

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



PARISH PROFILE

2025



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111 Bunker Drive, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403



WELCOME TO LAKE HAVASU THE JEWEL OF THE DESERT!

Lake Havasu City is a vibrant community on the Colorado River, a haven for outdoor enthusiasts and sunshine seekers. Our city feels like a relaxed, small town, but is within an easy drive to Phoenix, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles. We are a city with approximately 62,000 full-time residents, along with significant numbers of winter residents and 1.6 million tourists each year. The median age of the year-round population is 55 years. (*Partnership for Economic Development*)

MISSION

FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME

Whether you're passing through or searching for a church home, we welcome you to worship with us!

GRACE CHURCH HISTORY

Grace Church has an interesting history with the McCulloch family. In the winter of 1965, Robert McCulloch Sr., the founder of Lake Havasu City, called Bishop Joseph Harte to say that he wanted to give the Episcopal Church a parcel of land in the city on which to build a church. Grace Church was named after Grace McCulloch (Mrs. Robert McCulloch), who was one of the first members.

The first services of the fledgling church were held at the Site Six Marina. The next few years were characterized by changing schedules and locations, including the Catholic Church, the Jr. High School, and two different funeral homes. Between 1977–1981, a multi-purpose building (the present parish hall) was constructed and held its first service on June 25, 1978. In the next few years, the present church building was added and held its first service in November of 1986.



GRACE CHURCH HISTORY CONT'D

In the early 1990s, the members of the congregation passed a number of major landmarks: The mortgage was paid off, the Mission Church was accepted as a Parish, and the congregation grew, both spiritually and in number. The Nathan Littlejohn Memorial Garden and Columbarium was established in 1995.

In the 21st century, the Grace congregation, while growing smaller and more elderly, has continued to invest in enhancements to our facility by adding solar panels and a commercial kitchen, updating our playground and basketball court, and working diligently to maintain the property.

We have accomplished a lot; however, given our current situation, we can only afford a part-time priest at the present time.





WORSHIP

Grace Church currently offers varied worship services. Many are on Sunday mornings at 9:30, while others are held at 4:30 on Saturday afternoons, depending on the availability of supply priests. These eucharistic services are supplemented on occasion by Morning Prayer services.

During the winter season, when our attendance is at its peak, our services are augmented by organ, piano, and choir music. Throughout the year, we worship with joy and enthusiasm, including a hospitality hour after services, as well as Centering Prayer on Wednesdays and Bible Study and book groups throughout the week.

Experience God's Love at Grace Episcopal Church!



OUR MINISTRIES

The Grace Church parish family has a strong commitment to participation in Lay Ministry both in the church and in the community. Some examples offered by our volunteers include:

- Provider of Pastoral Care
- Eucharistic Lay Minister
- Altar Guild
- Altar Assistants
- Lay Leaders for Morning Prayer
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Tellers
- Hospitality Hosts
- Choir
- Women of Grace
- Intercessory Prayer Coordinator
- Centering Prayer Facilitator
- Bible/book Study Leader



OUR OUTREACH

In our fellowship, we strive to demonstrate God's love to the wider community and make it a better place for all. We recently were awarded a grant that allows us to contribute to various local agencies and projects, including:

- Services for members of the community who are food- and housing-insecure
- The Community Resource Center
- The Women's Shelter



We believe that our Outreach funds produce the greatest impact when we combine them with established organizations in the community. In addition to our monetary contributions, many Grace attendees volunteer their time in these same organizations.

OUR OUTREACH

We also offer Outreach to build our community through many non-monetary avenues, including:

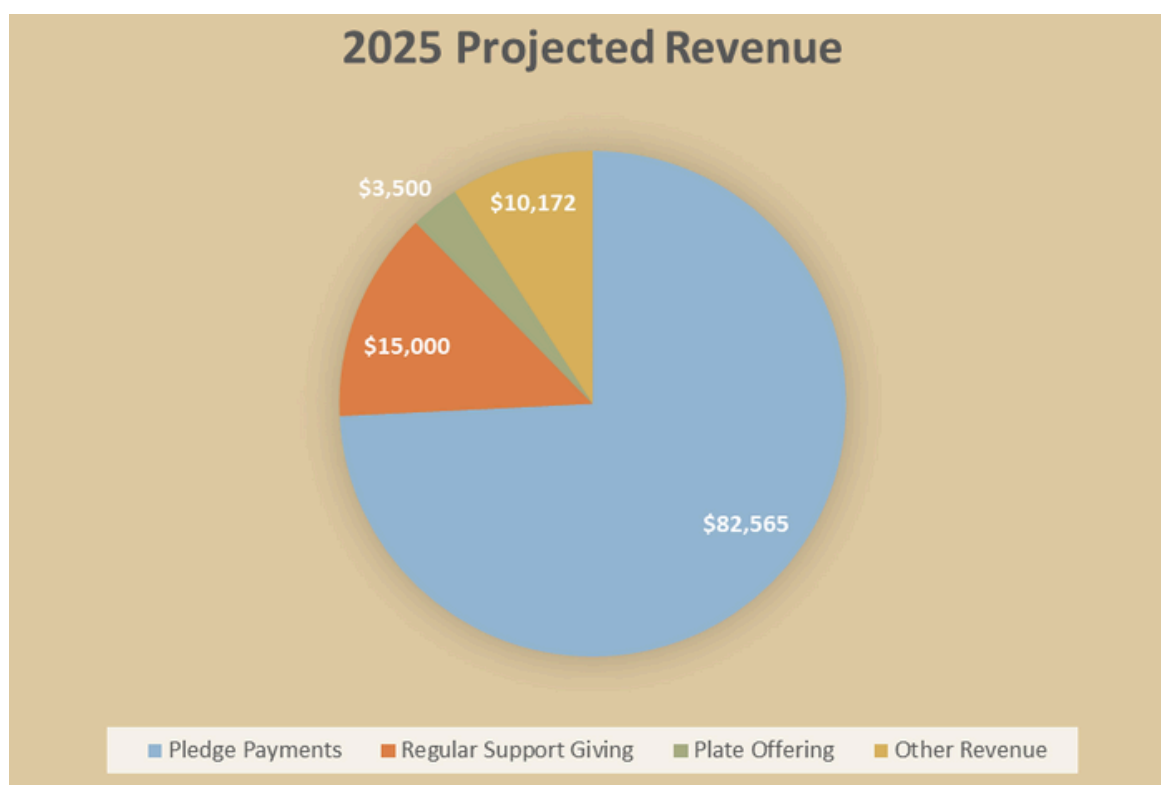
- Intercessory prayer
- Centering prayer
- Pastoral Care
- Bible/book study
- A "Blessing of Pets" service is open to the community
- Music and storytelling ministry for nursing home residents
- A walking meditation and spiritual reflection labyrinth in the churchyard
- Story Share gatherings
- Yoga classes
- Opportunities for community groups to rent space in our facility



Images from our Story Share Gatherings

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Grace Church's financial picture has brightened considerably since the days of the pandemic at the beginning of the decade. The average pledged amount has risen by 170 percent compared to 2021, and plate and regular giving have also increased by substantial amounts during this period. Pledge payments typically contribute about 75 percent to annual operating revenue, as shown in the accompanying chart.



We currently have a grant that enables us to expand our outreach efforts. We earn additional income by renting out part of our space to a small micro-school four days each week.

We also have an interest-bearing Memorial Garden Account as well as a small endowment, primarily for capital improvements. We expect to run a budget surplus this year for the first time in a long while which is a promising sign for the future of Grace Church. In addition, we are in the process of marketing our excess property for sale. The proceeds will be placed in an endowment; however, the earnings on the investment can be used to help us fund our future needs.

SKILLS WE SEEK IN A PART-TIME PRIEST

We are a congregation of joyful people who seek a dynamic leader. Are you the one who sees our potential?

We desire a leader and part-time priest who:

- Is warm and caring
- Delivers a thought-provoking and inspiring homily
- Enjoys a life of service
- Is creative in solving problems
- Embraces change when needed, and can lead others to accept change
- Helps others find ways to share their gifts, and welcomes their contributions
- Leads with a sense of fun
- Can embrace us where we are, and help us become better in the future

In this interim period in which we have been without pastoral leadership, we have come together not just to survive, but to thrive. Imagine what we can become with a leader like you!

