



# GRACE EPISCOPAL 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 and to downtown Providence.*

## Grace Episcopal Church E-News

*Grace Abounds*

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### Deadline: December E-News

Please [forward](#) any content for December's e-news by **Friday, November 16th**.

### Grace Church Calendar

**Sundays in November**

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Eucharist

**Wednesdays in November**

12:00 p.m. Noonday Eucharist

12:20 p.m. Intercessory Prayer

(Closed 11/11 Veterans Day)

### Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

Once every seven years All Saints' Day falls on a Sunday, and this is one of those years. On All Saints' Day we remember and give thanks for all the women and men who, over the centuries, have dedicated their lives to following Jesus, caring for others in his name, and building up God's Church. The day following All Saints' Day is traditionally known as All Souls' Day, when we recall and commemorate all the faithful departed. I suspect none of us can claim to have known anyone who was literally canonized by the Church, but we have all, I hope, known and loved people of whom we can say "That woman was a saint!" As we gather together for worship this Sunday, let us give thanks in our hearts and our prayers that we have known such people, and pray that we might pattern our lives on theirs, that we too might be a blessing to others.

God's Peace,

Jonathan+

### Stewardship 2016 - Commitment Sunday is This Week

Join your fellow Grace Church parishioners this Sunday in making a financial commitment to support your church for the coming year. On Sunday, during the 10 a.m. worship service, we'll make our way up the aisle and place our pledge cards on the altar. If you are unable to be in church on Sunday, you can mail your pledge card to the church office anytime. We also now have the option to make a pledge to Grace directly on our website [here](#).

"Do good, be rich in helping others, be extravagantly generous." 1 Timothy 6:18

Thursdays Noon  
Informal Organ Concerts *gratis*  
Until November 19th

Saturdays,  
November 14th  
9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer and  
Bible Study: Chafee Room

### From the Director of Music

All Saints' Sunday, November 1 at 5 p.m. - The Choir of Grace Church joins the Choir of St. Luke's East Greenwich for a service of Choral Evensong, featuring music of C.V. Stanford, James Nares and Johannes Brahms. The service will be held at St. Luke's, 99 Peirce Street in East Greenwich. Please come and support your Grace Church Choir!

Thursday Noon Organ Concerts! Please join Director of Music Vince Edwards for informal half-hour organ concerts at noon on Thursdays, through November 19. Feel free to come for the entire concert or just a few minutes. Invite a friend to join you, and share the beauty of Grace Church and the mighty organ! On November 5, we welcome Cheryl Bishkoff, Oboe as our guest artist.

Did you know . . . that the Grace Church organ has over 6000 individual pipes arranged in the front (chancel) and back (nave/gallery) of the church? Did you know . . . that the beautiful walnut gallery organ case and stenciled pipes date to 1886? Did you know . . . that the organ console (keyboards and command center) is so large that the organist uses cameras and a video screen to see what is happening during the Sunday service?

Looking ahead . . .

\* Sunday, November 15 - The Kindred Brass Quartet in concert at Grace. Music of Peeters, Bach, Telemann and others. . .

\* Sunday, December 13 - Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas, featuring the Grace Church Choir. . A Yuletide Carol Sing and Festive Reception will follow at 6 p.m.

-Vince Edwards

Director of Music at Grace Church

### Fall Back! This Sunday!



The clocks fall back by an hour this weekend as America returns to Standard Time. This signals lighter mornings and an extra hour in bed!

The time changes at exactly at 2:00 a.m. This Sunday! (11/1)

**"Coping With the Holidays" - A Workshop for Those in Bereavement**



On Friday, November 6th, Rev. Leslie Simonson will offer hosting a workshop from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the Chafee Room designed specifically to offer coping strategies for the upcoming holidays for those who will be experiencing "an empty place at the table" as well as in their own hearts. The intensely-packed weeks of November, December and early January are stressful for all of us - but they set particular, more complex, challenges to people who have lost a loved one. Feel free to invite a friend, family member, or neighbor. Register by calling the parish office at 331-3225 or emailing [administrator@gracechurchprovidence.org](mailto:administrator@gracechurchprovidence.org).

**The bishop is coming, the bishop is coming!**



On Sunday, November 15, Bishop Nicholas Knisely will make his annual visitation to Grace Church. He will preach and celebrate the eucharist at both the 8 and 10 a.m. services and will offer a 9 a.m. forum in the Chafee Room.

**Thanksgiving Food Drive**



**Begins next Sunday.**

You are invited to bring canned goods to church to go to those in need for the Thanksgiving holiday until Sunday, November 22nd.

**Looking Towards December**

As most of you know, for the last several years Grace Church has hosted a Silent Auction in December. As the Book of Ecclesiastes says, "To everything there is a season," and so this year, in lieu of the Silent Auction, we'll be having a Yuletide Carol Sing and Festive Reception at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 13th in the church, following the 5 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols. We'll invite attendees to bring with them a Christmas gift to donate to a needy family through our Advent Giving Tree. More info to come in next month's eNews, but mark your calendars now!

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