This service is according to the Liturgy of the Word 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.

Celebrant: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher

All are asked to observe silence during the

Voluntary: “ALLEGRETTO FROM OPUS 101”

Charles V. Stanford

Preacher: The Rev. Laura F. Gettys

Welcome, Announcements and Children’s Message

The Word of God

The congregation is invited to remain seated and meditate on the text of the opening hymn while the cantors and organist sing. Those worshipping from home are invited to join in singing. See page 10 regarding in-person congregational singing.

Hymn 381, stanzas 1-2 & 4, “THY STRONG WORD DID CLEAVE THE DARKNESS”

music: Ton-y-Botel, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)
words: Martin H Franzman (1907-1976)

The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.
All stand.

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

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

### The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Gloria in excelsis Deo

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
All are seated for the Lesson and Psalm.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God. Silence

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c read responsively by whole verse

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! * how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.
3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.
4 He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.
5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.
6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.
7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.
8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;
9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.
10 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.
11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.
21 Hallelujah!
All stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel
Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. 1:29-39
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily: The Rev. Laura F. Gettys

The Priest invites the People to stand or kneel for

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. Silence
For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Phoebe our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.
For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including those reflected on the Prayer List in this service leaflet; those infected with coronavirus and their caregivers; for reconciliation and healing of social unrest and violence throughout the world; and for those we name either silently or aloud [N.N.]. Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, including the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that support life at Grace-St. Luke's; for our Parish School and all schools that serve our community; and other abundance we name either silently or aloud [N.N.]. We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, especially Raymond Skinner Jr. and Mary Frances Snider Greene, and Nova M. Johnson in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, and for those we name either silently or aloud [N.N.]. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. **Silence**

Priest and People

**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.**

All stand for

**The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

**The Offertory**

The Celebrant first offers instructions about the ministration of communion. Then the Celebrant and Assisting Priest wash their hands with soapy warm water and sanitize them. During the setting of the Holy Table, financial offerings may be made to support 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 your PLEDGE; or you may mail offerings to the church office. Our 2021 stewardship campaign, Resilience and Connection by Giving, is seeking 100% participation from all parishioners: visit gracestlukes.org/pledge. For information about worship, formation for all ages, ways to connect, serve and more, visit www.gracestlukes.org.

**Music at the Offertory**

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.  
The Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.  
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Ministration of Holy Communion

After receiving the Bread, the priests immediately proceed to the nave to give the Bread to the people by coming to each pew pod. The Bread is given to communicants with these words The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen. or The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.
Anthem at Communion

“O for a closer walk with God”

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return!
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

During communion, Spiritual Communion Prayers are offered by those worshipping via livestream.

Spiritual Communion Prayers

These rich words are recited daily throughout the church catholic (universal) by individuals and communities unable to gather for public worship for whatever reason, while also longing for the occasion to participate in the Episcopal Church’s central practice of receiving the Holy Sacrament.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, remembering Grace-St. Luke’s Church and those worshiping and receiving communion at this time, 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.

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

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Hymn 657, “LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING”

music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)
words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
The Dismissal

The people are dismissed with these words
Minister  Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.

Voluntary: “Toccata”  John Weaver (1937-2021)

Exiting The Pews. Please remain seated throughout the organ voluntary. After the voluntary is finished, ushers will be available in the aisles to direct all exiting in a distanced manner via the narthex only (south entrance behind you) using the east doors only (left as you approach). The Clergy and Welcome Hosts will be stationed in the narthex and outside to exchange greetings.

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@gracelstlukes.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, Celebrant
The Rev. Laura F. Gettys, Preacher
Dr. Patrick A. Scott, Director of Music & Organist
Shelby Seese, Isabel Wittman, Daniel Massey, & André Moore, Cantors
Ed Griffith, Jeff White, Abby Huber, Livestream Support

A note regarding congregational singing: Current research is comparing singing to that of sneezing or coughing—claiming that the aerosols that are produced while coughing/sneezing/singing may go further than 6 feet (think of a can of aerosol hairspray); even if wearing a mask, some of the aerosol particles may still be released into the air. The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of West Tennessee are recommending that congregations refrain from singing until it is safe to do so. Our diocese has approved parishes to have 4 singers in the Chancel area that are placed 17 feet apart from each other and from congregation members.
February 7, 2021 – Epiphany 5 (B)
Absalom Jones Offering

In honor of Black History Month and Blessed Absalom Jones, the first African American priest in The Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has invited Episcopalians everywhere to deepen our participation in Christ’s ministry of reconciliation by engaging with and supporting Episcopal Historically Black Colleges and Universities, known as HBCUs.

Congregations and individuals are urged to dedicate the offering from their observance of the Feast of Absalom Jones (February 13) to support the two Episcopal HBCUs: St. Augustine’s University in Raleigh, N.C., and Voorhees College in Denmark, S.C. “These schools bring educational, economic, and social opportunity to often resource-poor communities, and they offer many blessings into the life of the Episcopal Church,” Bishop Curry said. Donations to the HBCUs will provide much needed help to offer competitive scholarships and financial aid, attract and retain exceptional faculty, support cutting-edge faculty research, install new and upgraded technology campus-wide, and provide state-of-the-art classroom and athletic equipment.

“In light of our renewed covenant and commitment to the work of racial justice and reconciliation, I hope you will join me in supporting the Absalom Jones Fund this year,” the Presiding Bishop said.

Jones was an African American abolitionist and clergyman, and the first African American ordained a priest in The Episcopal Church. He was born enslaved to Abraham Wynkoop in 1746 in Delaware. Jones moved to Philadelphia after his master sold his plantation along with Absalom’s mother and six siblings. Jones bought his wife Mary’s freedom and later was granted his own emancipation in 1784. In 1787, with his friend Richard Allen, they founded the Free African Society, a mutual aid benevolent organization that was the first of its kind organized by and for Black people. Jones was ordained a priest on September 21, 1802, faithfully serving the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in Philadelphia, which remains a vibrant congregation.

“As we commemorate Blessed Absalom Jones, the first African American priest in The Episcopal Church, we have a unique opportunity to celebrate his memory and to honor the witness of two schools that continue to form new leaders,” Bishop Curry said. “In honor of Jones’ commitment to advancing the education of African Americans and promoting the development of African American leaders in all areas of life, The Episcopal Church is delighted to designate Saint Augustine’s University and Voorhees College as the beneficiaries of the 2021 Feast of Absalom Jones offerings.”

Donations are accepted at episcopalchurch.org/givehbcu. You can also text GIVEHBCU to 41444. For more information, contact Cecilia Malm, Senior Development Officer, at cmalm@episcopalchurch.org or (212) 716-6062.
A Message from the Rector

Commemorating The Rev. Absalom Jones, First Black Episcopal Priest. Born as an enslaved Black person in Delaware and separated from his mother, sisters, and brother when he was sixteen, Absalom Jones (1746-1818) was ordained deacon in 1795 and priest in 1802. Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006 of the Episcopal Church calls attention on February 13 to Jones’ example of persistent faith in God and in the Church as God’s instrument. Following Jesus calls each of us to be vessels of love, repairers of the breach among the human family, reconcilers, and beacons of hope in this world. – The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Rector. Read the full text: gracestlukes.org/news/commemorating-the-rev-absalom-jones

Take Note

The Messenger Magazine. The February-March issue is available for download by following this link (gracestlukes.org/the-messenger). Included in this issue is a copy of Life at GSL—Winter-Spring 2021 Guide, a comprehensive publication of Christian formation offerings for all ages through May, articles on the 100th Anniversary of GSL Scout Troop 34, Social Justice, Outreach, and much more.

Absalom Jones Virtual Absalom Jones Celebration, Saturday, February 27, 9 a.m. In collaboration with the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) (ube.org) Bishop. E. Thomas Demby Chapter of the Diocese of West Tennessee and Diocese of Atlanta Chapter, the Grace-St. Luke’s community is invited to attend “Wake Up, O Sleepers, and Rise!: A Calling for Racial Reconciliation, Healing, and Justice.” Visit facebook.com/episwtn/posts/1848327991988524.

Worship and Music

SUNDAY
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Music, online and in person. Access livestream services via GSL website (gracestlukes.org/live), Facebook Live (facebook.com/gracestlukes/live) and YouTube (youtube.com/gracestlukes). Follow this link (tinurl.com/GSLWorshipSignup) to sign up for in-person worship by 8 a.m. Sunday.
5:30 p.m. Contemplative prerecorded worship with the Rev. Laura F. Gettys and Benjamin Minden-Birkenmaier, guitar, via the GSL website (gracestlukes.org/live), Facebook Live (facebook.com/gracestlukes/live) and YouTube (youtube.com/gracestlukes).

Christian Formation

Adults. (gracestlukes.org/adult-formation)
GSL Reading Together: The Art of Forgiveness, Lovingkindness, and Peace Zoom Discussions begin Wednesday, February 24. Visit gracestlukes.org/gslreadingtogether for more information, including signup link.

Adult Inquirers & Confirmation Class - Becoming Episcopalian, Sundays, February 7 to March 14, from noon to 1 p.m. via Zoom. Becoming Episcopalian: What does it mean to live as a Christian in the Episcopal tradition in today’s world? Why is the Eucharist so crucial to our faith? Why do Episcopalians have such peculiar terminology (e.g. narthex, curate, vestry, etc.)? These and many other questions will be addressed and discussed during our Inquirers series entitled, “Becoming Episcopalian.” For more information and to sign up, follow this link (gracestlukes.org/inquirers-classes).

Sunday 9:15 a.m. February 7: A Window into Preparing Music for Worship with Dr. Patrick A. Scott. If you missed this morning’s formation offering, it is available on Facebook Live (facebook.com/gracestlukes/live), and will be available later time on the GSL website (https://www.gracestlukes.org/forum-videos). The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher interviewed GSL Director of Music and Organist Patrick Scott about the process and the many resources used to arrange the music used to enrich the worship offerings of Sunday and seasonal occasions.


Youth. (gracestlukes.org/youth-formation)
Amzie Just over a year ago, on January 18, 2020, nearly 40 Grace-St. Luke’s youth filed onto two charter buses and eagerly departed for the yearly St. Columba ski trip. Looking back, it almost makes me cringe to picture that many individuals seated so tightly together with no mask or GermX in sight. This year has changed so many aspects of our lives that were once the ingrained tradition. Follow this link (www.gracestlukes.org/youth-formation) to read more from Amzie Williams, Director of Youth Formation.
Children. ([grcestlukes.org/childrens-formation](grcestlukes.org/childrens-formation))
Sharon As Children’s Formation continues to be offered through Zoom and at-home materials, please follow the link above for updated information and the Children’s Activity Bag signup link. To be added to the Children’s Formation email list, please contact Sharon Campbell ([scampbell@grcestlukes.org](mailto:scampbell@grcestlukes.org)), Director of Children’s Formation. The next available bag will be delivered on Sunday, February 28. Sign-ups close on the Sunday prior to delivery date.

Outreach

GSL Valentine Food Drive. Many thanks for donations of goods and money to the food drive to this point. We still have a long way to our goal, but the coffers are filling up! As we hit the home stretch please focus food donations on the following items: beef stew, chili, chicken and dumplings, cans/containers of fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, cereal. Checks, made out to GSL with “food drive” in the “for” line, can be mailed in. Please also review the published list of needs and donate goods with expiration dates in the future, not the past – let’s keep looking to the future! (Read details here: [grcestlukes.org/news/gsl-valentine-food-drive](grcestlukes.org/news/gsl-valentine-food-drive).

Child Advocacy Center Works of Heart. Servant Ministry Partner Memphis Child Advocacy Center has one goal - to help children become children again. They serve children who are victims of sexual and severe physical abuse through prevention, education and intervention. Their programs depend on many avenues of support. One of those is their annual Works of Heart event, which of course is virtual this year. The online auction will run February 7 through February 14, 2021. Details are available on the event page at [memphiscac.org/worksofheart](memphiscac.org/worksofheart).

Community Life

Baptisms at GSL. The sacrament of Holy Baptism typically is administered during public worship services at various times throughout each year. Four occasions are set aside on the Church Year Calendar (The Baptism of our Lord, The Great Vigil of Easter, The Day of Pentecost, All Saints’ Sunday) and a few other dates excluding the season of Lent through Holy Week (February 17-April 2). During the COVID-19 pandemic, Bishop Phoebe has authorized the clergy to administer the sacrament in small gathering settings, outside of the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service, including weekdays and Saturdays. For information and to schedule a baptism, contact Stewardship Associate Chapman Morrow (901-252-6328, [cmorrow@grcestlukes.org](mailto:cmorrow@grcestlukes.org)).

Recreation and Wellness

2021 Winter Basketball Registration Now Closed. This Winter, GSL Church is offering a 7-week (8 Sessions) Basketball Program to include Fundamental Training & Skill Development/Skill Stations/Contests/Scrimmages & Tons of FUN! Follow this link ([grcestlukes.org/youthbasketball](grcestlukes.org/youthbasketball)) for details.

Yoga with Shantih, Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. Follow this link ([grcestlukes.org/news/yoga-with-shantih](grcestlukes.org/news/yoga-with-shantih)) for signup details and Zoom info.

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

Recurring
Set up recurring 2021 pledge payments by scanning the QR code with your phone!
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Follow these links to frequently visited pages on our website and Facebook.

- LIVE Virtual Worship, Music, Formation Offerings: gracestlukes.org/live
- Facebook Live: facebook.com/gracestlukes/live
- YouTube Live: youtube.com/gracestlukes
- Wednesday eNews: gracestlukes.org/weekly-news
- More Information about Worship: gracestlukes.org/worship
- More Information about Music: gracestlukes.org/music
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- Hope and Good News: gracestlukes.org/discover/spiritual-guidance
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- Subscribe to GSL, Diocesan & The Episcopal Church eNews: gracestlukes.org/enews
- Information about Fraudulent Emails & Text: gracestlukes.org/news/phishing
- The Messenger, Bi-monthly Magazine: gracestlukes.org/the-messenger
- Realm Connect: GSL Directory & More: gracestlukes.org/realm

The Prayer List

Our prayers are asked for Brad Larson, Patty McManus, Kaye, John, Caroline Clay, Betsy Tate, Nancy Wilkerson, Kristin King, Charles Chandler, Michael Wills, Jake Seymour, Alymarie “Dooney” Twele, Annelise Ware Simmons, Felix Dae Sanders, Deborah Lowe, Amanda Adams, Ann & Bill Russell, Tom Wyatt, Carolyn Wills, Jane Gober & the Gober family, Billy Denman, Susan Williamson, Rodgers and Nancy Menzies, Renee Williford, Lucy Singh, Rachel Sanford, The Kaldon Family, Paul Douglas, Peggy Mulherin Williamson, and Kathleen.

Our prayers are asked for those who have died, especially Raymond Skinner Jr., Mary Frances Snider Greene, mother of Jeanie Mercer, those who have died from coronavirus, and Nova M. Johnson in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Mike Alberson, Melanie Alsworth, Taylor Bagwell, Joseph Barnes, Greg Busby, Charles Chandler, Carolyn Chesney, Dennis Dominioni, Ja Hayes, Marsha Hayes, Henry Hurdle, Tucker Hurdle, Charlton Jones, Carter Kaldon, Roy Keathley, Georgia Lejuwaan, Jasper Liles, Tina McWhorter, Mays Meeks, Chris Mercer, Catherine Morehead, Kim Norris, Chilton Simmons, Taylor Taylor, and Bruce Williams, and for those celebrating wedding anniversaries.

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 (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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