

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

REMINDER: Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 21 immediately following the 10 am worship service. The slate of new vestry members will be voted in by acclamation, we will review the challenges and accomplishments of 2021, and the hopes for our parish in 2022.

NOMINEES FOR 2022 VESTRY

We are pleased to share that we have three excellent Vestry nominees for our slate this year. We will vote by acclamation at our Annual Parish Meeting this Sunday, November 21. Christ and Grace will be blessed by their gifts as offered in leadership. Please take a moment to read their brief statements below.

Lee Boisseau

I have been a member of Christ and Grace Episcopal Church for approximately 45 years. My husband, Ben and I were confirmed in this church as adults and both of our boys were baptized and raised in this parish. After retiring from 20+ years in the mortgage business 3 years ago I have actively participated in the ECW Hope Center Lunch program, organized and provided weekly church receptions after services, assisted the Celebration of Life committee and been a member of the Sunday service usher team.

I have served as president of the condominium association where I live helping to manage 20 residential properties and am currently the secretary/treasurer of this organization. This experience as well as my personal relationship with many of the parishioners and long-standing traditions of Christ and Grace I believe will provide me with a valuable insight as to the current needs of our parish and strategies going forward to ensure that all who believe in Christ can find our parish a welcoming place to worship, seek fellowship, and grow as good Christians.

Martha Burton

Marwee Walsh

I was raised in Petersburg and now live in Prince George County. I have been a member of Christ and Grace Church since the early 1950's. I sang in the Junior Choir and attended Sunday School regularly. I have worked the nursery, taught Sunday School, played in the Hand Bell Choir, taken charge of refreshments on Sundays and the kitchen. I taught school in Dinwiddie County for 35 years, am now retired. I enjoy my church, my friends, my horses, my cats, and occasional golf game and just being outside.

Christ and Grace has been a very large part of my life and I will help in any way my skills, gifts, experiences and abilities will help. I am interested in Outreach, Parish Life, and the Building and Grounds Committee.

ECW CASSEROLE SALE

In lieu of a bake sale, Christ and Grace ECW is selling casseroles this Advent/Christmas.

- Casseroles are \$12 each and will serve 4-6 people- perfect for freezing or eating right away. Take home a tried-and-true favorite entrée from past Lenten lunch menus!
- Deadline for ordering is Tuesday, November 30th
- Order pick up dates are Saturday, Dec. 4th or Sunday, Dec. 5th, 11am-1pm.
- Sign up on the form outside Lackey Hall or call the church office 733-7202.

THANKS TO OUR HOPE CENTER LUNCH BUNCH

We are so thankful for the help received from donations of funds, food, and time to help feed the hungry in our community this month. Revealing the love of God in this way is a blessing in every direction.

THE HOPE CENTER

As grocery prices rise and temperatures fall, the Hope Center food pantry is in need of our food donations. You may bring items to church any time and leave them in the orange bin on the back porch. Marwee delivers these items to the Hope Center twice a month. Your assistance helps those in need in our community.

PRACTING PATIENCE

This Advent we will practice patience as we wait for the coming of the Christ Child.

An Advent devotional book for each family will be available at church. Each Wednesday of Advent you are invited to come practice patience at Advent Prayers for the Evening at 5:30 pm. We will gather to reflect on scripture, for prayers with candles, and quiet music.

CHRISTMAS JOY

We know it's Advent, but Christmas is coming. Beginning this Sunday, Nov. 21, the Christmas Joy tree will be filled with gift tags for children at Walnut Hill Elementary School and for Seniors at Battlefield Park Healthcare Center. We hope you will take home tags and return gifts by December 12. Together we will bring Christmas Joy to many!

PRAYER LIST

We beg you to feed the hungry, protect the refugee, embrace the distressed, house the homeless, nurse the sick, and comfort the dying. Especially we pray for Melba Felty, Carol Ferrell, Michael Fowler, Pegram Johnson, Heydon Lewis, Clyde Mosley, Mark Pagano, Shelley Richardson, Mark Sheffield, Ted Simpson, Robbi Spencer, and Mary Villeponteaux.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

2 Samuel 23:1-7

These are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,

is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?

But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

John 18:33-37

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”