



Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

"A loving congregation seeking unity with God and each other in Christ"

Newsletter

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Grace Welcomes Austin Clark as Director of Music



We are excited to announce that Austin P. Clark will be joining Grace Church as the Director of Music in January 2020. As Director of Music, he will be directly responsible for all choirs, the recruitment and supervision of internship students, and all Organ and Piano performances at the 10:00 am services and special events.

Austin joins us with ten years of experience in Episcopal Church music. He has previously served in the Dioceses of Florida and Atlanta and has worked with leaders in the field through the Royal School of Church Music -America training courses. He is deeply committed to the Anglican choral tradition.

Austin received his Bachelor of Music Degree in Organ Performance from Mercer University in Macon Georgia. Austin is also an active recitalist, who has played in venues throughout the Southeast of the United States. He comes to Baton Rouge after serving The Church of Our Savior in Atlanta, an Anglo-Catholic parish in the heart of the city. Grace Welcomes Austin Clark as Director of Music. Church of the Savior has a demanding music program and Austin was very successful in raising the quality of their programs during his tenure. He serves currently as the Parish Administrator at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge.

Austin is drawn to serving at Grace because of our rich history, the opportunity to play our historic Pilcher Organ, and the desire to further develop our strong music program. He looks forward to applying his experience and developing a strong working relationship with our vocal choir, handbell choir, and other music aficionados in our parish. His goal is to create a first-class music program that will honor Christ in every liturgy, special music event, and various festivals.

Austin and his family moved to Baton Rouge in July 2019 after his partner, Shannon, was appointed the Director of Music at St. James Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge. They enjoy living downtown and cooking. Austin is also active in the fiber arts community as a spinner and has recently begun spinning Acadian Cotton.

Please join us in welcoming Austin to Grace Church. We will have a special coffee hour on Sunday, January 5, 2020 to welcome Austin to Grace.

In peace, Meg Kendrick.

***Advent Adult Formation Series will feature
The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus Centered Life***



In the spirit of Advent, our adult formation classes will be on Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's, The Way of Love. We will explore this intentional commitment to a Jesus Centered Life through videos and resources provided by the national church. This is a commitment to follow Christ through seven practices: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest. The Way of Love is an outline of the Rule of Life for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. Bp Curry prays that the movement will allow us to, "grow as communities following the loving, liberating, life-giving way of Jesus. His way has the power to change each of our lives and to change this world."

Our Advent Series will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 11, and 18 at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm, right after the 5:15 Holy Eucharist. If you would like to explore the series before beginning, please view the introduction video on our website, www.gracechurchwfp.org. We look forward to sharing The Way of Love with you.

Stewardship and Vestry Updates

We have received over 50 pledges! Please discuss as a family what your current pledge to Grace is and whether you are in a position to increase your support. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Blessings, Fr. Roldan+

Vestry nominations for 2020 - 2023 are open. To serve on vestry, you must be: (1) a church member, (2) confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, (3) a pledger or contributor of record, (4) permit us to run a background screen, required Diocesan Policy, (5) willing to serve the Church in a leadership capacity, by attending monthly meetings, special meetings as appropriate, coordinating one full month of coffee hours (you will find a team of volunteers to help), and serving in subcommittees as appropriate. If you would like to nominate someone, please obtain their approval, and send Fr. Roldan an e-mail. We will accept nominations until December 1, 2019. There will be no nominations from the floor.

***Calling all Actors and Actresses:
Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsals Start Soon!***

Christmas Eve Pageant rehearsals will begin on Monday, December 2nd in the church at 6 p.m. We are asking that all parents remain for the first practice so that we can go over the rehearsal schedule and parts. Rehearsals will be held each Monday in December at 6 p.m. The Christmas Pageant is open to all children in preschool through 5th grade. We encourage our youth group members to come as well to serve as aides during the practice. We look forward to putting on another spectacular Christmas Pageant this year!

Thank you! Alyssa Louis

**Intercessory prayers
are asked for Grace
Church members who
are ill.**

Valerie Barnes, Libby Dart, Jason Kennedy, Charlotte Maxwell, Elizabeth Denton Mitchell, Tom Morris, Eric Nelson, Sara Nelson, Shane Pollet, Carolyn Porche, Cozette Stevens, Kay Tengler, Anne Timmons, Wendell Wade, Marcia Willis, Pam Wilson, Jake Wray, Madeline Wright.

Birthdays

Jamie DeJean-Nov. 17; Ralph Beaumont-Nov. 18; Emily Barrow, Glenn Thomas; Yvonne B. Leak-Nov. 19; Stewart Hughes, Maggie Higgins, Carol Ridenour Dufillo-Nov. 20; Eleanor Thomas-Nov. 21; John Barrow Klein, Ginger Reid-Nov. 23; Mary Frances Smart, Catherine David-Nov. 24; R. E Barrow III, Collette Dwyer-Nov. 25; Rylee Theives-Nov 26; James Fox-Smith, Brittany Farthing, Sharon Gauthier, Carter Simcoe-Nov. 28; Julia DeJean-Nov. 29.

**Wedding
Anniversaries**

Matthew and Madison McCain-Nov. 18; Carter and Yvonne Leak, Paul and Debbie Martin-Nov. 24; Jack and Kathy Anderson-Nov. 25; Neal and Olivia Elliott-Nov. 27.

Other persons

prayers are asked for:

Claiborne Arbutnot, Charles Barham, Walker Bell, Micaela Kell Bennett, Wayne Bergeron, Isabella Bertucci, Leslie Bickham, Luanne, Phillip Bowen, Ben Brown, Steve Brown, Mason Brudewick, Willie Bryant, Randy Bryant, Darby Buras, Jenny Clark, Daryn Conrad, Rob Cox, Frances Woods Curry, Sandy Davenport, William David, Kathleen Davis, Jessica DeLee, Debbie Desmar, Helen Desselles, Cathy Doslovic, Molly Douglas, Amy Dwyer, Mark Ellison, Jennifer Erickson, Ellen Ewald, Sara Fahey, Mark Feltner, Dennis Flynn, Matthew Gill, Jerry Green, Jane Hamilton, Roy Hardin, Parke Henderson, Wayne Hudnall, Joel James, Michelle Jansonne, Henry Jones, Mary Jo Kaly, Cathy K., Mike Larisey, Jody Lemoine, Jessica Liddle, Max, Charlotte Mayeaux, Ralph McKenzie, Laine Martrain, Mary Anne McCrory, Ruby McKee, Cheryl Meaux, Robin Michel, Bill Miller, Jimmy Mitchell, Randall Nachman, Walter Oliveaux, Barton Platte, Elizabeth Poole, Susanna Prescott, Tammy Riggs, James and Sylvia Roach, Cole Rourke, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Rusty Snyder, Cade Stapleton, Kaitlyn Templet, Roland Toups, Millie and Howard Varner, Deborah Vines, Emily Walz, Dennisia Williams, Deacon Zekes, Lynn Zinn.

Those serving in the armed forces

Parker Blanche, Amanda Browning, Jay Christopher, Ryan Coacher, Carlile Cointment, John Davis, Joseph Dooley, Polly Finley, Bryan Geltz, Edward Jenkins, Laura Latson, Shawn Lemons, Terry Palmer, James Powers, Jeff Ragusa, Christopher Willis, Aaron Zuccaro, 745th & 746th Exped Squads, 379th & 926th Exped. Support Squads, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 1st 222 Aviation Regiment.

Getting Ready for Bishop Thompson's Annual Visit

We are very excited to officially welcome four newcomers to our Church and to celebrate the Confirmation of four of our eighth graders. This grand celebration will take place on Sunday, December 15, at the 10:00 am Service. Immediately following the service, we will have a reception in Jackson Hall in honor of our new members and to welcome Bishop Thompson back to Grace. Kathy Kane has graciously agreed to host this great event. If you would like to help with the setting up, meal preparation, flower arrangements, or serving at the banquet, please let Kathy know. Feel free to call us if you have any questions, Blessings, Fr. Roldan+



New Service Times Change

Changing Christmas Eve Service times has been a frequent request from various parishioners over the last 11 years. I have resisted for far too long because I like the idea of a "Vigil" and these tend to be evening services. At Grace, we have gone from a midnight service to 9:00 pm, and then 7:00 pm, where the service has been for many years.

I have watched a reduction of church attendance at the principal service of Christmas Eve over the last few years. It is for this reason that I have agreed to a trial change in Service times for 2019 Christmas. If this doesn't work, we will reassess next year. We will have services at the following times:

- Christmas Pageant at 11:00 am at Grace (No Sermon, no Incense)
- Christmas Eve at St. Johns at 3:30 pm (Sermon by Bp. Jenkins. No Incense)
- Christmas Vigil at Grace: 4:00 pm (Sermon by Fr. Roldan, Incense)
- Christmas Day at Grace 10:00 am (Sermon by Fr. Roldan, some incense).

If you have any questions, please call me. Blessings, Fr. Roldan+

Grace Event Calendar & Updates

Church Mice and Parent Fellowship will be held today from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Church Mice will be held in the Preschool and Parent Fellowship will meet in the Golsan House.

UTO Sunday is November 17th. UTO boxes and envelopes are in the Narthex for this ministry and will be collected on UTO Sunday. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to Grace Church ECW with a notation in the memo line for UTO.

Sounds of the Season Concert featuring Ivan Griffin, America's premier bass-baritone classical singer, will be held on Friday, December 6th at 7:30 p.m. The concert benefits the Old Benevolent Society Building Restoration. A reception will be held in Jackson Hall prior to the concert from 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Interested in making a few extra dollars? Grace is looking to fill positions in the nursery during the 10:00 am service at \$15 an hour. If interested, please reach out to Meg Kendrick. Must pass background check and complete Safeguarding God's Children training.

Coffee Hour hosts are needed for several dates in November, December, January and February. Please consider donating your time and talents to this fellowship time. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

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Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

November 17, 2019

Acolytes: Paul Opperman, Grant Rome, Cecile Means, Jesse Means

Chalice bearers: 7:30 a.m.: Bryan McClendon
10 a.m.: Drew Nordgren, Joey Gammill

Ushers: Will Plettinger, Joe Savell

Lectors: Drew Nordgren, David Opperman

Vestry Rep: Kathy Kane

Altar Guild: Team 1

Children's Church: Alyssa Louis

Altar Flowers: Heather Howel

Sanctuary Candle: Corey and Lisa Foster

Coffee Hour: Ellen Klein

Babysitters: Madie Kane, Emma Olsen

November 24, 2019

Acolytes: Clara Jane Hughes, Hayes Whatley, Crew Rome, Colt Rome

Chalice bearers: 7:30 a.m.: Carol Stamey
10 a.m.: Sheryl Wynters, Landon Anderson

Ushers: Dwight Singer, David Treppendahl

Lectors: Will Plettinger, Dixie Blue

Vestry Rep: Tommy Loyacono

Children's Church: Charlotte Peno

Altar Guild: Team 2

Altar Flowers: John Barrow Klein, Ben Klein

Sanctuary Candle: Miles and Missy Higgins

Coffee Hour: Stacy and Tommy Loyacono

Babysitters: Grant Rome, Angelina Hardin

November 17, 2019

7:30a.m. - Holy Eucharist
at Grace & St. John's

8:45 a.m. Bible Study

10:00am - Holy Eucharist
Coffee Hour

November 24, 2019

7:30am - Holy Eucharist

8:45 a.m. Bible Study

10:00am - Holy Eucharist
Coffee Hour

Wednesday, November 20

5 - 7pm - Youth Group

5:15pm - Eucharist

6 - 7pm - Confirmation Class

Thursday, November 21

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

6 - 7pm - Newcomers Class

Friday, November 22

7:00am - Eucharist

8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study

Sunday, November 24

8:45am - Bible Study

10:00am - Eucharist

Wednesday, November 27

5 - 7pm - Youth Group

5:15pm - Eucharist

6 - 7pm - Confirmation Class

Thursday, November 28

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

6 - 7pm - Newcomers Class

Friday, November 29

7:00am - Eucharist

8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study