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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

December 7, 2018

## The Grace Youth Group is Back

A few years ago, almost all our teens graduated from high school and went off to college. We now have a good cohort of teens in the parish again, so we've re-launched a youth ministry at Grace, using the Rite 13 program of the Journey to Adulthood Episcopal youth curriculum.

Led by the fearless Ginny and James Badgett and Emily Madapusi Pera, we meet every Sunday from 11:30-12:45pm. We even have our own room now, the Fireplace Room!

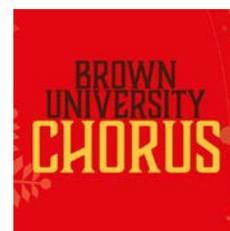
We are joined by the equally fearless youth (in no particular order): Katie, Katherine, Julia, Julius, Arielle, Annabel, Ashley, Andrea, Emily, and Althea! Our first project was making the ornaments for the Advent giving tree. And we're looking forward to being involved in more future service work. All kids 6th grade and above are welcome!



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## Christmas Concert Tonight: Handel's Messiah

Frederick Jodry leads the Brown University Chorus, a chamber orchestra, and soloists in a performance of Handel's Messiah (The Christmas Portion), tonight, Friday, December 7, beginning at 8:00pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door (subject to availability). The Brown University Chorus, 55 dedicated singers drawn from all concentrations within the University, is one of the oldest groups on campus.



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## Advent Giving Tree

After your collective generosity led to all of the first ornaments being promptly claimed last Sunday, new ornaments will be placed this week upon the Advent Giving Tree in The Pavilion. Those ornaments represent the holiday wishes of children through [Children's Friend](#) (a local social children's service agency that Grace regularly supports). Please retrieve the ornament(s) corresponding to gifts that you wish to donate, and plan to return your unwrapped gifts to church no later than Sunday, December 16th. 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.

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## Christmas Flowers and Music

Please Submit your Christmas Poinsettia and Music dedications this week or next. You'll find the dedication cards pictured here located in the pews, on the back table near the baptismal font, and in the Narthex literature rack. Thank you for printing your dedications legibly, and using the green flower envelopes. Submit dedications along with your gift in the collection plate, or mail to the church office by **December 19.**

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AND MUSIC



\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to make a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Christmas flowers at Grace (minimum \$20).  
\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to support special Christmas music with my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to make an additional Christmas offering of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
Total gift enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you!



**Please dedicate my gift (circle one):**  
**in honor of   in memory of   or   in thanksgiving for   (please print legibly):**

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Please place card with your gift in the green flower envelopes provided, before Dec. 21.

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## Advent Small Group Series

Please join us at 9:00am in the Chafee Room on Sundays during Advent for an Advent small group series led by our rector.

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## This Week at Grace

**Weekly Worship Schedule:**

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist  
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist  
with Music  
Wednesday 12:00 Noon Eucharist

**Thursdays at Noon concerts** Now through December 20, excluding Thanksgiving Day; and February 7 through May 23.

**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.



## 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

[gracechurchprovidence.org](http://gracechurchprovidence.org)

## Gently Used Goods Drive for DelSesto

This Sunday, Grace is welcoming final donations for families at DelSesto Middle School, where parishioner Arzinia Gill serves as principal. More than 90% of DelSesto students qualify for free or reduced lunch. On December 13, DelSesto is hosting its 9th Annual Winter Celebration, which features a donation center where families can collect goods and supplies free of charge. Desired items include:

- \* New/Gently-used clothing (of all ages and sizes)
- \* Socks
- \* Winter jackets
- \* Household items
- \* Toys
- \* Gift Cards/Certificates that can be used to purchase food or any of the above

Arzinia will be in the Pavilion before and after the 10 a.m. service this Sundays to receive donations. With questions, please call the school at 401-278-0557.

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## Blue Christmas for the Sorrowful

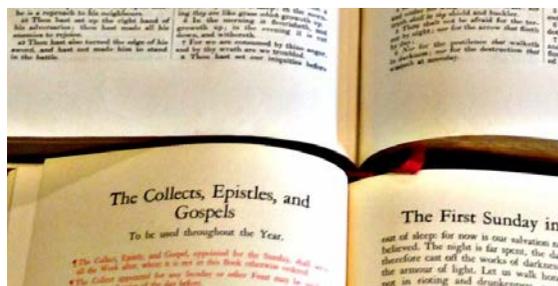
Blue Christmas for the Sorrowful in a Season of Joy, St. Martin's Church, 50 Orchard Ave, 21 December, 2018, 5:30pm. A special holiday service with choir.

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## December 9, 2018 The Second Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Amen.**



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

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Journeying with Family and Friends](#).

[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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## Please Pick Up Your Pledge Envelopes



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 2018 pledge payments before year-end. For information on balances remaining, please contact Chris in the office ([cbarker@gracepvd.org](mailto:cbarker@gracepvd.org)).

Those who requested pledge envelopes or have traditionally received them, they will be available for pick-up in The Pavilion after the 8am and 10am services this Sunday (December 9) and December 16. Each assigned set has been labelled, so please take care to take the correct set with your name on it.

Please [e-mail the parish office](#) or call 401-331-3225 to request one of a very few remaining sets available. Thank you all for supporting the mission and ministry of Grace 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, to downtown Providence, and beyond.*