

## MISSION

Where Anglican tradition engages the contemporary world, Grace Church opens its doors on Madison's Capitol Square, inviting all to join us in sharing the love of Jesus Christ in worship and in outreach to our neighbors and the world.

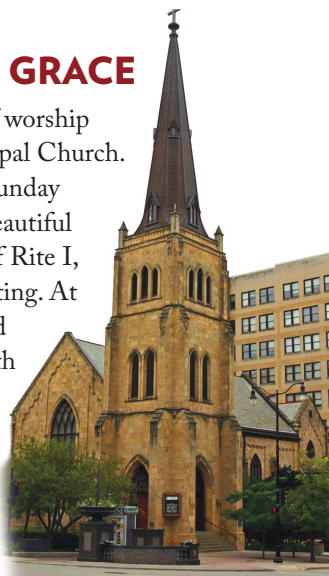


## HISTORY

- 1839** 16 founders establish Protestant Episcopal Parish
- 1846** Formally organized as Grace Church
- 1847** Ladies' Benevolent Society deeds church property
- 1858** Construction completed, 1st service held Dec. 25
- 1887** 1st of 12 treasured stained glass windows installed
- 1894** Vilas Guild Hall built
- 1899** Baptistry Window, designed by Tiffany
- 1979** Establishment of Food Pantry
- 1985** Men's homeless shelter comes to Grace
- 1987** Installation of the new pipe organ & elevator
- 2014** Giving Light, Giving Hope capital campaign
- 2016** Renovations completed

## WORSHIP AT GRACE

You'll find a variety of worship styles at Grace Episcopal Church. The early service on Sunday mornings offers the beautiful traditional language of Rite I, in a contemplative setting. At 10:00am our choir and organ fill the Nave with music and we use the contemporary language of Rite II. The congregation joins the choir and organ to sing hymns from the rich tradition of Anglican hymnody. On Wednesdays, you are welcome for an intimate, brief service during your lunch break.



## SUNDAY SERVICES

- 8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I**  
*Spoken Word*  
*Traditional Language*
- 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
*Choir & Organ*  
*Staffed Nursery*

## WEDNESDAY SERVICE

- 12:10pm Holy Eucharist Rite I**  
*Spoken Word*



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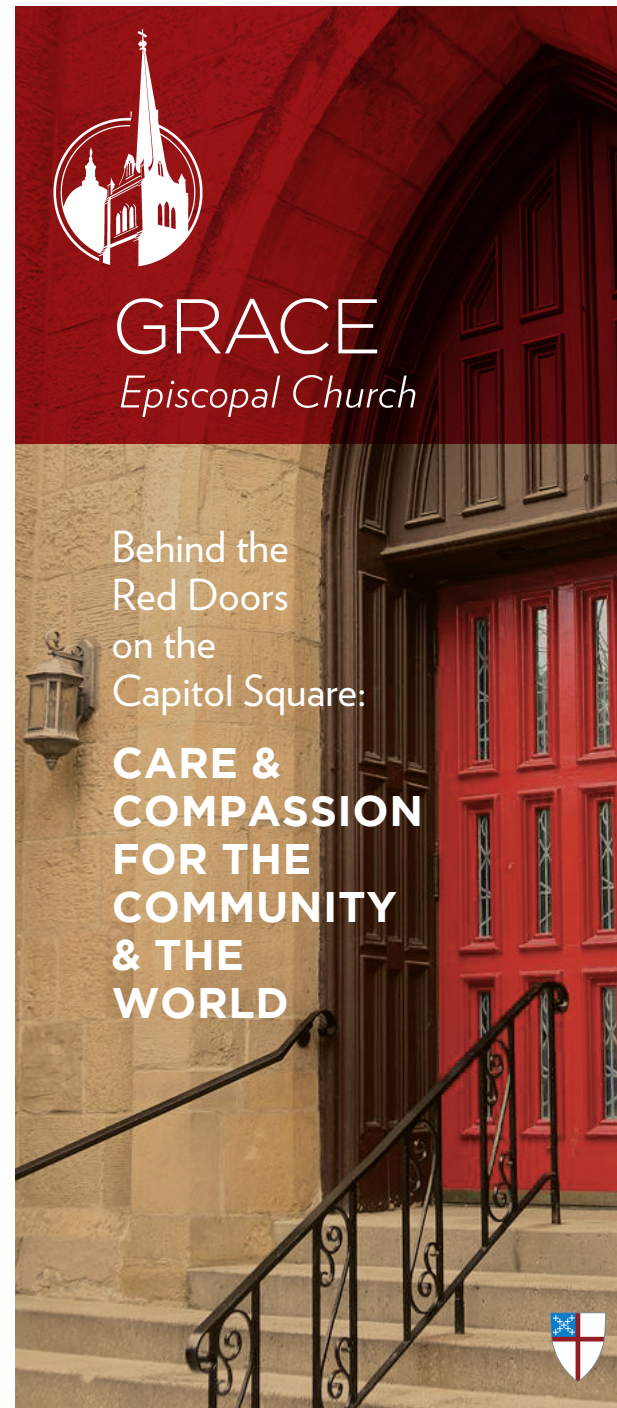
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Behind the  
Red Doors  
on the  
Capitol Square:

CARE &  
COMPASSION  
FOR THE  
COMMUNITY  
& THE  
WORLD



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## ANGLICANISM

The roots of Grace Church and the Episcopal Church go all the way back to the English Reformation of the sixteenth century. King Henry VIII broke away from the Roman Catholic church when Pope Clement VII refused to grant him an annulment of his marriage with Catherine of Aragon. Through the leadership of Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer, the Church of England sought a middle way between the worship style of Roman Catholicism and the austerity of the worship of the Calvinist tradition.

Cranmer was responsible for the translation of the liturgy into English. The Book of Common Prayer, first published in 1549 and revised over the centuries to reflect the worship and cultures of people throughout the world, continues to be the basis for our worship services.

When Henry's daughter Elizabeth came to the throne in 1558, the Elizabethan Settlement preserved the Church of England's "middle way" between Catholicism and Protestantism.

The colonists who came from England to Jamestown, and later to the other southern colonies, brought the

Book of Common Prayer with them. With independence, Anglicans in America needed bishops, their own organization, and a Book of Common Prayer that did not include prayers for the king. The Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States was founded in 1789.



## OUR FAITH

Anglican faith is rooted in and nourished by the Christian tradition. Holy Scripture is central to our faith and practice, but we draw on the theological and spiritual traditions of all of Christianity, East and West. In the early centuries of Christianity, intense battles were fought over the meaning of Jesus Christ, the Trinity, and the relationship of human and divine in Christ. From these battles emerged the great creeds of the early church, especially the Nicene Creed, which defines the Christian faith, and which we recite every Sunday.

But our faith is not simply a transmission of what is old. We bring all of our questions to scripture and tradition—questions derived from our experience and from our great scientific discoveries of the last half-millennium. In conversation with scripture, tradition, and reason, we develop answers to these questions that are tentative but faithful to both the past and present.



## OUTREACH & MINISTRIES



for over 30 years, and for almost 40 years, Madison-area families in need have been served by our Food Pantry. Grace takes an active role in addressing social justice issues and making a difference in Dane County and throughout the world.

At the end of communion we pray, "send us out in the world to the work you have given us to do..." For over 150 years, Grace Church has done just that. We have hosted a men's homeless shelter



## Fellowship Ministries

- Youth Formation
- Bible Studies
- Adult Forum Speaker Series
- Grace Book Group
- Chancel Choir
- Young Adults
- Expanding Families
- Altar Guild
- Rector's Guild
- Acolyte Ministry



## Service to the Community

- Porchlight Men's Shelter
- First Monday Meals (Shelter guests are served dinner in the Cornelia Vilas Guild Hall as they listen to live entertainment by local musicians.)
- Tuesday Shelter Breakfasts
- Meals on Wheels
- Grace Presents (Free Saturday concert series.)
- ECW (Episcopal Church Women)
- A.A. Meetings
- Eucharistic Lay Visitors
- Diocesan Haiti Project
- More Just Community (Addressing racial inequity in Wisconsin.)
- United Thank Offering (UTO)

