

# GRACE ABOUNDS



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**Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church - December 6, 2024**

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## **Brown University Chorus to Perform Handel's "Messiah" - 8pm Tonight!**

Frederick Jodry leads the Brown University Chorus in a performance of Handel's "Messiah" (Part I) at Grace Church at 8pm (*not 5pm as previously announced*) 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](mailto:music@brown.edu) or call 401-863-3234 for box office questions.

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## **Advent 2024 at Grace Church and In Your Home!**

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.

[Download your schedule here.](#)

As part of your personal devotions this Advent season, the national Episcopal Church has prepared [this Advent calendar](#) to remind us all of ways we can, in our daily lives, be reminded of the promise and power of these weeks.

And enjoy a blessed Advent!

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# Holiday Gift Drive for Children's Friend - Updated!

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 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.*

Remember that 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!

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## 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.



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## 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](mailto:admin@gracepvd.org) or calling (401) 331-3225 and letting us know the amount you'd like to pledge. Those who, as of December 5, 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  
Patty Birkes  
Taylor & Willa Bodman  
Cathy & David Boyd  
Anela Brewster  
Erick & Carline Brown  
Lori Brown  
Chelsea Burnham Swan  
Amy Cafaro  
Lee & Zech Chafee  
Alison & Thanos Chaltas  
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  
Elizabeth Detomasis  
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  
Paula & Richard Keogh  
Ben 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  
John-Albert Moseley & Buddy Lancaster  
Phyllis Noke  
Sarah & Daniel O'Gara  
Robert & Selina Olawoye  
Gene Olink  
Jane Pear  
Sara & Michael Pierson  
Andrew Raftery  
Sandra Read  
Frederick Reinhardt  
Liz Richards-Hegnauer  
Ian Rossi  
Gailia Rutan-Annaldo  
Ernest Saleh

Katie & Christina Santos  
Luci & Ken Scanlan  
Caroline Scheff  
Marc & Valoree Schrank  
Robert 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  
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

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**Advent Lessons and Carols - This Sunday!**






## 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.*

### GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*





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## Updates to Parish Directory - Due Next Friday

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](mailto:admin@gracepvd.org). *(Printed directories will be provided only to those whose contact information appears in the directory.)*

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## 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](mailto:janeditmars@gmail.com).



**Sunday Worship:**

# Second Sunday of Advent

**December 8, 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 **Second Sunday of Advent**, please [CLICK HERE](#).

**Collect for This Sunday:** *Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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](#).

**More About the Episcopal Church:** [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. [Click here](#) 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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*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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