



# The Outpost      December 2011

Grace Episcopal Church  
Alvin, Texas

## SUPPORT THE DEGEORGE CENTER

Now is the time to start preparing your gift boxes for our annual donation for veterans at the DeGeorge Center. Empty boxes can be purchased at Walmart or the Dollar Store, or you may pick them up free (while they last) in the Parish Hall, compliments of Grace Guild. You may also pick up a list of approved items to fill your box. The filled boxes must be delivered to the Parish Office by December 11th. These vets really need and greatly appreciate your support.

## GRACE GUILD HEAVENLY DELIGHTS

**COOKBOOK** Containing the recipes of Grace Parishioners and friends are available for sale. The cost is \$7.50 and may be purchased the Parish Office, or by contacting Cynthia Gilbert at 832-309-5521.

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## CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

### **Christmas Eve**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite Two 6:00 PM**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite One 10:30 PM**

### **Christmas Day**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite Two 10:30 AM**

(Joined by Members of Alvin Lutheran Church)

## GRACE GUILD DONATION QUILT

Raffle tickets are now on sale for the beautiful Grace Guild Quilt. Ticket prices are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased in the Parish office, or from Cynthia Gilbert or Ann Oliver. The drawing will be held on December 18th.

## PARISH ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to Mary Smith, Kati (Stokes) Garner, and Aubrey Stokes who were elected by acclamation to three-year Vestry terms beginning January 2012.

Also congratulations to Janice Bell and Sid Jones. Both were elected to two-year terms as delegates to Diocesan Council.

## From the Rector's Desk....

### The Nativity: God's Love Made Known

When you love someone, it makes all the difference if you make it known. When a family loves one another, the love is manifested in what they say and do. A welcome can be shown with a smile, hospitality with a greeting, care with an act of kindness. The feeling of affection for a loved one is invisible, but that reality is expressed tangibly with a hug, a kiss, or assistance with a task. Feeling concern for a stranger drives one to reach out in help. Love is fulfilled as it is shown.

The verse of scripture best known, perhaps, is from the 3rd chapter of the Gospel according to John. You remember: John 3:16 - "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all who believe in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." God's love was not held secretly in divine awareness, but was revealed in self giving. Christ's birth was God's ultimate saving gift; it was love made known. God so LOVED, that he GAVE. As a result, we live, and our life is forever secure in God.

The principle of demonstrated love, that God establishes in the Incarnation of Christ, also inspires us to live generously, and to give of ourselves for the sake of others. To love one another, we act accordingly toward our brothers and sisters in the body of Christ. To love our neighbor, we look for ways to reach out responsively to the needs of others. The Word is yet made flesh through you. It moves out into the world through your life. To love God, we live out that love by loving ourselves, the creation, and other people.

As you prepare for Christmas in this holy season of Advent, live intentionally to manifest your loving heart in the attitudes, words and actions of every day. Prepare yourself to come to worship on the Eve of Christmas and give praise that God came among us as Love Itself, as the Word made flesh. Feel for yourself how God adores you, as you come to adore him, Christ the Lord.

Our Christmas Eve Services will be at 6:00 pm. and 10:30 p.m. On Christmas Morning (Which happens to be a Sunday this year) our service is at 10:30 a.m. and we are inviting the congregation of Alvin Lutheran Church to join us for that Holy Eucharist. On Sunday, January 1 at 10:30 a.m., we have likewise been invited to attend a combined service at Alvin Lutheran Church. May God richly bless you in this glorious season of comfort and joy.

#### Have a Question? These people may be able to help:

Danny Hermann; *Parish Administrator*: 281-331-5657  
 Glennie Hefner; *Senior Warden*, Wayne Bell; *Junior Warden*  
 Margaret Barrier, John Bergmann, Lynne Bruner, Rod Dockal,  
 Mark Patterson, Tommy Peebles, Donna Tate; *Vestry Members*  
 Len DePrang, *Organist & Music Director*  
 Ryan Perry, *Youth Coordinator*  
 Chris Patterson, *Altar Guild Director*  
 Priscilla Clark; *Outpost Editor*

#### Grace Episcopal Church

##### Sunday Service Times

8:00 AM—Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
 9:15 AM—Christian Education for  
 All Ages  
 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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# Christmas Blast

## Pipe Organ Extravaganza

Featuring Acclaimed

Concert Organist

# Ronald Wyatt

With a special appearance by  
**The Sons of Orpheus**

Saturday, December 3, 2011

Trinity Episcopal Church  
22nd and Winnie Streets  
Galveston Island

7:30 p.m.

Performance by  
**The Sons of Orpheus**

8:00 p.m.

Pipe Organ Extravaganza  
and Carol Singing

Admission to the event is \$10.00. Tickets are available online at [www.trinitygalv.org](http://www.trinitygalv.org), at the door, and in advance from the church office. Telephone (409) 765-6317.

Trinity Episcopal Church is located at 22nd and Winnie in Galveston.

For more information, visit [www.trinitygalv.org](http://www.trinitygalv.org)

The popular Pipe Organ Extravaganza, featuring internationally acclaimed concert organist Ronald Wyatt, returns Saturday evening, December 3, 2011 to historic Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown Galveston, Texas.

A fixture of Galveston's Christmas celebrations for more than 20 years, Extravaganza performances were halted following Hurricane Ike in 2008. Cleanup and repair made necessary by the weather catastrophe has taken more than three years, but the church's sanctuary, built in 1857, is now completely restored, including the huge and spectacular stained glass Tiffany window, located above the altar. Long-planned alterations have brightened the sanctuary's acoustics, making the space ideal for live musical performances.

In addition to great music and Christmas carol singing, the evening will include a special appearance by Houston choral group The Sons of Orpheus, under the direction of Edgar Moore.

Following the Pipe Organ Extravaganza, authentic Victorian refreshments will be served by candlelight the church's 1882 Eaton Hall, designed by the renowned architect Nicholas Clayton. The Pipe Organ Extravaganza celebrates Galveston Historical Foundation's Dickens on The Strand festival, now in its 40th year.

All the stops will be pulled out with a performance by Mr. Wyatt. The program will include:

- Fanfare by John Cook
- Concerto in B by Johann Walther
- Ave Maria by Enrico Bossi
- Pièce Heroique by Cesar Franck
- Prelude and Fugue in C by J.S. Bach
- Prélude in F by Nadia Boulanger
- Scherzo by Eugène Gigout
- Final (Symphonie I) by Louis Vierne

### The Instrument at Trinity Church

The instrument at Galveston's Trinity Episcopal Church was built by the Austin Organ Company of Hartford, Connecticut. Its primary purpose is to lead the congregational singing and accompany the choir. It is also capable of playing organ literature from all musical periods. Completed in 1989, the organ includes 4,086 pipes, ranging in length from approximately one inch to more than 18 feet. The pipes are constructed of various woods and metals. The three manual draw knob console controls five divisions, including an antiphonal division with a brilliant *trompette-en-chamade*, located in the rear gallery of the church.

<u>OCTOBER FINANCIALS</u>	<u>DECEMBER HOSPITALITY TEAMS</u>
YTD Income:           \$175,842.02   (95.7% of budget)	Callan, Mills, Price.....12/4
YTD Expenses:       \$178,311.82   (95.1% of budget)	Bruner, Barrier .....12/11
YTD Income <Loss> <\$2,469.80>	Beasley, Roy, Hascek.....12/18
	Denison, Jones.....12/25

# Grace Episcopal Church-December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7 am Morning Prayer      6 pm Evening Prayer	2 7 am Morning Prayer      6 pm Evening Prayer	3 9 am Morning Prayer      6 pm Evening Prayer
4 7 am Morning Prayer  8 am Holy Eucharist  9:15 Christian Ed.  10:30 am Holy Eucharist  6 pm Evening Prayer	5 7 am Morning Prayer   <b>9 am Art Class</b>   6 pm Evening Prayer	6 7 am Morning Prayer  <b>11 am Bible Study</b>  6 pm Evening Prayer  7 pm BSA Troop 400  7:30 pm ALANON	7 7 am Morning Prayer    5:30 pm Cub Scouts  6 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing  7:30 Choir Practice	8 7 am Morning Prayer      6 pm Evening Prayer	9 7 am Morning Prayer      6 pm Evening Prayer	10 9 am Morning Prayer      6 pm Evening Prayer
11 7 am Morning Prayer  8 am Holy Eucharist  9:15 Christian Ed  10:30 am Holy Eucharist  6 pm Evening Prayer	12 7 am Morning Prayer  <b>9 am Art Class</b>  <b>6 PM CHRISTMAS WALK-A-MILE</b>  6 pm Evening Prayer	13 7 am Morning Prayer  <b>11 am Bible Study</b>  6 pm Evening Prayer  7 pm BSA Troop 400  7:30 pm ALANON	14 7 am Morning Prayer    5:30 pm Cub Scouts  6 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing  7:30 Choir Practice	15 7 am Morning Prayer      6 pm Evening Prayer	16 7 am Morning Prayer   <b>EARLY OUTPOST DEADLINE</b>  6 pm Evening Prayer	17 9 am Morning Prayer      6 pm Evening Prayer
18 7 am Morning Prayer  8 am Holy Eucharist  9:15 Christian Ed  10:30 am Holy Eucharist  6 pm Evening Prayer	19 7 am Morning Prayer  <b>9 am Art Class</b>   6 pm Evening Prayer	20 7 am Morning Prayer  <b>11 am Bible Study</b>  6 pm Evening Prayer  7 pm BSA Troop 400  <b>7 PM VESTRY</b>  7:30 pm ALANON	21 7 am Morning Prayer    5:30 pm Cub Scouts  6 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing  7:30 Choir Practice	22 7 am Morning Prayer      6 pm Evening Prayer	23 7 am Morning Prayer      6 pm Evening Prayer	24 9 am Morning Prayer   <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>  <b>6 pm Holy Eucharist Rt. 2</b>  <b>10:30 pm Holy Eucharist Rt. 1</b>
25 7 am Morning Prayer  <b>CHRISTMAS</b>  <b>10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. 2</b>   6 pm Evening Prayer	26 7 am Morning Prayer      6 pm Evening Prayer	27 7 am Morning Prayer  <b>11 am Bible Study</b>  6 pm Evening Prayer  7 pm BSA Troop 400  7:30 pm ALANON	28 7 am Morning Prayer    5:30 pm Cub Scouts  6 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing  7:30 Choir Practice	29 7 am Morning Prayer      6 pm Evening Prayer	30 7 am Morning Prayer      6 pm Evening Prayer	31

**December 11<sup>th</sup> – Last Day to Turn-In Gift Boxes for the DeGeorge Center**

**December 18<sup>th</sup> – Raffle Drawing for Grace Guild Quilt.**

## December 2011 Grace Church Sunday Lay Ministry Calendar

	12/4	12/11	12/18	12/24	12/25
	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	6PM	10:00 AM
<b>Vestry</b>	T. Peebles	J. Bergmann	W. Bell	L. Bruner	One Service
<b>Ushers</b>	The Hoffmans	The Bergmanns	B. Peebles, P. Wall	P./D. Bruner	On Christmas Day
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	K. Stokes	T. Peebles	T. Peebles	D. Davis	Separate
<b>Psalm</b>	K. Stokes	T. Peebles	T. Peebles	D. Davis	Schedule
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	K. Stokes	T. Peebles	T. Peebles	L. Bruner	Will be mailed
<b>Intercessor</b>	K. Stokes	T. Peebles	T. Peebles	L. Bruner	
<b>Chalice</b>	K. Stokes	T. Peebles	T. Peebles	D. Richardson	
<b>Crucifer</b>	K. Stokes	T. Peebles	T. Peebles	D. Richardson	
<b>Gospel</b>				J. Bruner	
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM Youth Sunday	10:30 AM	11PM	
Vestry	G. Hefner	D. Tate	R. Dockal	T. Peebles, tba	
Ushers	The Beasleys	The Bruners	The Callans	tbd	
1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	T. Beasley	L. Bruner	Children's Pageant	L. DePrang	
Psalm	T. Beasley	L. Bruner	Youth	L. DePrang	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	C. Lamb	JR Denson	Readers	D. Davis	
Intercessor	D. Richardson	K. Stokes		T. Peebles	
Chalice	D. Richardson, C. Lamb	A. Stokes, V. Stokes	R. Beasley, S. Jones	K. Stokes, T. Peebles	
Crucifer	D. Richardson	E. Stokes	John	V. Stokes	
Torch	Colby	Claire	Allen	Tbd	
Torch	David	Tony	Schuyler	Tbd	
Gospel	Kyle	V. Stokes	Travis	E. Stokes	
Children's Church	L. Jones	tbd	L. Jones	n/a	n/a

**Note to all serving - Thank you for:**

- **Arriving 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the service**
- **Checking in with the Vestry Person of the Day**
- **Checking that your reading(s) is/are prepared & available at lectern (Readers)**
- **Checking that the rest of your team is present**
- **Checking for any prayers/names to be added (Intercessor)**

**If you are unable to serve at your assigned time, please secure a substitute and notify the church office and the Vestry Person of the Day. Thank you for your faithful service!**

## ***The Parish Prayer List***

### **The Clergy:**

The Rt. Rev. Katherine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop  
The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Texas  
The Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison, Bishop Suffragan, Episcopal Diocese of Texas  
The Rev. David W. Price, Rector, Grace Episcopal Church  
The Rev. CarolAnn Mills, Deacon, Grace Episcopal Church  
The Rev. Joseph M. Mills, Deacon, Grace Episcopal Church

### **Special Ministries**

Vestry of Grace Church  
Directors and all workers involved in Grace Church Ministries

### **Parish Family & Friends:**

Isaiah, Allie, Andrew, Carolyn, Chad, Chrystal, Denise, Gabriel, Hope, Joe, Jonathan, Kayla, Kellen H., Kim, Lucy, Marshall, Myrlene, Ray, Renee, Stephe, Bob & Oney Armstrong, Eunice Arth, Metta Barrell, Patricia Bell, Jacob Border, Hortense Brinkley, Lynne Bruner, Nathan Buzbee, Tabatha Chastain, Jackie Childers, Terry Constantine, Sierra Cromier, Joyce Davis, Tom Denson, Elmer Dezso, Robert Ellis, Teddy Esquivel, Elizabeth Gass, Vangie Gonzales, Lane Grigsby, Kitty Haner, Cynthia Hanselman, Jo Hayes, Elsie Hillhouse, Melissa Hillhouse, Charlie Jones, Mike, Shelia, & Chelsea Kirst, Marjorie Lawrence, Mary Lee, Mindy Manz & Family, Christine Mats, Bob McNenny, Laura & Kirk Middleton, Esther Miller, CarolAnn Mills, Tom Mills, Jr. Morris, Mildred Morris, Karen Moss, Bill Pannell, Bob Peebles, Tom Peterson, Charles & Linda Popham & Family, Kristy Popham, Tom Prouty, Trey Rapp, Jim Reimer, Jo Reynolds, Donald Richardson, Jr., Ivy Richardson, DeBorah Robertson, Joan Rossano, Claudia Rost, Jack Schlegel, Isabella & Steven Shepherd, Brittany Steiner, Larry Stephenson, Roy Stokes, Itaska Valeda, Ruth Warren, Brandon Weaver, Sandra Willis, Tom Wills, Burney Wilson.

### **For Expectant Mothers:**

Kristen Kipling, Laura Middleton, Brittney Mikeska, Kimberly Popham-Glicker, Nikki Tye, Sandye Zgarba

### **For Those in the Armed Forces:**

Mickey Alcantara, Scott Barrier, Scott Bean, Christian Blevins, Jason Bryan, Chase and Christina Capehart, Cody Capehart, Ryan Cross, Clayton Crouch, Zac & Max Curtner, David Dezso, Glen Dockal, Raymond Dugan, Brandon Fletcher, Mitchell Goodnight, Matt & David Hefner, Lance Henderson, Eric Heitz, Cynthia Horan, Keith & Kurt, Adam Miller, Ben Meyer, Roy Nickel, Tara Parker, Daniel Popham, Jonathan Prater, Manuel Rodriguez, Josh Sager, Kaitlyn Saunders, William Thompson, Ray Turner, Travis Ward, Steve Wilson, Clint Zgarba.

**For Those Celebrating Birthdays This Month:** Kati (Stokes) Garner (3), Kylee Cross (6), John Bergmann (9), Derrell Cobb (10), Schuyler Hoff (10), Jennifer Harpole (13), Terrie Beasley (15), Elizabeth Reimer (15), Mary Morrison (17), Mark Peebler (17), Devin Will (19), J.T. Hernandez (20), Matt Hefner (27), Joel Saenz (27), Eric Tate (27), Pat Martin (29), Wayne Mathis (29), Danny Hermann (30), Allison Blevins (31), Virginia Stokes (31), Rob Tomberlin (31).

**For Those Celebrating Anniversaries:** Larry & Harriet Ching (9), Elton & Mary Frances Wissner (20), Don & Cynthia Hanselman (21), Wayne & Janice Bell (23), Kent & Beth Taylor (28), Brian & Dilys Davis (30).

**Grace Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting Minutes****November 15, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Members present were: Glennie Hefner (Senior Warden), Margaret Barrier, John Bergmann, Lynne Bruner, Rod Dockal, Tommy Peebles, and Donna Tate. Meeting facilitator, David Price, Rector, opened with a short prayer.

Peebles moved to accept the October, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded by Barrier. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

Treasurer's report for October 2011 was presented. Brief discussion followed. It was noted that year-to-date net income was <\$2,469.80>. Peebles moved to accept the treasurer's report subject to audit. Bergmann seconded. Motion passed.

Fr. Price presented the rector's report. Grace Episcopal Church was interviewed for its grant application for the Diocese of Texas Newcomer Ministry Grant. Fr. Price and Hefner reported that it was a positive interview and that the diocesan interviewer, David Fisher, expressed interest in the September 11 Remembrance Service we hosted. Fr. Price commended the Grace Youth for their Youth Service. Average Sunday attendance is 103. Fr. David is hoping to move forward on an different type of children program at the end of Advent.

The Senior Warden's report was omitted as all items are on the agenda or in the rector's report.

Dockal presented a Junior Warden's Report in Bell's absence. The air conditioner compressors have been grounded. The large oak tree next to the Morgan Building has been removed, the hot water heater above the sacristy has been replaced, winterizing and reprogramming of the thermostats have been completed with copies of instructions located in several places in the church. Future projects include replacing the courtyard light, pressure washing the foundation for the rectory, and configuring a mechanical stop for the bell on the bell tower.

**OPEN ISSUES:**

Stewardship Report: there are 59 pledges in of the 80 pledge goal (74% of goal). Total pledged to date is \$186,712, or 87% of the \$215,000 goal. Letters have gone out to those who typically pledge but have not yet done so. Hefner will contact Leah Jones for a list of those who have not pledged to plan visits. Peebles volunteered to be a part of this meeting.

Youth Ministry Report: First Christian Church did budget for their YO share for 2012. ACYP would like to have a fundraising dinner modeled on the Grace Stewardship Campaign for 2012. Peebles moved to approve this; Tate seconded; motion carried. The dinner will be on December 10, 2012.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The 2012 Vestry Retreat will be Saturday, January 7, 2012. Hefner offered the Alamo Title office in Clear Lake. An orientation for new vestry members was discussed, as was a possibility of a budget meeting in December, but no final motions were needed.

Fr. Price brought his thoughts on using social media as a means to carry the church message into the world as it was a topic of conversation at the Clergy Conference this year. Discussion followed focused on a need for this in the future on top of our current methods of communications.

The Youth Turkey Bowl is November 26 at First Christian Church from 10-11:30 AM.

Hospitality will be undergoing a retooling in the future.

The vestry expressed their thanks to Barrier, Bruner, and Dockal for theirs service this year, as they are the outgoing vestry members.

The next vestry meeting will be December 20, 2011, at 7:00 PM.

Peebles motioned to adjourn. Dockal seconded. The motion carried followed by a closing prayer at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Tate

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## Grace Episcopal Church December Outpost

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

281-331-5657

The Outpost and monthly calendars can also be found online at [www.gracechurchalvin.com](http://www.gracechurchalvin.com)

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The worldwide Anglican Communion at [www.anglicancommunion.org](http://www.anglicancommunion.org).



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