

# Grace-filled Voices

*By Fr. Joe Rees*

**November 4, 2014**

## “Grace For Our Veterans”

I'm praying for more GRACE for Grace Anglican Church! In particular, I'm praying for the Lord to give us such fervent zeal for His mission that we need more of His GRACE to accomplish it. I know He gives more grace when we ask. We all need to ask for more of His grace. We just need to ask our most gracious Lord. Jesus said, “You have not because you ask not”! Let's ask!

Missions for the Lord will receive more grace when they are truly of the Lord. Of course, we have the mission of providing a church for the Lord so more people can come into fellowship with Him and received His salvation. Sure. But, do we have more mission in us than we think? Here's a calling of the Lord for mission: it's Veteran's Day next Tuesday and I'm thinking about all these Iraq and Afghanistan vets who have come home and are now dealing with all the violent memories. Perhaps they are the walking wounded, or in Veteran's hospitals or medical care due to PTSD or other related war wounds. I wonder if we could ask the Lord if there is a mission for us to these warriors who have come home to find they cannot just merge right back into society and find their own way. I wonder if we might ask some questions to find out how to help a homeless veteran who is lost and doesn't know where to turn. I wonder if our faith in Jesus would be able to be deposited in one or more of these vets who really need His help? I wonder if we could be His agents...???

What grace do we have to give? We have the warmth of a God-honoring, Jesus-heart-shaped people who are knit together as a family to bless the Lord, our Savior, Master, and Friend. We have the grace of obedience to do the will of the Lord. We have the grace of His Love to share with those who do not really know the power of His Love, His forgiveness, His blessings. We have much more than we ever know because we have the power of the Holy Spirit guiding us and giving us the ways and means to accomplish all that He wants.

I'm just posing the questions of course but, might there be any way we might help some veterans? How about asking some of our war vets to come to our Thanksgiving dinner at church? We could go and provide a ride for them and arrange that ahead of time. We could give them a great day if they are away from home and family. We are having the Thanksgiving Day service at 10:00am and a great dinner sharing all kinds of side dishes right after our Eucharist together. Why not ask a Marine or veteran to come and make the arrangements to help them get here and back? It might be a start to a great relationship and one that brings the grace of God into their lives and ours. We have this purpose from the Lord to share His GRACE. What better way than to give from our well supply of grace to those who really need. Anyone up for that? Let's have a conversation about it. Let's share the GRACE God has given us. I look forward to what we might be able to do. Let's commit to praying about it and ask the Lord for more grace as we ask Him if we can do this ministry for Him.

God bless us as we remember Veteran's Day in church this Sunday. Please wear your uniform or some aspect of your uniform to church this Sunday if you want to so that you may be recognized and thanked for your service to our country. Thank you for your service. God bless you.

Yours in Christ's love,  
Fr. Joe

## How Should We Then Live?

The book is Dr. Francis Shaeffer's (an American Evangelical theologian, philosopher, and Presbyterian pastor) "spectacular series on the rise and decline of Western culture from a Christian perspective. The series presents profound truths in simple language and concludes that man's only hope is a return to God's Biblical absolute — the Truth revealed in Christ through the Scriptures." Each 30 minute episode of the ten week series focuses on a significant era of history while presenting answers to modern problems.

Even if you are not a history buff, this series will offer you food for thought and spiritual growth that will continue for a long time after the series is over.

Offered Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and again on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

## Sunday Servers

November 9, 2014	Pentecost 22	
First Reader	Amos 5:18-24	Dick Phelps
Psalms Reader	Psalms 70	Richard Reider
Second Reader	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Linnie Phelps
Intercessors		Bill Laitinen
Lay Euch. Ministers		
Acolytes		Bill Laitinen
Welcomers		Helen Reid, Paula Sholly
Ushers		Dick Sholly, Jim Livingston
Vestry Person of Day		Judy Gillease
Healing Ministers		Liz & John Gerhart, Jan Simon
Counters		Cline Handy, Helen Reid

## **This Week at Grace**

**October -November 4—November 11, 2014**

### **Tues. November 4**

11:30 a.m. Bible Study  
4:30 p.m. Healing Eucharist at CHC  
7:00 p.m. "How Should We Then Live?"

### **Wed. November 5**

10:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist Service in chapel**  
2:00 p.m. "How Should We Then Live?"  
4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

### **Thurs. November 6**

7:30 a.m. Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Sr. Women's Fellowship at Grace  
11:30 a.m. Healing Eucharist—CHC  
3:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

### **Fri. November 7**

Fr. Joe's Day Off  
9:30 a.m. Friday Bulletin Folders  
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer in chapel

### **Sat. November 8**

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
9:30—11:30 Prayers & Squares

### **Sun. November 9, 2014**

#### **Fellowship Sunday**

9:15 a.m. Nursery opens  
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service  
9:30 a.m. Children's Church  
11:a.m. Fellowship Brunch—Taco Bar

### **Mon. November 10, 2014**

Veteran's Day observed—Church office closed

### **Tues. November 11, 2014**

11:30 a.m. Bible Study  
4:30 p.m. Healing Eucharist at CHC  
7:00 p.m. "How Should We Then Live?"

**Coming up: Soaking Prayer on November 12th**

## **Grace Anglican Church**

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## **Bible Readings for November 9, 2014**

Amos 5:18-24

Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

We are using the English Standard Version of the Bible and the Lectionary from the Book of Common Prayer (Year A)

The 7:30 a.m. Spoken Service For those who want a quiet worship experience come to the spoken service at Grace at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays. We know there are people who are unable to come to the 9:30 service.

## **Senior Women's Bible Study**

Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Anglican. They are working their way through the entire Bible. All Senior Women are invited to join. Call the church office for more information.