

GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church - November 27, 2024

Happy Thanksgiving!

As you gather tomorrow to celebrate with family, friends, or by yourself, know that we are grateful to you for being part of our Grace family!



Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Note that the Parish Office will be closed on Friday and will re-open on Monday.



Holiday Gift Drive for Children's Friend!

Help Grace Church support the families of our neighbors at Children's Friend and Service by donating gifts during the Advent season!

Please bring unwrapped gifts for teens/tweens, gift cards, and non-perishable foods to place on/beneath our tree in The Pavilion. Items can be dropped off at the church during business hours (8am-4pm weekdays) or brought with you on Sundays.

Join us in making the holidays a little bit brighter for families in our community!

Christmas Poinsettias and Music Dedications

We hope you enjoy the uplifting music and beautiful poinsettia display you'll experience at Grace Church during the Advent and Christmas seasons!

To lend your own support toward those programs and help make them possible, please use the "Christmas Poinsettias and Music" dedication cards found in the pews, on the back table near the Baptismal Font, and in the Narthex literature rack.

Thank you for printing your dedications legibly, then place it and your payment in a light-green "Flower Guild" envelope and drop it in the offering plate or at the Parish Office.



Pledge Envelopes - New Numbers!

At coffee hour for the next two Sundays (December 1 and 8), those who requested pledge envelopes can retrieve them at a table in the Pavilion.

Please note that we have ordered fewer sets of envelopes than in years past, so **many envelope numbers have changed**. Kindly check to be sure you have the right box of envelopes so your pledges can be applied correctly. Thank you!

Advent 2024 at Grace Church

Once again, Grace Church has a variety of seasonal events and activities to celebrate this annual time of waiting. Join us and others from the Grace community and Choir for as many as you can. And enjoy a blessed Advent!

[Download your schedule here.](#)



Noonday Prayers for the World - Weekdays in Advent

This Advent season, we will “take to the street” and pray for our world! Each weekday, from December 2 to December 20, a member of the Grace staff will lead **Noonday Prayers for the World** on the Westminster Street steps.

Advent is a time for looking inward and outward, and we welcome you and anyone from the city or beyond to join us as we ask God’s blessing on our lives, and the lives of those around us. If the weather is inclement, we will simply step inside to the Narthex.

And remember, on Wednesdays there is a service of Holy Eucharist at Noon, which of course will include our prayers for the world. If you’re downtown, please join us!

Blue Christmas Service - December 4

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BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

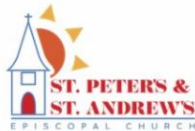


WHEN CHRISTMAS HURTS

St. James Episcopal Church
474 Fruit Hill Avenue
North Providence
Wednesday, December 4th
at 6 p.m.

All faiths and walks of life welcome!

Blue? Yes, blue as in the blues. As in "I am feeling blue." Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with a loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations make parties and joviality painful for many people in our congregations and communities. There is a growing attentiveness to the needs of people who are blue at Christmas.



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Brown University Chorus to Perform Handel's "Messiah" - December 6

Frederick Jodry leads the Brown University Chorus in a performance of Handel's "Messiah" (Part I) at Grace Church at 5pm on Friday, December 6. Joining the Chorus for this performance is the Providence Baroque Orchestra.

Tickets: \$25; \$15 seniors; \$5 students. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets. Note that tickets will not be sold at the door; online ticket purchases are mandatory and can be made up

until the show begins. Please contact music@brown.edu or call 401-863-3234 for box office questions.

Advent Lessons and Carols - December 8




AN ADVENT PROCESSION OF LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 8
5:00 PM

The Choir of Grace Church will sing music of Marlow, Weir, Vaughan Williams, Edwards, Rachmaninoff, Chilcott, and Thalben-Ball in procession around the candle-lit church. A reception follows in The Pavilion.

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Updates to Parish Directory?

We will issue a new Grace Church Parish Directory in the coming weeks; do you have contact information to update? If you've moved or have a new email address, we'd love to know about it! Updates are requested no later than Friday, December 13.

For questions, updates, or if you'd like to be added to the directory, please contact the Parish Office at 401-331-3225 or admin@gracepvd.org. (*Printed directories will be provided only to those whose contact information appears in the directory.*)

Our Shawl Ministry

We are now making hats, scarves and mittens for young children. These will be given to



Children's Friend of Providence at Christmas. Please knit or crochet for us at home, or come to our meetings on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Pavilion. Thank you for helping us to share God's love this holiday season!

For more information, please email Jane Ditmars at janeditmars@gmail.com.

Sunday Worship:

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024



Most Sunday mornings, Grace Church offers a "live-stream" broadcast of our 10:00 AM service of Holy Eucharist. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sundays to participate in our worship life at Grace.

~ [Click Here to Join This Sunday's Service on YouTube](#) ~

Livestreamed Worship: When available, this service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the link provided above to watch. The service also will be archived on the [Grace Church website](#) for on-demand viewing after Sunday morning.

Order of Service: To view a downloadable version of the Order of Service for the **First Sunday of Advent**, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Collect for This Sunday: *Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Readings: For the texts of the readings for Sunday worship, [please click here](#).

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*Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together,
ALL ARE WELCOME at Grace Church!*

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The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel through worship, proclamation and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.

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