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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

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Spotlight on Grace: Worship Wherever Your Roam - Part II

In the [July 7 edition of Grace Abounds](#), The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck expressed his hope that those who travel during the summer may worship in a local church "wherever you find yourself on a Sunday". As it happens, The Rev. Lavonne Seifert found herself traveling through Scotland with her husband Dave that very same week, where they worshipped at St. Adamnan's Scottish Episcopal Church in the small town of [Blair Atholl in Perthshire](#), Scotland. St. Adamnan's is an Episcopal chapel rebuilt in 1794 by John Stewart on the site of the old parish church of Kilmaveonaig 1591, having belonged to the Episcopal Communion without a break since the Revolution ([source](#)). Here is what Mother Lavonne shared about her experience:



[St. Adamnan](#) was a 7th-century Irish abbot and scholar, known primarily for his biography of [St. Columba](#). In 679, he was elected abbot of Iona (in Scotland), the ninth in succession from Columba, the founder of the Iona monastery and community.

It was a delightful place. Most surprising was that its small narthex (about 8' x 10') featured a mural of the consecration of [Bishop Samuel Seabury](#), who became the first bishop of the Episcopal Church of the US, after the Revolution. They showed us that with pride.

If you do find yourself travelling this summer and have occasion to worship where you roam, we invite you to share your experience with us, whether through a photograph, some information about the church, and anything about your experience of worship there that you may wish to share. Please send your submissions to news@gracepvd.org.

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music
Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

Sunday School: We are offering a 4-week series of summertime Sunday School sessions now through August 6. Children ages 3-12 are invited to process to the Chafee Room following the opening Collect.

Prayer Group: Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am, Chafee Room.

Open Doors: Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. During the summer, Open Doors will be Monday through Thursday.

Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking:

Please find wheelchair access from the sidewalk on Westminster Street into the church. Handicapped parking spaces have been posted for Sundays on Mathewson Street near Westminster.

Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow. Additional free parking is also available on the top level only of the PPAC parking garage, for which the entrance is on Weybosset Street. A stairway from the top level leads right to Chapel Street across from the church. A small number of spaces are available on the portion of the Grace Church lot facing Snow Street, along an inset section of the construction fence. For all other times, please [check with the parish administrator](#) for availability.



A Call for Volunteers

The clergy and staff of Grace Church have two wish-list projects that we would like to accomplish over the coming weeks, for which we are reaching out to the Grace community in search of a volunteer or two. For one of these, we seek an individual with elegant penmanship and an interest hand-writing entries into the Grace Church Book of Remembrance.

For the other, we seek a volunteer with interest in the history of Grace Church who may wish to visit [the church's archives at the University of Rhode Island library](#) on the Kingston campus to either scan or take pictures of historic photographs there in the archive.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please e-mail volunteer@gracepvd.org at your earliest convenience.



RSCM Evensong Friday, August 4, 5:00pm

The Royal School of Church Music will convene a summer course in Newport from July 30 to August 6, and our Director of Music Vince Edwards will assist by planning and leading the music for sung Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer (Compline). As one of the week's culminating events, please join us for a special Service of Choral Evensong here at Grace Church at 5:00pm on Friday, August 4. The service is open to the public and it is a wonderful opportunity to hear a large enthusiastic choir of children and adults sing great music from the Anglican tradition. Please join us and bring a friend!

Summer Choir is in session: Summer Choir is open to anyone who sings with the Grace Church Choir, or anyone who would like to try singing in the choir. We meet in the Choir Room at 9:00



AM on Sunday mornings, rehearse the hymns and psalm, and prepare a simple anthem or two. You don't need to give previous notice, but if you would like to try Summer Choir, please do [email Vince Edwards](#), Director of Music, for more information, or if you have any questions. Feel free to sing one Sunday, or every Sunday! Please note: We may not vest once the weather turns hot, so please wear our summer choir "uniform" - white blouse or shirt, black (or very dark) shorts, pants or skirt and dark-ish shoes (sandals are fine!).

A Sermon by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

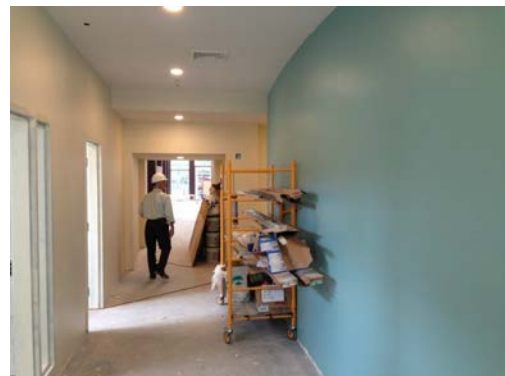
Presiding Bishop Michael Curry preached at African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas during a July 25 Eucharist commemorating the 225th anniversary of the black presence in the Episcopal Church. Please enjoy the video below.



July 30, 2017 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

For the text of this Sunday's readings, [please click here](#):



[1 Kings 3:5-12 ~ Psalm 119:129-136 ~ Romans 8:26-39 ~ Matthew 13:31-33,44-52](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [William Wilberforce](#). [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).


Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

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