



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

January 25, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: Candlesong Returns



Candlesong returns to Grace Church this Sunday night, January 28, at 9:00pm! The half-hour service features soaring Gregorian chant sung by ten men from the Grace Church choir. The church is lit by dozens of candles and fragrant incense wafts through the air . . . not a bad way to spend a Sunday evening!

The service is based on the ancient service of Compline, to be sung at the completion of the day. This meditative experience can be a perfect way to end your weekend or begin your week. The Grace Church parking lot will be open (entrance on Chapel Street) from 8:30 pm, as will the front doors of the church. Please join us and give yourself the gift of Candlesong!

A reception for college students will follow the Candlesong in The Pavilion, so if you know college students in the area please encourage them to attend.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Lives of Wilfred and Gloria Atkinson

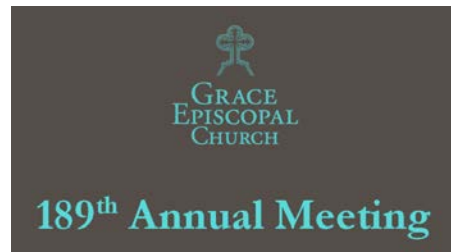
It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Wilfred and Gloria Atkinson, loyal parishioners of Grace Church since the early 1950s.



This week, after 67 years of marriage, they both died of natural causes one day apart. Fittingly, their funeral service will be together, just as they were in life for so many years. All are welcome to attend the service at Grace at 11:00am tomorrow (calling hour in the church from 10:00 to 11:00) and the reception immediately following in the Pavilion. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace.

Grace Church Finance Presentation and Annual Meeting

The Finance & Investment Committee will make a presentation of Grace's finances to the congregation this Sunday January 28 at 11:30am, and again this coming Monday January 29 at 6:00pm, in The Pavilion at Grace. This is the week before our Annual Meeting and follows a Diocesan tradition of doing the same before the annual Diocesan Convention. It is an opportunity for parishioners to learn more and ask questions. We hope that anyone who is interested will be able to attend one of these meetings.



The Annual Meeting for Grace Church will be held on Sunday, February 4, at 11:30am in The Pavilion at Grace. The Vestry Nominating Committee has nominated the following parishioners to stand for Vestry this year: Dave Reedy (second term), Sandra Read (second term), and Diane Stamp (first term). Gail Kenney was nominated to serve as our parish delegate to the 2018 Diocesan Convention, with Dave Reedy nominate to serve as an alternate. All are welcome to attend the annual meeting!

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

A Service of Thanksgiving for the lives of Wilfred and Gloria Atkinson, Friday, January 26. Calling hour begins at 10:00am, with the service beginning at 11:00am. Reception immediately following in The Pavilion.

Candlesong: Sunday, January 28, 9:00pm (see above).

Finance Presentation: Sunday January 28 at 11:30am, and again on Monday January 29 at 6:00pm, in The Pavilion (see above).

Thursday Concerts at Noon: Our Thursday Noon concerts have resumed! Join us next Thursday, February 1, featuring Vince Edwards, organ.



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.

Prayer Group: The prayer group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Chafee Room.

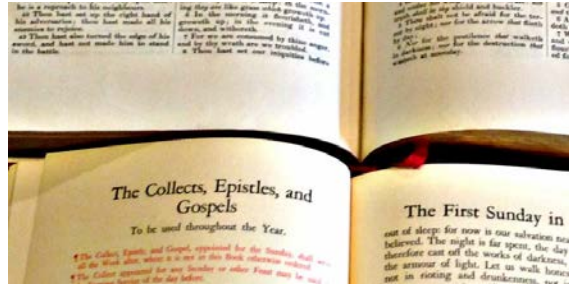
Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking: Please find convenient accessible in the Grace Church parking lot with access from Snow Street. The new wheelchair ramp connects directly from the lot, and you will enter through the new reception entrance of The Pavilion and into the church at ground level.

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.

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Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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](#):

This week from the Episcopal Church: [The Good Book Club](#). [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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