

## Announcements

**EYC** will leave Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am for Highlands. They will visit the Christmas tree farm and lunch with the Campbell's. They will return home late afternoon. Please let Lyn Merchant know if you plan to attend.

Pageant practice will be 9:15 each Sunday morning. Please gather in the parish hall if you are participating in the pageant. Parents can pick their children up from the parish hall at 10:10. Anyone interested in participating in the program by playing an instrument please see Lyn Merchant or Bill Ducworth.

Advent activities next Sunday we will celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas. Their will be activities for the children in the parish hall. December 19<sup>th</sup> will be the cookie swap. Swap a dozen or two of your cookies for an assortment of those baked by others. If you have a few extras we will add them to a samples plate.

**Christmas Eve Services**— **5:00 Christmas Pageant**  
**8:00 pm Eucharist**  
**10:00 pm Music starts**  
**10:30 pm Eucharist**



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER December 8, 2010

**Menu: Catered by Barbara Scott**

**Chili con carne with beans, Pasta salad, Green beans, Corn muffins, Pound cake with vanilla ice cream.**

**\$6.00 per person**

**\$3.00 for children under 10**

**Family of 4 or more \$20**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSON (S) :** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN UNDER 10 :** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Prayers**

#### **Pray for healing and comfort**

Julie Kent  
 Stuart M. Barnes-cancer  
 John Bostater  
 Karlann Bostater -chronic leukemia,cancer  
 Tippy Anderson-cancer  
 John Josey  
 Leif Jacobsen  
 Anna May Jacobsen  
 Barb Fligel  
 Rebecca Veeck-health issues  
 Jennifer Gaffney-health issues  
 David Rutledge  
 Betty Ward-cancer  
 Wesa Lund  
 Sabra Nickas  
 Josh Faller-coma  
 Wilma Eady -health issues  
 Danny Jennings-health issue  
 Pam Nichols Whitfield-health issues  
 Al Osteen-cancer  
 Rick Fletcher-cancer  
 Ross Hutcheon-back surgery  
 Jesse Cheek-health issues  
 Betty Halverson-pancreatic cancer—mother of Mary Waldo  
 Ellen Dollar -cancer  
 Wendie Cheek -cancer  
 Smith Pruitt-multiple myeloma  
 Rita Swofford  
 Mark Hellstrom  
 Beau Langer  
 Lee Morris  
 David Cullen  
 Betty Antonakos

#### **Requested by**

Hugh Osburn  
 Kathy Bostater  
 Kathy Bostater  
 Melissa Langford

Greta Jacobsen  
 Greta Jacobsen

Ellie Cooper  
 Ellie Cooper  
 Anne Radnor  
 Al Sloan

Ellie Cooper  
 Billy Croy  
 Ellie Cooper  
 Linda Hoffman  
 Lawrence Campbell  
 Dudley Jenkins  
 Nancy Welch  
 Family  
 Jack Hardaway  
 Jack Hardaway  
 Sara Cheek  
 Mary Winiarski  
 Don Cleveland  
 Janie Hellstrom  
 Beau Langer  
 Lynn Prince  
 John Cullen  
 Beau Langer

#### **This Week's Events December 5-11**

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	HE Rite I
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	HE Rite II
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
<b>Monday</b>	12:00 Noon	St. Catherine's Lunch
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	11:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Children's Choir
	6:00 pm	Supper
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	12:00 Noon	Men's Prayer Group
<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 pm	Walker/Trado Wedding

#### **Those Who Serve:**

**Vestry:** Julie Bates      **Lectors:** Justin Durham, Mary Winiarski  
**Intercessor/Chalice Bearer:** Melissa Langford, Al Sloan  
**Presenters:** Tom & Sally Hancock  
**Ushers:** Elliott Holman, Don Colman, Justin Durham, Lawrence Hammett  
**1st Crucifer:** William Langford    **Server:** William Woodson  
**Torchbearers:** Dylan Hellstrom, Jacob Arnold  
**Linen Guild:** Phyllis Crosby    **Altar Guild:** Pat Larsen, Elizabeth Thro  
**Coffee Hour Hospitality:** Wilma Eady, Billy Croy  
**Newcomer Ministry:** Dena & John Cullen

## JOHN THE BAPTIST



Prepare ye the way of the Lord!  
 Get ready! Company is coming!

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**December 5, 2010**  
**10:30 A.M.**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

#### **Welcome to Grace Church!**

We invite your participation in our life and ministry. Please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the offering plate so we can contact you. All baptized Christians, including children, are invited to share in Holy Communion. The ushers will direct you to the altar rail. **Hold your outstretched hands to receive the bread. Please help guide the chalice to your lips.** If you do not desire to receive the sacrament, please cross your arms across your chest, indicating you desire a blessing. Thank you for worshiping with us!

**WE GATHER**

- Voluntary Bill Ducworth
- The Procession *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry* Hymn#76
- The Liturgy Begins Book of Common Prayer 355
- Song of Praise-Kyrie S-96

Collect of the Day: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**WE LISTEN**

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10  
 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.



- Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
  - 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
  - 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
  - 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
  - 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
  - 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
  - 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
  - 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!
  - 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.

Second Reading Romans 15:4-13  
 Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, he one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel* Hymn #56  
 vs. 1,2,3

The Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12  
 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Sermon The Rev. Jack Hardaway

**WE RESPOND**  
 The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 358  
 Prayers of the People-Form III Book of Common Prayer p. 387  
 The Peace Book of Common Prayer p. 360

**WE OFFER UP**  
 Offertory Anthem *O come, O come Emanuel* arr. parker  
 The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B Book of Common Prayer p. 367  
 "Holy, Holy, Holy" Hymn #S-130  
 The Lord's Prayer Book of Common Prayer p. 364  
 The Fraction Anthem #S-164

**WE ARE FED**  
 The Communion Hymns *Humble I adore thee* Hymn #314  
*Here, O my Lord* Hymn #318

Sending out of Lay Eucharistic Minister  
**Celebrant:** In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to Margie Osburn, and Evelyn Jones that they may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.  
**All:** We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one Cup.

The Post-Communion Thanksgiving Book of Common Prayer p. 366  
 The Blessing  
 The Procession *There's a voice in the wilderness crying* Hymn #75

**WE ARE SENT OUT**  
 The Sending Forth Book of Common Prayer p. 366  
 Organ Voluntary

**Having been fed the body and blood of Christ we are compelled** to go out into the world to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ, to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our Annual Meeting, to be held January 9<sup>th</sup>**, is quickly approaching. One of the things this means is the rotation of four new members onto our Vestry to replace the four that have served their three year term. Perhaps, you have considered serving Grace Church in a leadership position but just wanted to discuss it more before making that commitment? If so, we'd like to talk to you. Please contact the Senior Warden, Julie Bates (225-3184) or any other Vestry member. If you know of someone who you think would like to serve and would make an ideal candidate, please let us know that as well.

**St. Catherine's Guild**—The ladies of St. Catherine's Annual Christmas Luncheon will take place on Monday, December 6, 2010 at Noon. The luncheon will be held at Dena Cullen's home, 211 Canebrake Drive, Anderson. Please bring a dish to share and stocking stuffers for our homebound. The meat and drinks will be provided by hostess. More information, please call (864) 222-9425. All ladies are welcome.

**Christmas with Grace**— Choir Concert, Sunday **December 12th** at 3:00 p.m. reception follow hosted by the choir.



**Christmas  
Flowers and Greens**

Please complete and return to the parish office no later than **December 5th**. The minimum suggested donation is \$20. If you would like to give one of the door wreaths, the suggested donation is \$25.00

Given to the Glory of God and in:

Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

