



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

November 22, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: The Year in Photos

This week's Spotlight is a brief celebration in pictures of a few of the more poignant moments in the life of Grace Church during 2017. We have so much to be thankful for as a church community, but foremost among those we are thankful for the wonderful and kind disciples of Christ who call Grace Church their spiritual home.



We are thankful for The Pavilion at Grace, the generosity of this community that made it possible, and the scores of contractors who labored with care to build it.



It's hard to believe that while the beginning of 2017 found us with only a steel frame and an exterior wall, by summertime we were fast-approaching completion.



Portions of the church and adjacent areas also received some important restoration work this year, and preparations for the new Sunday School and nursery space are progressing well.



An unexpected blessing during 2017 came in the form of some wonderful new images of our beloved church, kindly donated by hobbyist church photographer Brian Kutner.



Music at Grace under the direction of Vince Edwards continues to flourish and grow, punctuated by the re-dedication of Gammell Hall as Cronhimer Hall: our spacious new music rehearsal hall. The Grace Church Choir, the Choristers, and Collegium Ancora (the professional chamber choir in residence at Grace) have delighted audiences throughout the year with memorable concerts, and Sunday worship is accompanied by glorious sound.

From the clergy and staff of Grace Church, we wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving filled with the blessings of God.

This Week at Grace

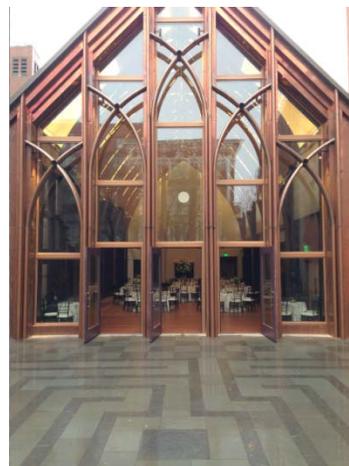
Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music

Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

The Advent Giving Tree: Beginning this Sunday, November 26, the Advent Giving Tree will be placed in the Pavilion and adorned with ornaments that represent the holiday wishes of children through Children's Friend. Please retrieve the ornament(s) corresponding to gifts that you wish to donate, and plan to return your unwrapped gifts to church by Sunday, December 10th. In the case of gift store cards, please place those into the donation box near the baptismal font. Wrapping supplies, including wrapping paper, ribbon, tape and gift tags are also welcome gifts. Please email Nicholas Halar at outreach@gracepvd.org if you have any questions.



Nursery Located Temporarily in The Pavilion While we prepare a new nursery space on the 3rd floor, in part of what previously served as the choir room, please find the nursery located in a corner of the Pavilion.

Prayer Group:

Please note a temporary change of schedule for the holidays. The prayer group, which

normally meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Chafee Room, will shift to the 1st and 3rd Saturdays for November and December only.

Open Doors: Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Please encourage your friends or guests to come and visit Grace Church and see the new Pavilion at Grace.

Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking: Please find convenient accessible in the Grace Church parking lot with access from Snow Street. The new wheelchair ramp connects directly from the lot, and you will enter through the new reception entrance of The Pavilion and into the church at ground level.

Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

- 1.) in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow;
- 2.) 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; and
- 3.) In the Grace Church parking lot accessed via Snow Street. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving this lot, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility.

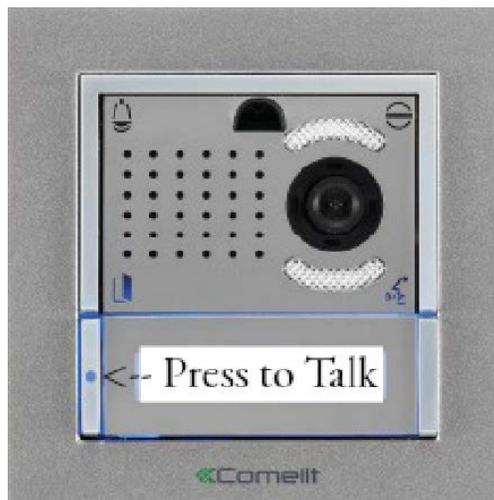
Come and See: Stewardship 2018

Thank you to all who have submitted their annual pledges. If you have not yet submitted yours, please mail your pledge form at your earliest opportunity. Thank you also for ensuring completion of your 2017 pledge payments before year-end. For information on balances remaining, please [contact Chris in the office](mailto:cbarker@gracepvd.org) (cbarker@gracepvd.org). Those who requested pledge envelopes or have traditionally received them, they will be available for pick-up after the 8am and 10am services on December 3 and December 10. A limited number of additional sets are available by request using the sign-up sheet located in the literature rack in the narthex. Thank you all for supporting the mission and ministry of Grace Church!



Welcome to the Grace Reception Intercom

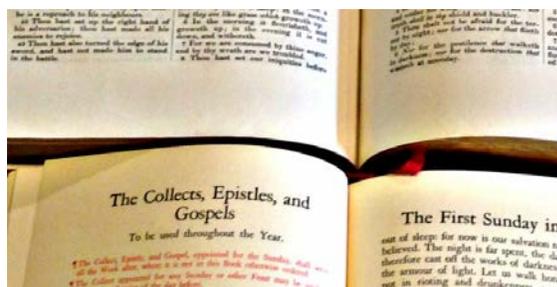
A new and helpful bit of technology has just been installed at the new reception entrance to The Pavilion, and we wish for all of you to be familiar with it. You will encounter a new intercom unit in two places: 1.) between the first two yellow metal poles as you approach the parking lot gate, and 2.) to the right of the double-door entrance to The Pavilion at Grace and the new church office. Pressing the small blue-lighted button at the bottom left of either intercom will ring the church office, and our parish administrator or another staff member can then "buzz" you in by lifting the parking lot gate and/or unlocking the door. When pulling into the Grace Church lot, you'll want to keep to the very far left so you can easily reach the intercom or card reader.



For those with Grace Church key fobs, please find the fob reader at each of those two locations for automated access. Those of you accessing the parking lot via key fob, we offer a tip: keep your fob on a clip so you can swipe it at the reader without having to take your car key out of the ignition. **Also please note:** Sunday morning access to the Grace Church parking lot is via Snow Street (the chain is removed Sunday mornings). Vehicles exiting may choose either exit, as the security gate will lift for exit even without a key fob.

November 26, 2017 Last Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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

This week from the Episcopal Church: [What Are the 2017 AdventWords](#). [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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