



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

December 14, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: The Spirit of Christmas, Part II

**Grace Church Christmas Carol Sing
This Saturday, December 16, at
4:00pm.**

Grace Church parishioners know how to get into the spirit of Christmas. You have brought joy into the hearts of so many children this Christmas through your participation in the Advent Giving Tree for Children's Friend, and your holiday donations of non-perishable foods help to stock the shelves at PICA's food pantry during a season of particular need. And this Saturday at 4:00pm, we'll gather in the garden in front of The Pavilion at Grace on Westminster Street to spread Christmas cheer as we sing your favorite carols and songs of the season around a nice warming fire. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to sharing this fun and festive event with you.



Christmas Pageant is This Sunday, December 17 Please don't miss our beloved annual Christmas Pageant service with Holy Eucharist, next Sunday, December 17, at 10:00am. You'll find artwork by some of the younger members of our parish both inside this Sunday's bulletin and around the coffee hour table.



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day And finally, be sure to plan your Christmas festivities around the joyful and music-filled services we have in store. On December 24 we'll have our 8:00am and 10:00am Sunday services as always, plus the two

Christmas Eve services at 5:00pm and 10:00pm; and be sure not to miss the special musical preludes beginning 30 minutes before each of the evening services. And then Christmas morning at 10:00am, we'll celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus and sing carols of joy and praise. **Please note:** we'll offer child care during the 5:00pm Christmas Eve service.



Share in the Joy of Christmas at Grace Church

Christmas Eve at 5:00pm and 10:00pm

*With musical preludes beginning at 4:30 and 9:30pm
featuring the Grace Church Choir, soloists, organ, and more*

Christmas Day with Carols at 10:00am

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This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music

Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

Christmas Carol Sing: This Saturday, December 16, at 4:00pm. See above for details.

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.



Christmas Schedule: Please note the church and the parish office will be closed for the week of Christmas (December 25 through 29). We will not have a Wednesday Eucharist on December 27, and Open Doors will likewise pause until the following week.

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.

Last Call for 2018 Pledge Envelopes

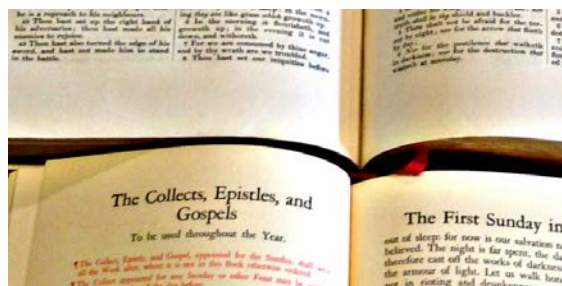
Those who requested pledge envelopes or have traditionally received them, and have not yet picked them up, please ask the welcomers at the nametag table this Sunday. After this Sunday we'll mail the remaining sets, but if you're here this Sunday please help us reduce our postage cost by bringing yours home with you. If you would like to request a set, please [e-mail parish administrator Chris Barker](mailto:parishadministrator@graceepiscopalchurch.org).



December 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

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.**

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



This week from the Episcopal Church: [For a Time Such as This: December.](#) [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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