GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

130 First Avenue, Nyack, NY 10960 HOLY EUCHARIST

The First Sunday After Epiphany The Baptism of Christ January 8, 2023—11:00am

VOLUNTARY

"In the bleak midwinter"

Alan Orton Gibbs

HYMN IN PROCESSION 135

Salzburg

(All Stand)



OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One. *People:* You come to your people and set them free.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: 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

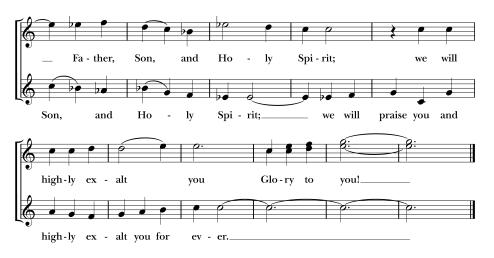
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE 236

J. Rutter

All:





COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you. People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

SERVICE OF THE WORD (Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him;he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 (Sung by the Choir)

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon:
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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chant: Michael Bishop

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. People: Thanks be to God. **GRADUAL HYMN 381** Thy strong word did cleave the thy dark - ness; at speak ing dark - ness, 2 Lo, thosewho dwelt in dark night and on as 3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own Ton-y Botel Fa-ther, Light-Cre 4 God the - a tor, thee laud and to (Standing) it was done: for cre at - ed light we thank thee. deep as death, broke the light of thy sal tion, va ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo ry, got be; thee, Light of Light be hon - or to ten. while thine Al-le lu - ia, or dered sea - sons run: breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al-le lu - ia, al - le and lives our hopes con - fess: Al-le lu - ia. al - le our - ter - nal - ly; praise be sung Ho-ly Spi-rit, Light-Re lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le lu - ia, light dost lu - ia! Praise to thee who send! Al - le lu - ia. lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor-tals. an-gels, Al - le ia! hı with - out end! al - le hı ia Al al - le lu ia! le lu ia with - out end! al - le lu ia! Al - le lu ia with - out end! Ho Tri - ni - ty. now and praise the lv

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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People: Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS (Please Stand)

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human

being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and

the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in

Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THE SERMON The Rev. Mark Hummell (Please be seated)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Subdeacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name

may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for ourselves and for our ministries, especially for our priest this morning, Mark, our postulant to the diaconate, Lainie, our vestry, search committee, and all of our parish family as we prepare to

welcome our new rector. Lord, you have called us to serve you. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may

honor one another and serve the common good. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in

the service of others and to your honor and glory. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them,

and love one another as he loves us. Silence.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in

their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We remember especially all who have suffered from the impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic; those who have died and those exposed

and isolated by this disease. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: We commend to your mercy all who have died, remembering especially all who have died in the

service of our country, victims of gun violence, and Lillian & William Whyard, Frank & Martha Collins, Cheryl L. Collins, Eula R.Gilchrest, Blanche York, and Anne R. Adams, in whose memory the flowers this morning are lovingly offered. May your will for them may be fulfilled;

and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Let us pause and reflect on our dependence on God and offer silently or aloud our own intercessions or thanksgivings.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CONFESSION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. *People: And also with you.*

(The People are encouraged to exchange the greetings of peace with all around them.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

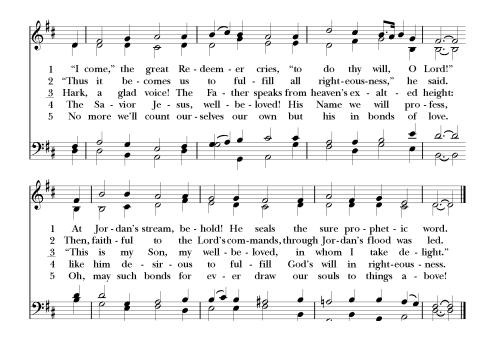
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor ordinary people like you and like I; I wonder as I wander, out under the sky. When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall with wise men and farmers and shepherd and all. but high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, and the promise of ages it did then recall. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky, or a bird on the wing, or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing, he surely could have it, 'cause he was the King. I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor ordinary people like you and like I; I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

Trad., Arr. John Jacob Niles

PRESENTATION HYMN 298

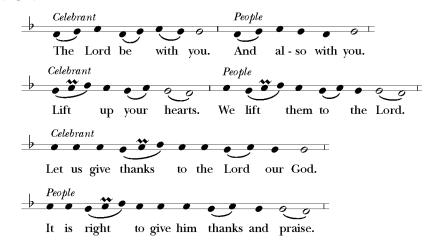
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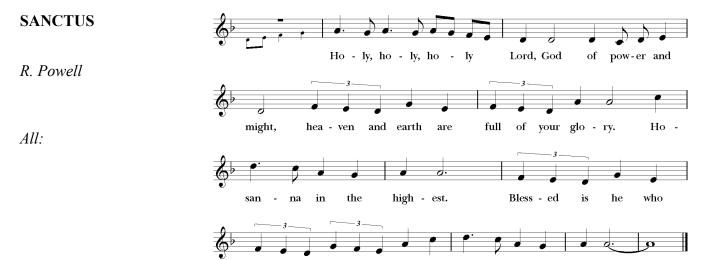


THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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:



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: 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.

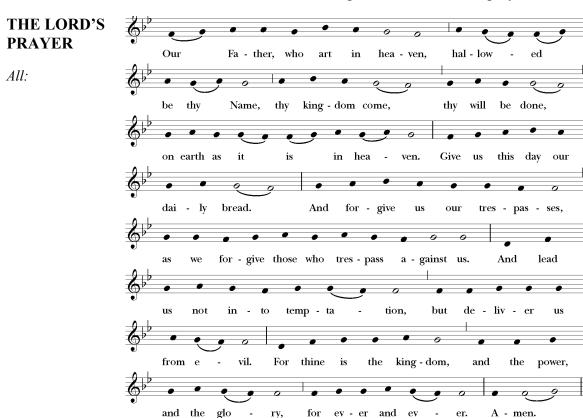
He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and 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 the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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 God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

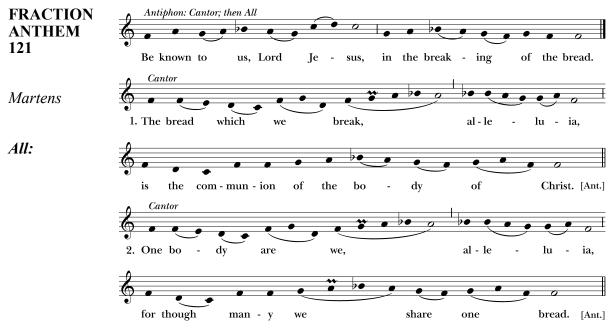
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:



Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

(The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Host. All then sing:)



Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. The congregation comes forward to receive communion while the choir sings an anthem. The choir receives after the congregation. All join in singing the hymns.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

The blessed son of God only In a crib full poor did lie;

With our poor flesh and our poor blood Was clothed that everlasting good. Kyrieleison.

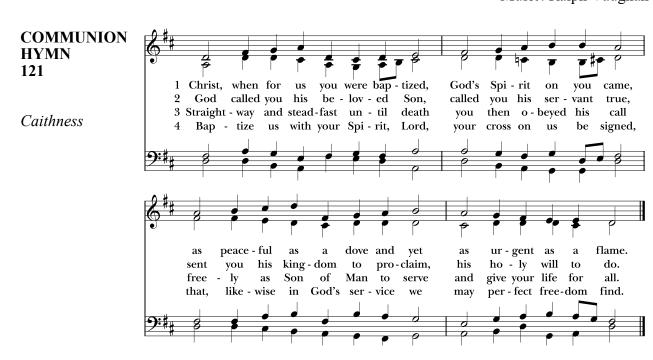
The Lord Christ Jesu, God's son dear, Was a guest and a stranger here;

Us for to bring from misery, That we might live eternally. Kyrieleison.

All this did he for us freely, For to declare his great mercy;

All Christendom be merry therefore, And give him thanks for evermore. Kyrieleison.

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (All Stand.)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ,

the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. Amen.

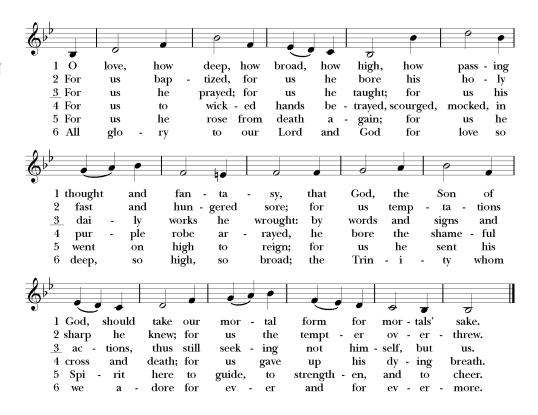
May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only- begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen*.

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 448

Deus tuorum miltu



DISMISSAL

Subdeacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude on *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her* Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)



The First Sunday After The Epiphany/The Baptism of Christ Sunday, January 8, 2023

WELCOME

We hope that you will find in this community of faith a place for spiritual growth and opportunities to give thanks to God for the many gifts bestowed upon you and all God's creatures.

We invite people of all ages to participate fully in worship at Grace Church.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our vestry, lay leaders, and congregation as we prepare to welcome our new rector; Lainie Murrell, our postulant to the diaconate; Robert and Donna Weber, Gerald and Marjorie Federico, Theresa Weber, John and Shirley Federico, Yasso Herath, Rick & JoAnn Stone, Lin, Vicki Hudson, Caroline Tucker, Maura McGrath, Pastor Tyler, Phyllis & Bob Holgerson, Sean Murdock, Mureedullah Hashimi, Robert and Eunice Ruffin, Peter Zakrepine, Kayden Germosen. Victims of gun violence everywhere & those who are alone. **FLOWER MEMORIALS:** Lillian & William Whyard, Frank & Martha Collins, Cheryl L. Collins, Eula R. Gilchrest, Blanche York, Anne R. Adams

If there are names you would like to add to the prayer list, please contact the church office: parishoffice@gracechurchnyack.org/845-358-1297

This Morning we welcome The Rev. Mark Hummell as our guest celebrant.

The Rev. Mark Hummell is from Grace Church School in Manhattan, where he is the Chaplain for K-12th grade students. In addition to being the primary celebrant at weekly chapels, Father Mark teaches Bible, Philosophy & Religion, Ethics, and Psychology to high school students. He is also an advisor to students in the class of 2023.

COFFEE HOUR REFRESHMENTS

Everyone loves Sunday morning refreshments with a side of chat! Most weeks we have a paid assistant (Gavin Nittoli) to handle set-up, coffee-making, etc. for coffee hours after the 9:30 and 11:00am services. But your help is requested with refreshments following the 11:00am service.

What's needed? Sweet and/or savory bites – bagels, cookies, cheese and crackers, muffins, donuts, and fruit platters are all options. Store bought or homemade is fine. Basic supplies (paper goods, coffee) are already stocked in the kitchen. If you are interested in helping, please email Pat Cose (pacose@msn.com) or look for the sign-up sheet on Sundays. We'll also be signing up families to help with refreshments for the 9:30am service soon, so keep an eye out for those sign up sheets as well.

PARISH WIDE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - Deadline is January 15

Nominations are still open for various positions for 2023. We need people to serve as: Vestry Member (3), Convention Delegate (2), Alternate Delegate (2), Nominating Committee Lay (4). **Nomination forms may be found in back of the church, at the office or <u>HERE</u>. They are due in the office or to <u>Kickie Fulmor</u> by January 15, 2023.**

To be considered for vestry, the nominee must meet the following criteria: Be a confirmed member in good standing, that is, one who regularly attends the worship services, pledges to the parish and is a member of the Episcopal Church either by confirmation or reception. Nominees should also be able to make time commitments for vestry meetings and committee work; vestry retreat(s); congregational events; annual Parish Meeting; and diocesan meetings and workshops, as necessary.

Please prayerfully consider these positions before submitting your name to the committee. Folks cannot nominate another person without their signature! The nominating committee will report its nominations to the vestry and then to the parish. **Kickie Fulmor, Chair of Nominating Committee**



YOUR PLEDGE MATTERS

Annual pledges are the financial foundation of our church, our single most important source of funding.

Think about what Grace Church means to you.

- Do you attend services either in person or online more than once or twice a year?
- Do you have a child in church school or senior youth group?
- Do you think of this as your "home" church, where you or a relative might arrange family baptisms, weddings, or memorial services?

We can provide for these programs because of pledge commitments from our members.

Your pledge – of whatever size – says "I am part of this church that is here for me."

We have not yet reached our goal of \$340,000 or matched our total pledges from last year so if you would like to pledge, please take a pledge card from the back of the church or use the QR code below to complete an online pledge card.

Note you must make a 2023 to vote at our Annual Meeting in February.



We are so grateful to all of you who have made a pledge for 2023. Thank You.

For answers to some frequently asked questions regarding payment of your pledge, please go to the Giving section of our website: https://gracechurchnyack.org/how-to-give. There you'll also find further instructions on using Giving Fire, our online payment platform. Note that if you already use Giving Fire for your pledge payments, you may need to update your recurring payments to reflect the amount of your 2023 pledge.

If you need assistance with GivingFire, please contact Pat Cose (pacose@msn.com)