



GRACE CHURCH

OF WEST FELICIANA PARISH

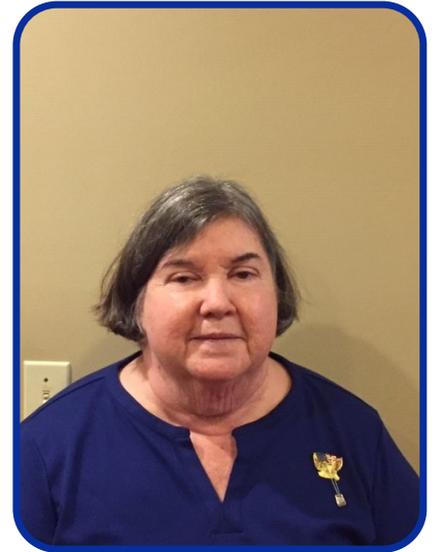
A loving congregation seeking unity with God and each other in Christ

Introducing Your Vestry Nominees

Introducing our last two nominees are Anne Klein and Ellen Williams.

Anne Klein

Grace Church is approaching its 194th birthday next year. We have been blessed with generations of families attending services and our visitors see a congregation that is caring, generous, helpful to those in need, and who show God's love in so many ways. 2020 has been a challenging year for all of us, personally and spiritually, but we know that our faith in God will continue. Many times, when I have walked through the cemetery or entered the church, I feel such peace and the presence of God's love. Having retired from Grace Church as Parish Administrator for nearly 39 years, I'm grateful for a congregation that cares so much for our church family and the community. I want to become involved by serving on the Vestry, to help the church grow and to share our love for God with others.



Ellen Williams



I'm a native Louisianan (born and raised in Houma), and attended LSU for my undergraduate degree and later Tulane for graduate school. I love to read, go on long walks, travel and have fun with my family and extended family of friends. I worked in the petrochemical and oil refining business throughout my entire career which gave me the opportunity to travel and live in different places, lastly in San Antonio, Texas. I was raised as a Catholic but left the Church as a young adult. It was during my time in San Antonio that I was invited to attend services at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. After finding my new Church 'home', there I was received into the Episcopal faith, which began a renewal of the spiritual life that I had wandered from years ago. I retired in January 2016 and moved from San Antonio with my spouse, Karen Snyder, to St. Francisville, and soon joined Grace Church. We love it here! I have found the congregation and staff of Grace Church to be a very welcoming group who reflect the stated core purpose of the Church: "To be a loving community seeking to restore all to unity with God and each other in Christ."

Personally, I have a passion for adult formation, which is why I am honored to be able to lead the Wednesday morning Adult Formation meetings. I believe that as the committee that develops topics for our meetings continues to listen to the voices of our parishioners for ideas, we will grow in attendance and broaden our topics of study once we are able to meet again.

There are so many remarkable people in this congregation whose faithfulness and Christ-like servanthood are an inspiration to me. In my time here, I have come to know that there is a lot of potential for good works by our church community, and my desire is to help fulfill that potential. As we navigate the upcoming year(s) post-pandemic, we will all have to work together to discern how best to continue in our community works, as well as continue to grow and nurture our congregation. These will be my priorities if elected to the vestry.

A Message from Father Reid

Merry Christmas everyone! As we turn the corner towards the end of the year, I write with deep gratitude for the time we have been together. While I was unable to meet many of you face to face due to Covid, I have nonetheless felt a nearness with you as we have journeyed the last eight months together. I never imagined that I would become a "televangelist" of sorts and so focused on distance, clean hands and protecting those in my midst. As Jackie and I depart from this place known as Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish, you will forever remain in our hearts and prayers as you seek your new Rector. I am not good at long goodbyes. Be assured I wish you all the best in the coming year. You are in good hands- the hands of Jesus, the Son of God – what better person could be possible? Take Care, God Bless, Reid

Welcome Justin Peno!

On Sunday, December 20th, Bishop Thompson welcomed Justin into the Episcopal church. Join us as we also welcome Justin to our Grace family.

194th Annual Meeting - Sunday, January 24th, 2020

We will host our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 24th after the 10:00 a.m. Service. We will have an online version available for those unable to attend the meeting. If you are a ministry head, your written report is due to Meg by January 15th. Please schedule a time with Austin to film your report as well, music@gracechurchwfp.org.



It's a new year and signs up for the Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle as well as the January Sunday service registration are available on our website. Please take a moment to sign up or give us a call at the church office for any assistance you may need.

January Sunday Service Registration:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44AEAF2EA0FBC25-january>

Sanctuary Candle Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44AEAF2EA0FBC25-2021>

Altar Flowers Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44AEAF2EA0FBC25-20211>

Intercessory prayers are asked for Grace Church members:

Kyle & Marcy Dunaway, David Floyd, Tom Flynn, Patsy Hardouin, Carlile Higgins, Melissa Higgins, Bishop Charles Jenkins, Molly McGraw, Ruth Reed, Betty Sessions, Cozette Stevens, Julie Stewart, Eleanor & Glenn Thomas, Wendell Wade, Jake Wray.

Prayers are also asked for:

Ben Brown, Clint Bryant, Kaye Carroll, William David, Sarah Fahey, John and Linda Griffin, Andy Kershaw, Andy Lewis, Kaitlyn Templet, All those affected by COVID-19 and hurricane disasters.

Birthdays

Cameron Boucher-Dec. 27; Gannon Achord-Dec. 28; Nicole Mulkey, Wade Weller, Ryan McGehee, Sawyer Louis-Dec. 29; Noel Parnell-Dec. 30; Bobby Daniel-Jan. 1; Julia Cotton, Valerie Barnes, Jane Opperman, Reuel Walker- Jan. 2; Emile Marchive, Jr, Amanda Perkins- Jan. 3; Murrell Butler, Landry Higgins-Jan. 4; Tommy Graves, Taylor DeJean, Brandon Daigle-Jan. 5; Rebeca Roldan, Charles Sessions, Elizabeth D. Mitchell-Jan. 6; Will Plettinger, Jack Havard-Jan. 8

Wedding Anniversaries

Rob & Heather Howle-Dec. 27; Michele & Davis Bankston, Tommy & Cindy Robinson-Dec. 28; Austin Clark & Shannon Gallier-Dec. 30; Irv & Betsy Daniel-Jan. 8



Our beautiful sanctuary has been repaired and services will resume on Christmas Eve in the church. Both 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services will now be held in the church. Welcome home!



Christmas Worship Schedule



December 24th, 3:00 p.m.: OUTSIDE St. John's Chapel, weather permitting.

December 24th, 5:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 in Grace Church

December 25th, 9:00 a.m.: Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 in Grace Church

Reservations and masks are required. Please reserve your seat by using the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44AEAF2EA0FBC25-december>.

Prayer for Calling our Next Rector

Our Heavenly Father who has blessed this church family since 1827, and knows our needs before we ask. We pray that you guide and bless us with wisdom, patience, and open minds as the search proceeds, that our next rector will lead our congregation to serve you in peace and healing in our troubled world. All this we ask in the name of Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

2021 Stewardship: All Things come of thee, O Lord

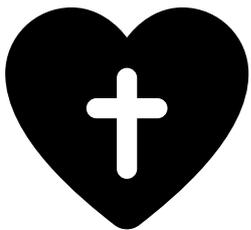
Thank you to all who have returned their pledge for 2021. If you have not received a letter with a pledge card, please contact Meg Kendrick by email, administrator@gracechurchwfp.org or by calling the office, 635-4065. A pledge card may also be found on our website and at worship services.

2021 Pledging Households to Date: 72
 2021 Pledged Amount to Date: \$260,688.00
 2021 Average Pledge to Date: \$3,620.39
 Households who are New to Pledges: 4
 Household who have Recommitted to Pledges: 5
 Households from 2020 that have yet to Pledge for 2021: 25
 Total from 2020 not yet pledged for 2021: \$94,162.40
 2020 Pledging Households: 88
 2020 Pledged Amount: \$354,830.40
 2020 Average Pledge: \$4,032.00

Thank you to all who have been able to continue to financially support Grace Church. The pandemic is affecting all of us, but if you are able to continue your contribution or pledge to Grace, we pray that you do so. There are several ways to give:

- Mail a check to P.O. Box 28, St. Francisville, LA 70775.
- Give online through our website: www.gracechurchwfp.org
- Give by Text by texting **gracechurchwfp** and the amount you would like to donate to **73256**. Follow the prompts once you've texted.

*** It's pledge time. If you haven't sent in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!**



Masks are required at all times and in all places of Grace's campus not only on Sundays but during the week as well. So, if you are stopping by the office or joining us for worship on Sunday, please do your part to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

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Sunday, December 27

7:30 a.m. in Grace Church
8:15 a.m. Bible Study via Zoom
10:00 a.m. in Grace Church
Online Worship on Facebook & Youtube

Wednesday, December 30

5:15 p.m. Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday, December 31

9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer via Zoom

Friday, January 1

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer via Zoom

Sunday, January 3

7:30 a.m. in Grace Church
8:15 a.m. Bible Study via Zoom
10:00 a.m. in Grace Church
Online Worship on Facebook & Youtube

Wednesday, January 6

5:15 p.m. Evening Prayer via Zoom

Thursday, January 7

9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer via Zoom

Friday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer via Zoom

*Email administrator@gracechurchwfp.org for
Zoom call instructions*

Sunday Readings

First Sunday after Christmas

- Isaiah 61:10-62:3
- Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7
- John 1:1-18
- Psalm 147:13-21

Second Sunday after Christmas

- Jeremiah 31:7-14
- Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a
- Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
- Psalm 84-1-8

First Sunday after Christmas

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Second Sunday after Christmas

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.