



Grace Notes

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 27, 2019

PSALM THREE is an example of what Biblical scholars would call an “individual lament.” Moan! Groan! Ain’t it awful! Poor me! There are lots of Psalms in this category, so we’d better get used to it. This psalm follows the classic pattern for a lament — (1) a description of the predicament or difficulty faced by the psalmist; (2) an appeal to God for help, often including a statement of faith and trust; and (3) some sort of resolution, maybe a vow to offer a sacrifice, or (to use a word I usually avoid) some sort of “closure.” In this Psalm, the predicament is persecution by enemies. The psalmist summons up faith and calls upon God, and receives enough reassurance that she/he is able to get a good night’s sleep at least. By way of “closure” the Psalmist indulges in the vengeful hope that God may land a punch on the jaw to the people who are making life miserable, and smash their teeth. “Yikes!! How can I pray something so violent?” we might ask. Well, we don’t have to; we can skip that verse if we prefer. But we would be missing a chance to be honest with ourselves. God knows our every human thought, and human nature is not always kind. By acknowledging and praying about the ugly stuff in our souls, we realize our need for God’s deep healing. “Deliverance belongs to the LORD.” Both for them and for us.

— Ed Greene

Worship Opportunities

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Rite I

10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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Wednesday

8:00 am – Bible Study – Library

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist – Chapel

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Our Mission Statement

Grace Church strives to love and serve God through worship and ministry in our church, the community and the world.



Remember in our Prayers



In our parish family for: Nancy Ashley, The Family of George Browning, the Family of Don Aikens, Tom & Robyn Butler, Hannah Cataloni, Susan Arbuckle-Keith, Fred Kahrl, Lois Welsh, Al Ferguson, Catherine Jacob and Bill Maier.

Let us pray for family and friends: Tom Warfield, Sally Fungairino, Robert Swain, Joe Amoroso, Brittany and her family, John Hall, Ed Pyles, Bruce, Keith Drew, Diane Engler, Jim Kelly, Laura Lee, Gerry Pepin, Michele Ober, Patricia White; Justin, Tina and Tim; Larry Ferguson, Mark Smith, Joan Dixon, Timothy, CC Wall, and Teresa Joan White.



Happy Birthday to You!

John Cataloni 01/30

George Auchter 01/31

Sharon Steele 01/31

Catherine Jacob 02/01

Elizabeth Carleton 02/02





ANNUAL PARISH MEETING!



THIS SUNDAY JANUARY 27TH
AFTER THE 10:15 SERVICE



A Journey through Lent

Reflections by members of Grace Church

This year we would like to produce a booklet of meditations on the daily lectionary for each day in Lent that parishioners can use for their Lenten journey. You are invited to participate by writing a reflection for a specific day as a way to deepen your own journey through Lent and enrich the journey of others. Not only will this exercise help the writers focus on a lesson, but it will also be a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know one another in a new way.

A container with scripture verses is on the table in the Narthex. Each slip references a Gospel for one of the days in the lectionary for Lent. Anyone interested in participating is invited to take a slip and sign the accompanying sign-up so we know from whom to expect each reflection. We ask that you email your reflection to Stephanie at sjbatterman@gmail.com **no later than Sunday, February 17**. Lenten booklets will be available by Sunday, March 3.



In a couple of weeks, the Diocese of Maine will elect its next bishop (**February 9**). Detailed information on each of the five Nominees including a full resume, video and responses to essay questions is available at <http://bishopquest.episcopalmaine.org/meet-the-nominees/>. In addition, video of the “Walkabouts” held this past weekend are also available at <http://bishopquest.episcopalmaine.org/candidate-walkabouts/>.

While only delegates and canonically resident clergy can vote, you are encouraged to review the information and invited to share your thoughts with your delegates (and clergy):

Election Delegates:

- Larry Bartlett
- Robyn Butler
- Nancy Kinner
- Donna Miller

Alternates:

- Marnie Hackenberg
- Pasha Huntington

Feast@5:30

THIS Thursday, January 24th

Feast @ 5:30 will happen at

Washington House.

Plan to come, bring a dish to share (main dish, salad, dessert)
and join the fun!

For more information, please contact Glenis Elliott at 837-0014
or via e-mail at GlenisWayne93@comcast.net



Tedford Meal

Grace Church participates in the Meal a Month program at Tedford Housing's emergency shelter on Cumberland Street in Brunswick. We supply a meal for twenty to twenty-five clients on fifth Tuesdays and fifth Thursdays of the month. This month of January has a fifth Tuesday AND a fifth Thursday (29th and 31st, respectively), so we need to double the effort. We need a main course and a dessert. More details are on the website at <http://gracebath.org/outreach/tedford-meals/>. Contact our coordinator for the Tedford meal ministry, Debby Hayden, at [207-729-9707](tel:207-729-9707) or haydenhurst@gwi.net



Our choir loft/organ move is complete. The Vestry is planning to invite Bishop Lane to bless the new space during his scheduled visitation on April 28. As a reminder, the purpose for the move began with the need for a more accessible space for the choir (our new space is even wheelchair accessible!). In addition, bringing the choir downstairs enables us to better integrate music leadership into our liturgy. Many have noted experiencing a difference in our worship since the choir began sitting in the front pews.

After Vestry discernment and analysis by an architectural consultant, this project was able to move forward because of a generous “restricted” donation for the benefit of the music program at Grace Church. The initial cost projection for the work, based on the architectural analysis, was approximately \$28,000. Due to wise decision-making on the part of our project manager, Dean Batterman, and business negotiations by our Rector, the final cost is projected to be less than \$20,000, ultimately leaving us with a small balance of restricted project donations that will go into the music fund.

Donna Miller
Senior Warden

*The monthly Healing Service will be held during the
10:15 service **next Sunday, February 3rd**.
Offerings for Bath Area Food Bank will be accepted
at both services next Sunday as well.*

Worship Leaders January 27, 2019

Celebrant – The Rev Cn Dr Ted Gaiser
Deacon – The Rev Stephanie Batterman

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Lector:	Nancy Kinner	Marnie Hackenberg
First or Single Server:	Jim Paterson	Sharon Steele
Crucifer & Prayers:		Cindy Young
Greeters:		Mary & Ray Swain
Ushers:	Roger Heard & Nancy Kinner	Connie Burt & Brian Buck
Altar Guild:	Jackie Berry	Paula Conley
Camera:		Charlie Duffy
Coffee Hour:		Liz Prest
Altar Guild – Wednesday, January 30 – Colleen Stevens & Glenis Elliott		

Readings*

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

Psalm 19

*Each scripture citation has a link to the LectionaryPage.net reading.



Reminder: Grace Church continues to collect non-food items for the Little Flock Program. There is a basket in the Narthex where items can be placed; they will be taken to the Seventh Day Adventist Church for clients to pick up. Below is a list of the items that they distribute on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 889 High Street, Bath. **(The next two dates are Wednesdays 13 and 27 February).** This program is open to the area communities including Georgetown. The items listed are not able to be purchased with Food Stamps, so this is a much appreciated and needed program. Thank you, as always, for your support and generosity.

LITTLE FLOCK NON-FOOD ITEMS

- Paper products such as toilet paper and paper towels
- Laundry and dish soap
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Shaving essentials
- Dog and cat food
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Diapers
- Hats & gloves in the winter months



Community Connections Calendar – Together Moving Forward

If you know of other organizations that might like to use our facility please have them contact Father Ted or Glenis Elliott, the Calendar Coordinator and Facilities Use Agreement Coordinator at 837-0014 or GlenisWayne93@comcast.net.

- January 28th RJP Mentor Meeting – 3:00–7:00 pm – Tubbs Hall
- January 30th Voice Lessons with Erin – 4:00 pm – Music Room



Calendar of Upcoming Events

If you have any questions or suggestions for this calendar, please call or email Glenis Elliott at 837-0014 or GlenisWayne93@comcast.net.

Weekly Happenings

- Wednesdays Bible Study – 8:30 am – Library
- Wednesdays Holy Eucharist – 10:00 am – Chapel
- Thursdays Telecast of Grace Church Sunday Service – 4:00 pm – Local Cable Channel 14
- Thursdays Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 pm – Choir Room

Meetings & Groups

- January 24th Feast @ 5:30 – Washington House
- **January 27th Annual Parish Meeting – after 10:15 service - Nave**
- January 29th Tedford Meal – FMI – contact Debby Hayden – 729-9707 or haydenhurst@gwi.net
- January 31st Tedford Meal – FMI – contact Debby Hayden – 729-9707 or haydenhurst@gwi.net
- February 3rd Worship Committee – 11:30 am - Library