OF PRAYERS, MEDITATION AND MUSIC
OCTOBER 11, 2020 10:30 AM
VIA LIVESTREAM

This service is an adaptation of various services for public worship in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) of The Episcopal Church. Text in boldface type is read aloud or sung by the congregation. Text in italics provides directions or details. Explore the richness of the BCP online at bcponline.org including Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families. During this service, please feel free to stand, sit, or even kneel at the appointed times and practice any personal pieties that might enhance your engagement in this experience.

Welcome to Worship: *Thank you for making Grace-St. Luke's part of your spiritual journey and for joining us today for this virtual worship offering. If you are new among us, please complete an online Connect Card at gracestlukes.org/online-visitor-card. Our clergy-staff team would like to reach out to learn more about you and to explore how life at Grace-St. Luke's might bless your journey and you bless ours. For more about our thriving faith community including online formation (learning) offerings, please visit www.gracestlukes.org.*

Officiant & Preacher: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

Lector & Intercessor: Anne Ayres

All are asked to observe silence during the

Voluntary: "PRELUDE ON PSALM 23, OP. 32, NO. 3"

Herbert Howells

Welcome, Announcements and Children's Message

The Word of God

Hymn 51, stanzas 1-3, "WE THE LORD'S PEOPLE"

music: Decatur Place, Richard Wayne Dirkesen (1921-2003)

text: John E. Bowers (b. 1923)

1. We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who
2. This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the
3. This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -

called us out of sin and dark - ness in - to his own light,
faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,
a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,

that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest - hood.
ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.
sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP 230

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 23 *read responsively by whole verse*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures ***
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ***
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel

Priest A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Priest Here ends the Lesson.

The Homily: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

The Priest invites the People to stand or kneel for the

The Prayers of the People, Form II

BCP 385

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Diocesan Bishop Phoebe, Presiding Bishop Michael, and the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially those in whose loving memory the altar gifts are given: Martha Wharton Jones, Meriwether Wesley Alvis, Jean Stewart Alvis, Dr. Charles L. Clarke, Jane Alvis Clarke, Charles Alvis Clarke, and William M. Wilkerson. Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including those reflected on the Prayer List in this service leaflet; and I ask your thanksgivings for the birth of Meredith Grace McNamara, daughter of Marynelle West Wilson and Douglas James McNamara, Ann Stewart Wild, daughter of Laura Wilson Wild and William Wild, Gerry Walter Adair, daughter of Stephani and Gerry Adair, Catesby Osborne Simmons, daughter of Rachael and Chilton Simmons, and William Kevin Anderson, son of Whitney and Kevin Anderson and grandson of Hal and Jane Morse, for the baptism of Ashlee Nell Rivalto and Nell Florence Hendry, and for the marriage of Selden Elise Humphreys. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

Loving God, we pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP 360

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Officiant and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory

During the offertory music or following this service, your offering supports this virtual ministry and much more of life at Grace-St. Luke's: visit gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving; text GSLChurch ALMS to 73256 to give to ALMS; text GSLChurch PLEDGE to 73256 to give to 2020 PLEDGE; mail to the church office. We are not closed during this season of physical distancing. Instead, we are becoming more open and creative in how we abide with God, walk by faith, and serve one another. Your gift to the glory of God supports the administration, operations, and life of Grace-St. Luke's Church.

Anthem at the Offertory, "I SAT DOWN UNDER HIS SHADOW"

music: Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

text: Song of Solomon 2:3-4

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Mindful of COVID-19 pandemic precautions and guidelines that exclude our ability to assemble for the Holy Eucharist, the Officiant and People offer the following prayers as part of a Spiritual Communion. These are recited daily throughout the church catholic (universal) by communities who long for the occasion when all can fully participate in the central practice of both blessing and receiving the Holy Sacrament. Until then, we pray:

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly Grace-St. Luke's and those worshipping there, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for the blessings given me.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 645, stanzas 1-2 & 5-6, "THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS"

*music: St. Columba, Irish melody; harm. Hymnal 1982
text: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23*



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

The Dismissal

BCP 366

The people are dismissed with these words

Minister Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: "FINALE JUBILATE"

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Continue the day, giving thanks to God for blessings known and known, and by reaching out in care for fellow parishioners, neighbors, and any persons in need. Members of the parish with any needs or pastoral concerns: email pastoralcare@gracestlukes.org or dial 901-252-6320, and for hospitalizations or emergencies, dial the 24/7 Clergy-on-Call phone line at 901-252-6334.

The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher , Officiant & Preacher
Anne Ayres, Lector & Intercessor
Dr. Patrick A. Scott, Director of Music & Organist
Elizabeth Hornor, Daniel Massey, Andrew Carroll, & André Moore, Cantors
Lucy Owens, Communications Administrator
Ramsey Rule, Livestream Support
Abby Huber, Receptionist & Ministry Associate

Weekly Message from the Clergy

On Prayer and Gratitude. Faith communities worldwide often spend the fall months inviting current and prospective supporters to share some of their financial resources to assist with sustainability. Grace-St. Luke's is among such places that both give thanks for and rely on the generosity of monetary gifts as investments in our mission and vision. Mindful that GSL Pledge Sunday, November 1, will be here before we know it, I was captured by the words of Father Henri Nouwen in his book *A Spirituality of Fundraising*. "As our prayer deepens into a constant awareness of God's goodness, the spirit of gratitude grows within us. Gratitude flows from the recognition that who we are and what we have are gifts to be received and shared. Gratitude releases us from the bonds of obligation and prepares us to offer ourselves freely and fully for the work of the kingdom. When we approach fundraising in a spirit of gratitude, we do so knowing that God already has given us what we most need for life in abundance. Therefore our confidence is in our mission and vision." Christian giving is a spiritual practice to which all members of the body of Christ are called to be faithful. I believe that our 2021 stewardship campaign, *Resilience and Connection by Giving*, will be successful, thanks to pledges offered through prayer and gratitude for present and future life at GSL. - The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher— The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Rector

Take Note: New Highlights

Stewardship Chairs Allison and Steven King are grateful for 2021 campaign pledges received and excited about those to come. Read a message from them under *Stewardship*.

Suspicious Email and Text Messages from GSL. Read below under *Stay Informed*.

Trunk AND Treat 2020. GSL is teaming up with five other midtown congregations to offer a progressive, drive-thru Trunk & Treat; details under Children's *Christian Formation*.

Ongoing events, less recent news, and more, explore below: *Virtual Offerings, Worship and Music, Stewardship, Christian Formation, Community Life, Outreach, Social Justice, and Stay Informed.*

Virtual Offerings

Sunday, October 11, 9:15-9:45 a.m., On Politics and Faith Values with Professor Otis Sanford, Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live) and YouTube Live (www.youtube.com/gracestlukes).

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 11, 10:30 a.m., Livestream Service of Morning Prayer including music and sermon via the GSL website (www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship) and Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

October 11, Contemplative Prerecorded Worship, 5:30-6 p.m. Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live) and YouTube Live (www.youtube.com/gracestlukes).

Tuesday, October 13, Compline (Night Prayers), 8 - 8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live). *istian Formation.*

Thursday, October 15, Men's Morning Fellowship, 7 until 7:45 a.m. via ZOOM. Hosted by Doug Duncan and the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, all men may join at any time. Follow this link for what to expect and Z OOM access information. (www.gracestlukes.org/mens-fellowship).

Thursday, October 15, Compline (Night Prayers), 8 - 8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 18, 10:30 a.m., Livestream Service of Morning Prayer including music and sermon via the GSL website (www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship) and Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

Event Details. For important details about each of these and more, follow this link (www.gracestlukes.org/news/weekly-virtual-offerings) to Virtual Offerings and watch for the Friday *Looking Ahead* eNews.

Worship and Music

Worship: In Person or Virtual. Join us Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. Limited space is available for in-person worship based on physical distancing guidelines, and online reservations are required. Visit tinyurl.com/GSLWorshipSignup to sign up for Sunday, October 18. For virtual, visit www.gracestlukes.org/events/sunday-worship.

Contemplative Prerecorded Worship, October 11, 5:30-6 p.m. will be available on Facebook (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live) and YouTube (www.youtube.com/gracestlukes). This afternoon's service will be a contemplative service with spoken word by the Rev. Laura F. Gettys and musical offerings by guest musician Benjamin Minden-Birkenmaier, guitar.

Compline (Night Prayers), Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8-8:15 p.m., is offered via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

Sunday Evening Eucharist Outdoors, October 11. Forty-two adults, youth and children, sixteen household groups, attended our second outdoor service of the Holy Eucharist on Anchor Hill at the corner of Peabody and Lemaster. Worshipers arrived with energy, chairs and blankets to the sound of recorded jazz music by Dave Brubeck and were guided by welcome hosts to settle into socially distanced spaces on the lawn. The next service is this evening at 6 p.m. Advanced sign-up is required by noon. For more information including what to expect and to sign up, follow this link (www.gracestlukes.org/news/preparing-for-worship-outdoors-at-gsl).

Stewardship: Time, Talent, Treasure

October 7 Message from Stewardship Chairs Allison and Steven King. On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, we are grateful for the pledges being offered daily to support life at GSL through our stewardship campaign, Resilience and Connections by Giving. Each pledge plays a part in the extraordinary concert to support worship, inreach, outreach, and social justice initiatives, formation programs for all ages, music, staff and clergy, operations and administration, and the care of our sacred facilities in midtown Memphis. For information about the campaign and how to pledge, visit www.gracestlukes.org/pledge, and please encourage fellow GSL family members to share in this community effort. If you have questions about giving, our team is working with staff Stewardship Associate Chapman Morrow (901-252-6328, cmorrow@gracestlukes.org) and many others in preparation for Pledge Sunday, November 1. Thanks for your generosity!

Christian Formation

Adults.

On Politics and Faith Values with Professor Otis Sanford, this morning's formation offering is available on our website (www.gracestlukes.org/sunday-morning), on Facebook (www.facebook.com/gracestlukes), and YouTube (www.youtube.com/gracestlukes). In our Baptismal Covenant, we vow to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being. Sharing in political processes is a part of our Christian responsibility. Tune in for a conversation with Otis Sanford, University of Memphis Hardin Chair of Excellence in Economic and Managerial Journalism and political columnist, about the present issues associated with politics and challenges faced by people of faith.

Looking Ahead: Sunday, October 18, 9:15 a.m. Online - Commemorating the Feast of St. Luke, Physician & Evangelist, through Conversation. In memory of our patron saint and to honor all who serve through the healthcare profession, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, the clergy will facilitate a time of reflection with parishioners and special guest workers about their recent experiences on the "frontline."

Invitation to GSL Reading Together. During the month of October, all are invited to read *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson, and join the ZOOM discussions Wednesdays, October 14, 21, & 28, 6-6:45 p.m. For sign-up details and more, visit www.gracestlukes.org/gslreadingtogether.

Exciting Fall 2020 Lineup of Sunday and Wednesday Formation Offerings and more: visit www.gracestlukes.org/adult-formation.

Youth.

EYC is not meeting today due to fall break. We are excited to share the opportunity of Youth Confirmation this fall! The sacrament of Confirmation seeks to reaffirm one's faith through the strengthening and renewal of one's baptismal vows and is open to all youth in grades 9th-12th. Our class will start on October 18, and meet virtually once a week until December 16. We will use *My Life, My Faith* by Jenifer Gamber as our primary text, but will also examine parts of the BCP, the Bible, poetry, music, and art in our discussions. For any questions, contact Director of Youth Formation Amzie Williams. Confirmation Sign-up Link: tinyurl.com/GSLYouthConfirmation2021. For any questions, Contact Director of Youth Formation Amzie Williams (awilliams@gracestlukes.org).

Children.

Trunk AND Treat 2020 is ON! GSL is teaming up with five other midtown congregations to offer a progressive, drive-thru Trunk & Treat on Saturday, October, 31. GSL needs: decorated trunks in our circle drive and lots of NUT-FREE candy and other Halloween-themed trinkets. Additional details available at www.gracestlukes.org/events/trunk-or-treat and by contacting Sharon Campbell, Director of Children's Formation (scampbell@gracestlukes.org).

Online Giving

Make a one time gift now by scanning the QR code below with your smart phone!



Recurring

Set up recurring 2020 pledge payments by scanning the QR code with your phone!



Community Life

Are You Using REALM Connect? The Clergy, Staff and volunteer Congregational Development Ministry Team Leaders Anna Holtzclaw and Hallie Peyton are actively fostering ways to improve how the parish community connects. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to access your REALM account. REALM Connect, our secure membership platform, is equipped with many features: update profile including contact information changes; upload individual or household photo; sign-up for ministry teams and events; manage financial giving; and message others based on self-determined confidentiality settings. In this season of physical distancing, increased contact by the clergy-staff team with parishioners as well as ways for parishioners to connect with one another are essential. Visit www.gracestlukes.org/realm or for personal assistance, contact Receptionist and Ministry Associate Abby Huber (ahuber@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6336). Spread the word about the benefits of REALM!

Pastoral Care. To alert the clergy of a pastoral matter concerning yourself or a parishioner, including any medical procedures, contact the clergy confidentially via 901-252-6320 or pastoralcare@gracestlukes.org. For hospitalizations or emergencies concerning a member, contact the 24/7 Clergy-on-Call phone line at 901-252-6334. This is the best way to communicate pastoral needs and ensure a prompt response from the clergy.

Outreach

A Kindred Night Out. Kindred Place is one of Grace-St. Luke's Servant Ministry Partners. GSL member/Kindred Place executive director Jennifer Balink and her team provide counseling and education for adults and children, helping families navigate the challenges of parenting and partnerships. A Kindred Night Out: Silver Screen Edition (family friendly fundraiser) will take place outdoors where guests will enjoy food and entertainment from the comfort of their own cars. Kindred Night Out is October 17 at Shelby Farms Park. Please see more event information here (kindred-place.org/events_news/zorro) and consider supporting our partner, Kindred Place.

Stay Informed

eNews. Visit gracestlukes.org to subscribe to the parish eNews to receive weekly, seasonal, and emergency pastoral notices from the clergy or other leaders. Visit <http://eepurl.com/bj3C5> to subscribe to the West Tennessee Diocesan Communicator, and for access to beyond-local news from The Episcopal Church, visit episcopalnewsservice.org/email-signup. Please spread the word about these key communication platforms.

The Messenger Magazine. The October-November edition of *The Messenger* is available for download. This issue includes news from Outreach, Social Justice, Music, Athletics, Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School, Adult, Youth, and Children's Formation, Stewardship, and more. You can download or read a copy online at www.gracestlukes.org/the-messenger.

Suspicious Email and Text Messages from GSL. Several parishioners have received email and text messages asking for money, gift cards, or other favors, presumably from our rector, the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher. These infrequent fraudulent attempts involve creating false email addresses and temporary numbers that may appear close in some way to those of parish clergy and staff. These criminal acts are taking places in many communities. Fortunately, perpetrators have not hacked our secure information and technology servers that are closely monitored. While it is impossible to stop these attacks, you should stay alert and can protect yourself from being scammed.

Alerts to Fraudulent Communications from GSL: The clergy and staff will only ever write from an official, church-owned email address (gracestlukes.org), never from a personal account, and will never ask you to send donations to any place other than the parish office nor ask for special favors that may seem unusual or inappropriate. Before responding to suspicious emails or text, don't hesitate to contact the clergy or staff; contact information can be found here (www.gracestlukes.org/welcome/clergy-and-staff).

In light of this issue, GSL has stopped the custom of including clickable email addresses and providing phone numbers of parishioners (contacts for committees and events). Moving forward, all parishioners should sign up immediately for REALM Connect (information above under *Community Life*) for many reasons. In addition to providing key personal options for a parishioner, REALM is our secure reliable way to contact another parishioner, especially since clergy and staff members are unable to share contact information. | If you have questions about anything happening in life at GSL and would prefer to speak with someone, please dial the main number, 901-272-7425, for Parish House Receptionist and Ministry Associate Abby Huber. Our website (www.gracestlukes.org) is updated frequently with most information.

The Prayer List

Our prayers are asked for Warner Wills King, Stella Bain, Ava McDaniel, Freda Harrison, Linda, Kristina Holland, Hunter Gossett, L. C. Hamilton Jr., Tom, Paul, Jennifer, Kristin, Liz Deeley, Betsy Tate, Nancy Wilkerson, Charles Chandler, Caroline Clay, Kay, John, Patty McManus, and Brad Larson.

Our prayers are asked for those in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given: Martha Wharton Jones, Meriwether Wesley Alvis, Jean Stewart Alvis, Dr. Charles L. Clarke, Jane Alvis Clarke, Charles Alvis Clarke, and William M. Wilkerson.

We give thanks for the birth of Meredith Grace McNamara (May 8), daughter of Marynelle West Wilson and Douglas James McNamara, Ann Stewart Wild (September 8), daughter of Laura Wilson Wild and William Wild, Gerry Walter Adair (September 19), daughter of Stephani and Gerry Adair, Catesby Osborne Simmons (September 26), daughter of Rachael and Chilton Simmons, and William Kevin Anderson (September 29), son of Whitney and Kevin Anderson and grandson of Hal and Jane Morse.

We give thanks for the marriage of Selden Elise Humphreys and Erim Sarinoglu, September 26.

We give thanks for the baptism of Ashlee Nell Rivalto and Nell Florence Hendry, September 27.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Ginger Acuff, Buddy Adams, Cissy Brown, Gray Clark, Jen Clay, Everett Gibson, Cynthia Goodfellow, Pamela Ireland, Bradford Larson, Hal Medling, Gray Nix, Mary Gara Nix, Sarah Pazar, David Prather, Gus Schaffler, Amy Smythe, Ella Spicer, Clarke Stephenson, and Wincle Sterling, and **for those celebrating wedding anniversaries,** especially Wilbanks & Rebecca Roche and Billy Reed & Susan Sanford.

Prayer List and Prayer Requests. To submit a prayer request for the Prayer List, you may contact Parish House Receptionist & Ministry Associate Abby Huber (ahuber@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6336) or complete the online Prayer Request Form (www.gracestlukes.org/prayerrequest). Names of persons, who have given consent for names to be printed, will be listed for one month, unless a longer period is requested. While certain concerns may be confidential between the clergy and the individual, others may not be. If you are wondering about an individual, please contact the individual directly or a member of the clergy. Intercessions are offered daily by the clergy and lay pastoral care ministers and reflected in the worship service leaflet.

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