



GRACE ABOUNDS



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.

COLLEGIUM ANCORA PRESENTS

Angel Voices

DECEMBER

15

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 Suttin 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 -**



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.

If you’re downtown, please join us!

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 admin@gracepvd.org 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. [Click here to watch the video](#) 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 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.

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 jhuyck@gracepvd.org 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.



~ [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 **Third Sunday of Advent**, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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.](#)

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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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This Sunday's
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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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