



Episcopal CHURCH of the Ridge



November 16, 2025 Grace Church Ridge Spring

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Acolyte / Ryals Connor

Lector / Jerrold Watson

Intercessor / Liz Wilson

Eucharistic Minister / Larry Vann

Greeters / Caleb Connor

Altar/ Muffy Sander

Usher / Greg Sander

Hospitality / Susan Yarborough

Isaiah 65:17-25

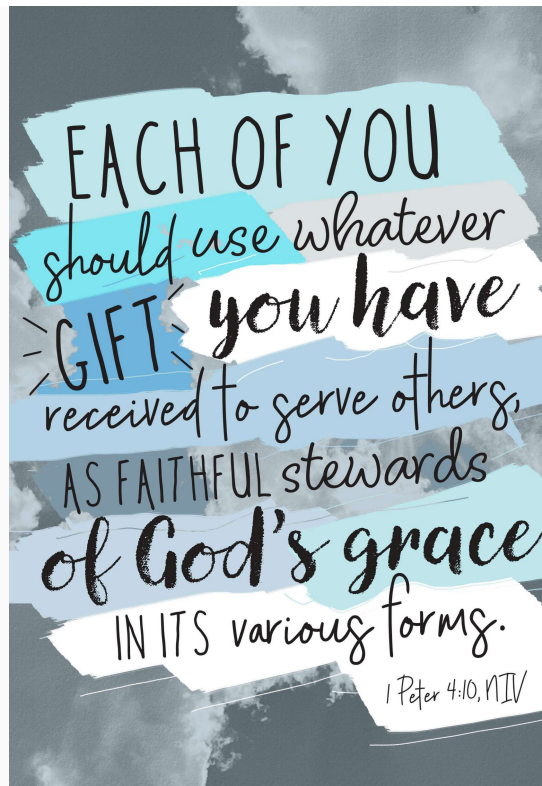
Canticle 9

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19



Join the [Live Stream!](#) on Youtube! Many thanks to all who have stepped up to provide this service to our congregation and beyond!



✨ Stewardship and Growing Investments

Stewardship is more than a word—it is a calling. As a church, we are entrusted with the gifts God has placed in our care: our time, our talents, and our resources. Faithful stewardship means using these blessings wisely, not only for today's needs but also for the generations to come.

To date we have twenty-seven pledges totaling \$93,820. Our budget for 2025 is \$235,000, so we have quite a ways to go. The Vestry has already approved cost of living raises for the staff for 2026. We have sixteen 13th month pledges for the Endowment, totaling \$6818.

That is why it is important for us to have investments that grow each year. Just as the parable of the talents reminds us, growth is a sign of faithfulness. When our investments increase, we are better equipped to:

- Support ministries that nurture spiritual life.
- Care for our facilities so they remain welcoming spaces.
- Provide outreach and mission work that extends God's love into the community.
- Ensure stability for future members of our church family.

With prayer, planning, and faithful stewardship, those seeds grow into lasting fruit—strengthening the church's mission and ensuring that we continue to shine as a beacon of hope and service.

When we say "*we continue to shine as a beacon of hope and service*," we're not just talking about the church building or its programs. We're talking about **each person's light**—how your pledge, your prayers, and your presence make a difference in someone's life.

On a personal level, it means:

- **Hope for the weary:** Your stewardship helps keep the doors open for someone who walks in burdened and finds peace in worship.
- **Service to the neighbor:** Your gifts fund ministries that feed the hungry, visit the lonely, and clothe the cold. That's your light reaching beyond yourself.
- **Faith for the future:** Your investment ensures that children hear the stories of Jesus, youth find mentors, and elders know they are cherished.
- **Community strength:** Your pledge is not just numbers—it's the assurance that Ridge Spring has a place where people can gather, heal, and grow together.

Think of it this way: every pledge card is a candle. Alone, it flickers. Together, they blaze into a beacon that guides hearts home, comforts those in need, and points the way toward Christ's love.

This is what our mission statement talks about and this is who we really are down to our core. And as the statement above says we should all use the gifts we have received to serve others means not only giving monetarily but to give of your talented self. so others feel the love and guidance in the world we live in.

 **Reminder:** Please have your pledge cards turned in by **Sunday November 23rd**.

 If you've misplaced your card, you can **text** or **email** your pledge directly to **Sarah Schwarz at 802-480-4820** (wjacksarahb@gmail.com), and she'll make sure it's recorded. Every dollar invested is a seed planted.



Meeting Needs Beyond Food

When Mother Lathrop and Scotty Scott met with ministers in McCormick County, they learned something eye-opening. Families receiving SNAP benefits can purchase food—but **not paper products**.

That means items we take for granted—

-  Toilet paper
-  Paper towels

-  Kleenex tissues

—become precious commodities. In fact, ministers observed participants bartering food just to get these everyday essentials. This is where we can step in. By sharing paper products, we're not just filling shelves—we're restoring dignity, easing burdens, and showing Christ's love in the most practical of ways.

So we are going to have a paper drive!.
Bring a package of Toilet paper, paper towels or combo pack of kleenex to Trinity church Bring it to church with you on November 23rd. So when you are shopping for your turkey dinner pick up an extra package of paper products to donate to the truly needy residents.

~~Mark your Calendars~~

November 14-15 Diocesan Convention in Spartanburg
November 16 Grace Church 150th Birthday Celebration
November 23 Stewardship Ingathering
November 23 Afternoon Service at Trinity 3 PM
November 26-28 Office closed for Thanksgiving
November 30 Advent 1 (Beginning of the New Liturgical Year "A")
December 7 Church of the Ridge Birthday Celebration - Our Saviour
December 7 Christmas Parade - Edgefield 3 pm All children and their families are invited to join Mother Lathrop in Lauren and Andy Whitfield's yard (607 Main Street) to watch the parade together! There is some parking in the Whitfield's driveway, but you may also park on Macedonia Street.
December 13 Wine and Cheese Party - Annette and Bill Quinby's Home
December 14 Edgefield Tour of Churches, 3-6 pm
December 19 ECOR 53rd Birthday celebration
December 19 Cook Dinner for Military Retreat at Gravatt
December 24 Christmas Eve Service - 4:00pm at Trinity
December 25 Christmas Day Service - 10:00am at Trinity

Our Purpose

In response to Bishop Richards' call, we are reading the Bible as a community throughout the year. These weekly gatherings are a space to share insights, ask questions, and learn from one another.

 Monday Night Zoom Meetings (7:00pm-8:00pm PM ET)

Join us here: [Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: **853 5264 6441**

Passcode: **144258**

 Reading Plan Link

[View the Plan](#)

 **Catch Up on Last Week's Discussion**

 ACTS - Area Churches Together

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month, join us for a meaningful and fun morning at Ridge Spring Farmers Market!

Rev. Lathrop, Sarah, Greg, Jack, Larry and Jerrold will be there to guide you. Remember, many hands make light work.

 Bingo at the Edgefield Senior Center!

Every 3rd Thursday, join us for Bingo at the Edgefield Senior Center Starting 10:30 AM. We are looking for a little assistance. Callers need to be there about 15 minutes early to set up.

Calling for Volunteers (1,2 or 3 times during the year)

3rd Thursday Edgefield Senior Center Bingo Callers

Contact Cindy Vann for details

706-833-3328

Hope to see you there!  



☀️ **Sunday Afternoon Monthly Services**
November 16 at Grace, **3pm**
December 21 at Our Saviour, **3pm**
January 18 at Grace, **3 pm**

since the clocks rolled back so do our services in the winter.

ALL services are being moved back to 3PM

Please mark your calendars!!!

You're Invited: A Sunday Afternoon of Worship & Fellowship

As the leaves begin to turn and the air carries that first hint of fall, we invite you to step into a quiet moment of grace and renewal at Episcopal Church of the Ridge.

Let this season of change be a time to gather, reflect, and be refreshed—where hearts are lifted, spirits are warmed, and community feels like home.

Here's What Awaits You:

Soulful Worship – Stirring music and heartfelt messages to encourage and inspire

A Welcoming Community – Whether you're a longtime member or just stopping by, you'll be wrapped in love and belonging

Come share in the peace of Sunday afternoons, where faith grows like roots in rich soil, love deepens like autumn hues, and fellowship feels like a favorite sweater. We can't wait to welcome you in.

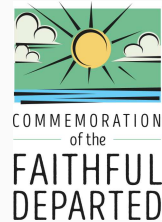


For the sick:

Luther Beason
Ann Byrd
James Courtney
K C Curran
Sandy Curran
Suzanne Derrick
Liddy Grantland
Bob Hodges
Denise Jackson
Joe Lojewski
Tom Long
Kaili McWatters
Brannon Rowland
Mary Lou Seymour
Kim Walker
Susannah Watson
Lydia Wherry



Art Amos,
Pauline Berry,
Emma Lou Easley,
John Eubanks
Carolyn Lovell
Rick Lovell,
Carol Rhoads



Vestry Members

Rev Lathrop Mosley -Rector
Bettis Rainsford Jr Senior Warden - 2025
Muffy Sander Jr. Warden - 2026
Sarah Schwarz - 2025
Caleb Connor - 2026
Bailey Pendarvis - 2027
Annette Quinby - 2027
Bill Kotti -- 2027

Scotty Scott - Treasurer - 2025
Jo Ann Amos - Recording Secretary

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Monday: 9-1
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Friday: Office Closed
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