



GRACE *and* ST. STEPHEN'S + EPISCOPAL CHURCH +

Grace Notes ~ January 14, 2026

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Worship Updates



Streaming Options

There are two ways to view the liturgies of the church when you aren't able to make it in-person. One is via the church's [Facebook page](#) and the other is on [YouTube](#).

New Bulletin Formats

Beginning this Sunday, you'll notice new bulletin formats for the 8am and 10:30am Eucharists. Bulletins are now being produced by Amily and now that we are through the Christmas season, it's a good time for a refresh of the design. There are a few goal and intentions driving these changes:

- We seek to be faithful stewards of the earth and prefer a format that does not use as much paper.
- We want to have bulletins that are easy to manage and hold, as well as being aesthetically pleasing.
- We see bulletins as a means to facilitate worship, particularly for those new to the Episcopal style of worship. So this means that things such as service music, readings, and congregational responses are readily accessible in the bulletin.
- We also view the Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal as the foundational texts for our worship tradition - so we do not want bulletins that replace these touchstones of our faith. So longer prayers will not be printed in the bulletins.

While there is no such thing as the "perfect" or "right" bulletin format, it is our intention that the new format will help us to balance these different values of environmental stewardship, approachable and easy-to-follow worship, and the formation aspects of our Prayer Book tradition.

Docent Training Class

Anyone curious about the history and stories of Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is welcome to an eight-hour class (4 sessions of 2 hours each week) in February. Although the class includes those interested in becoming a docent, you do not have to plan to serve in the docent ministry to be a part of the class. Class members are those simply interested in the history, stained glass windows, theological foundations of Gothic Revival architecture, the fascinating stories of the people of

Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and other features of who we are as a parish.

Can you identify the nine material objects throughout the buildings which relate to St. Stephen? How did General William Jackson Palmer, the Quaker founder of Colorado Springs, make possible the establishment of the first Episcopal Church in this city in 1873? What is the history and symbolism of the Episcopal banner that hangs in several places among our buildings? Which of the miracles of Jesus is depicted in two different stained-glass windows? Why, following World War II, were there several hundred Sunday School students meeting on Sunday mornings in the homes of parishioners?



The class will meet on Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24, 5 – 7 PM in the Zimmerman Room of the Christian Education building. You will need to bring a 3-ring binder to hold all the materials you receive. The course is free.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact [**Marianna McJimsey**](#), Parish Historian and Archivist, by Tuesday, January 20.

Religious Life Sunday

This Sunday we celebrate Religious Life Sunday!

You may have noticed parishioners in black or brown robes or habits. There are a few “religious” in our congregation, people who have chosen to follow Christ in community. Not all of us wear our habits in church, so you might be surprised to find yourself sitting next to a member of a religious community. The Episcopal Church (TEC) designates one Sunday in January every year as *Religious Life Sunday*.



What is Religious Life? TEC recognizes two distinct forms under the canons: Religious Orders and Christian Communities. Religious Orders take the traditional form that most people think of when they think of monks and nuns – vowed monastics living in community, usually in a monastery. In contrast, Christian Communities live in their own homes, either alone or with their families. Either way, “many are called to join together with others for mutual support in their spiritual journeys, for growth in their life in Christ, and for extension of mission”. We will celebrate Religious Life Sunday in our church on January 18th at the 10:30 service. Here is a [link](#) to more information.

Cindy Page/ [**Sister Cynthia Anne**](#), Oblate, Companions of St. Luke, Order of St. Benedict

Education for Ministry - Community Gathering

Education for Ministry (EfM) has had a group at Grace and St. Stephen's for many years and we hope to have another one starting in the Fall. I'm hosting a Community Gathering to give everyone a taste of a typical EfM evening. This is an opportunity to show you how interesting it can be to discuss your faith in a small group. We will watch a short video on where we see God manifested these days. Then, as we enjoy popcorn and drinks, we will share a guided discussion on the topic.



Location: St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 7400 Tudor Road, Colorado Springs, 80919

Date: Tuesday, Jan 13

Time: 6:30-8:00

Contact **[Martha Basenberg](#)** for more details or if you have any questions!

Taylor Concert: The Muse Duo

Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 3pm

The Muse Duo

Collin Holloway, guitar

Luke Benedict, piano

This one-of-a-kind duo brings listeners through classical repertoire, folk song, and modern chamber music written expressly for the Muse Duo. Works by Manuel de Falla, Mario Castelnuovo, Tedesco, and Malcolm Arnold are heard alongside new music by emerging composers Robert Luke Benedict and David Leach



Prayer List



Those in crisis of health or circumstance: Conni Eggers, Eunice Ferguson, Maggi Johnson, Sheliah Johnson, Linda Stump, Calvin Wulf

Those who have died and those who grieve: Jo Greear, mother of Debbie Barents

Those in need of ongoing prayer: The Rev. Canon Jon Anderson, Laura Bayless, Lee Ehrhart, Mary Ellis, John Hough, Dorothy Kipp, Devon Mack, Luden McLord, John McVicker, Debra Millsap, Ed Quinn, Edie Reichert, Jill Wasinger, Pete Zobenica, Alice, Ericka, Jennifer, Oliver & family, Nancy, Wes

Those in harm's way: Mark Jaskot, Bill Mack, Rachel Pearson, Adam Tayhar

This Week's Happenings

Wednesday

- Holy Eucharist, 5pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- Communal Supper & Bible Study, 5:30pm, Parish Hall
- St. Nicholas Choir (Music Theory, 5pm & Rehearsal, 6pm), Children's Music Room



Thursday

- Morning Prayer, 9am, on Facebook
- Centering Prayer, 10am, Weir Conference Room
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 4pm, Blaik Library

Friday

- Chanted Noonday Prayer, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel

Saturday

- Men's Bible Study, 8am, Weir Conference Rm

Sunday

- Religious Life Sunday
- Noisy Sunday Offering benefitting Family Life Services at both services
- Rite I Eucharist, 8am, Nave

- Nursery Available, 9am -12pm
- Listening Session: Dreams & Direction for Our Life Together, 9:15am, Rm 211
- Sunday School, 10:15am, Lower Level
- Rite II Choral Eucharist, 10:30am, Nave
- Youth Group, 12pm, Youth Rm 2nd Floor
- Taylor Concert: The Muse Duo, 3pm, Nave
- Brave Irene's Mysticism & Middle English, 7pm, Rm 211

Monday

- Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr Day
- Noonday Prayer with the Anglican Rosary, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel

Tuesday

- Morning Prayer, 9am, on Facebook
- Women's Book Club, 10am, Blaik Library
- Vestry Meeting, 6pm, Weir Conference Rm
- Education for Ministry Community Gathering, 6:30pm, St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Friendly Reminder - Registration for Children & Youth Programs

If your child participates in any Children's or Youth Programs (Nursery, Sunday School, St Nicholas Choir, Youth Group or Acolyte), they must have a current registration form on file. A separate form is required for each child.

Register for 2025-2026 Children's programs [here](#).

Register for 2025-2026 Youth programs [here](#).

Not sure if your kiddo is registered? Contact the [office](#) and we can check for you!



Ways to Give

Grace and St. Stephen's offers several easy ways to contribute.

- The ushers pass the plate at each service for your convenience.
- You can also donate on the website [here](#).
- **Text GSS to 73256**, followed by your gift amount, e.g. GSS 25 (e.g. to give \$25). You will receive a return link from the system. Follow the instructions from there.

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