

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church - December 13, 2024

Collegium Ancora Performs Sunday!

This Sunday evening at 5PM, experience an enchanting evening of choral brilliance with Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* at the heart of this breathtaking concert. Complementing Britten's masterpiece are evocative works by Philip Ledger, Kevin Oldham, and Stephanie Martin, showcasing rich harmonies and dazzling musical textures.

This is a celebration of timeless and contemporary choral beauty, sure to leave audiences inspired and uplifted.



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5:00 PM

Grace Episcopal Church 300 Westminster St., Providence, RI

BRITTEN'S A CEREMONY OF CAROLS, WITH WORKS OF PHILIP LEDGER, KEVIN OLDHAM, AND STEPHANIE MARTIN.

www.collegiumancora.org

Holiday Gift Drive for Children's Friend - Last Weekend

This weekend is our last collecting gifts to support the families of our neighbors at Children's Friend and Service. Please bring unwrapped gifts for teens/tweens, gift cards, and non-perishable foods to place on/beneath our Advent Giving Tree in The Pavilion. In case you're not sure quite what to buy, our friends at Children's Friend have sent some ideas:

We are in great need of new unwrapped winter accessories (hats and gloves/mittens), clothing items (size infant to teen), gift cards, and books! Diaper and wipes are also in high demand, and the larger sizes of diapers are most frequently requested.

We will deliver gifts on Wednesday, December 18, for distribution in time for Christmas

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



Updates to Parish Directory - Last Call!

If you wish to be added to the Grace Parish Directory or if you need your listing updated, please let us know today! We will issue a new directory in the coming weeks; so if you've moved or have a new email address or just want to make sure we have everything correct for you, please send that along no later than today.

Questions? 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.*)

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 by December 21.



Stewardship 2025

Have you made your 2025 pledge to Grace Church? If not, you can do so by emailing the Parish Office at admin@gracepvd.org or calling (401) 331-3225 and letting us know the amount you'd like to pledge. Those who, as of December 12, have made a pledge for 2025 are listed below. Thank you to all who have made a pledge – and all who WILL make a pledge – to Grace for the coming year!

Doug Allen Linda Aries Pam Baker **Robert Baxter** Robert Bennett Joseph Berryhill Patty Birkes Taylor & Willa Bodman Cathy & David Boyd Anela Brewster Erick & Carline Brown Lori Brown Chelsea Burnham Swan Amy Cafaro Lee & Zech Chafee Alison & Thano Chaltas John Chamberlin Virginia Chase Andrea & Jon Cheney Anne Clanton Tad Clarke

Carolyn Cluley Michael Colello Duncan Cook Lin & Andy Costa Katherine Coumes **Clinton Crocker** Michael D'Alesandre **Euphemia Davis** Joshua & Carolyn Dellinger Elizabeth Detomasis Jennifer DeWolf Laurie & Joe DiBattista Doug & Jane Ditmars Melody Ennis Malcolm Farmer Sean Farrell William Galligan & Leigh Hubbard Erin & Michael Garcia Lisa Gerlach & Lisa Doucet Joel Goloskie Peter & Mary Gray Paul Greene Gale Grey Nick & Bryan Halar Carter & Sue Hall Paul Hossfield David & Barb Hughes Andrew & Melissa Hughes Jonathan & Ann Huyck Jimps & Margrete Jean-Louis Nancy Jencks Paula & Richard Keogh Ben King Prudence King **Richard Kolb** David Kwami Denise & Peter Lapolla Carol Lewis & Mike Coburn Lois Lewis Bonnie Lilienthal Joan Martin Colleen McCormick Ryan McGuigan Stuart McGuigan Michael & Liz Messier Brenda Micheletti Carissa & Travis Mills Anaezi Modu Ed Morgan John-Albert Moseley & Buddy Lancaster Phyllis Noke Sarah & Daniel O'Gara Robert & Selina Olawoye Gene Olink

Jane Pear Emily Pera & Nick Lansing Sara & Michael Pierson Andrew Raftery Sandra Read Ken Reeves & Greg Johnson Frederick Reinhardt Liz Richards-Hegnauer Ian Rossi Gailia Rutan-Annaldo Ernest Saleh Katie & Christina Santos Luci & Ken Scanlan **Caroline Scheff** Marc & Valoree Schrank Marc & Alice Segers Dave & Lavonne Seifert Tomo Sharpe Ellen Sherman Matt Sneider Adrienne Southgate Ann & Daryl Stahl Wally & Diane Stamp Cindy & Pam Stephanopoulos **Cassie Sutten Coats** Daniel Tatar Kelsey Terbil Elfreda Thorpe Chris & Cade Tompkins John & Patricia Trosclair Paul & Joy Twelves Liza Wagner & Alexander Wilhelm Nathan Wagner Geneva Walker Polly Wall Kim Waller Frank Ward Ben & Mary Watkins Ryan & Adrian Weimer Ben & Jennifer West Charles & Anne White Frederic White David & Sherry Wilder Jeff Williams & Tim Walsh Joy Williams Erica Winter & Mary Wilson Mack Woodward & Joseph Handly Chris & Comfort Yengbeh

> Noonday Prayers for the World -



If you're downtown, please join us!

Weekdays in Advent

This Advent season, we will "take to the street" and pray for our world! On weekdays through December 20 (except Wednesdays), 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.

Grace's Christmas Pageant

Our annual Christmas Pageant will be during our service on Sunday, December 22; we hope you can join us!

The rehearsal schedule will be really easy - just one day! - and will take place on Saturday, December 21, 2pm-



4pm. Children and teens of all ages are welcome. If your child/ren would like to participate, email our Director of Youth Ministries Charlene Williams at cwilliams@gracepvd.org.



Christmas Caroling in the Courtyard - December 21

On Saturday, December 21, at 4pm, join us for some festive, yule-tide singing around a roaring fire with hot chocolate and seasonal refreshments in the courtyard of The Pavilion at Grace (entrance on Westminster Street). Caroling sheets will be provided!

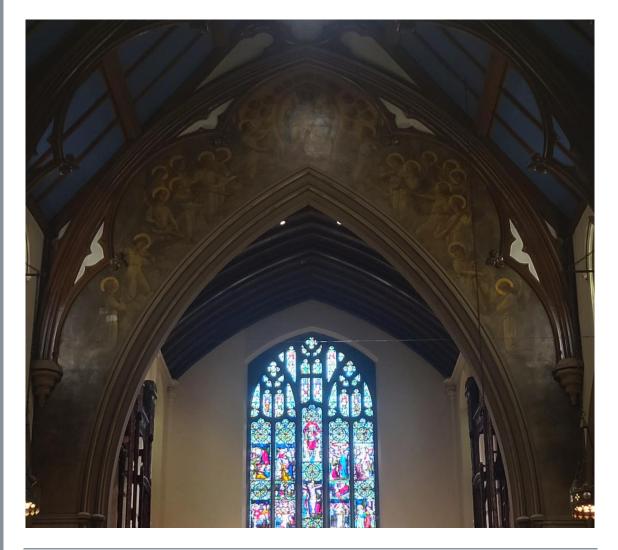
And if you'd like to bring some cookies or other seasonal treats, please contact the Parish Office at <u>admin@gracepvd.org</u> or (401) 331-3225.

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing...and SHINE!

We are so excited to announce that our marvelous 19th c. Chancel arch mural is going to be restored! Originally painted c. 1882 during a redecoration of the church, this large mural features Christ in Majesty, surrounded by dozens of angels, many playing musical instruments, and two swinging thuribles. Over the years, candle smoke and general city dirt have contributed to a darkening of this great piece of art. Additionally, the piece was lacquered, and the lacquer has deeply yellowed with age.

As part of our Capital Campaign to restore and enhance our great pipe organ, we are joyfully restoring the mural. It is good to have this work completed before the organ is returned to us. Scaffolding will go up just after Christmas with the mural restoration beginning January 6. If all goes well, we will celebrate the restored mural on Sunday, March 2, during our Sunday service.

The artist who will perform this inspiring transformation in our worship space currently is leading a team who are restoring an unbelievable project at the Old North Church in Boston. <u>Click here to watch the video</u> describing the work they're doing for another congregation.



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 n the Pavilion. Thank you for helping us to share God's love this holiday season!

For more information, please email Jane Ditmars at <u>janeditmars@gmail.com</u>.

Parish Office Closed for Holidays

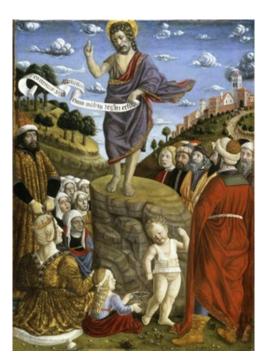
This year, the Parish Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's while the staff all take time off. In the case of a pastoral emergency, please contact our rector, Jonathan Huyck, at <u>jhuyck@gracepvd.org</u> or on his cell at 401-573-9341. Happy Holidays!

Sunday Worship:

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 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.



~ <u>Click Here to Join This Sunday's Service on YouTube</u> ~

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 <u>Grace Church website</u> for on-demand viewing after Sunday morning.

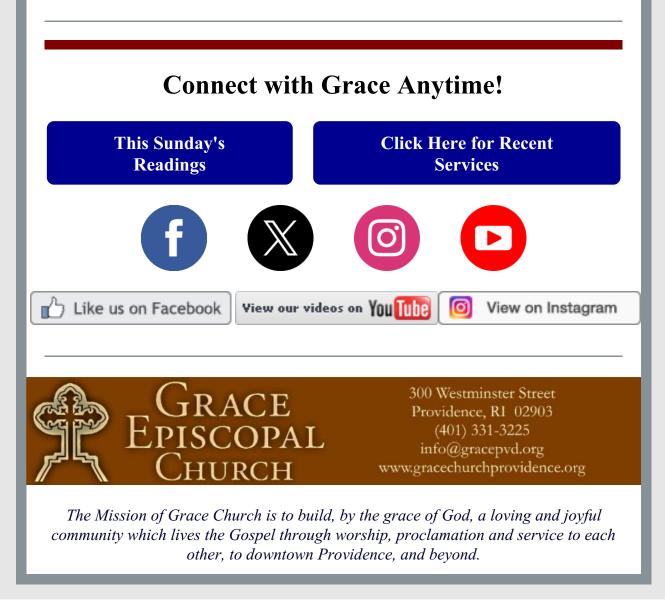
Order of Service: To view a downloadable version of the Order of Service for the **Third Sunday of Advent**, please <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

Collect for This Sunday: *Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

Readings: For the texts of the readings for Sunday worship, **please click here.**

More About the Episcopal Church: <u>Click here</u> for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. <u>Click here</u> for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island.

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



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