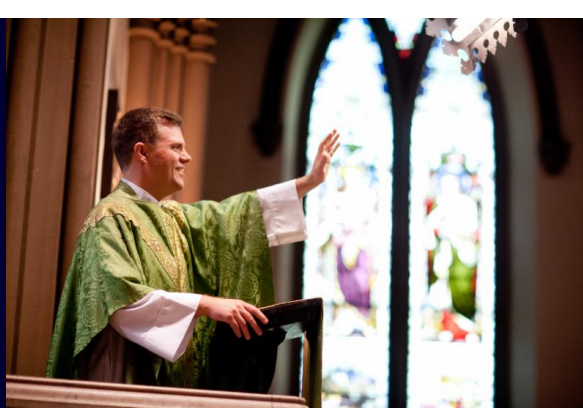




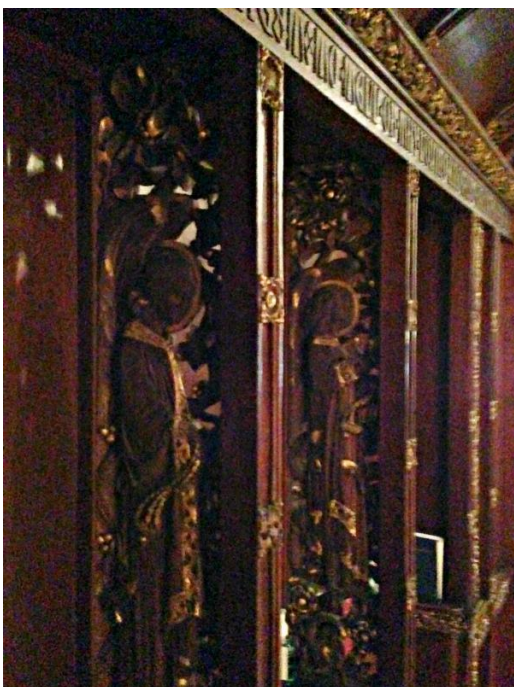
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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

June 23, 2016

## Spotlight on Grace:



We explored a joyful inscription from the chancel of Grace Church [in a recent issue of Grace Abounds](#). If you missed it, [please click here](#). In it, we discussed an excerpt from Psalm 100, *Jubilte Deo*, which is expertly carved in relief all along one side of the chancel of Grace Church (the chancel is the sacred raised portion of the church containing the high altar, choir, organ console, clergy stalls, etc.).

For this week's edition, we turn our focus to the opposite side of the chancel: the side that overhangs the organ console where Vince creates the powerful musical foundation for our Sunday 10:00am worship. Fittingly, the text carved into the wood on this side references this glorious music, with which we joyfully 'sing praises' to the Lord. If you read the continuous line of text that begins from the right side of the

high altar, you'll find the following excerpt (verses 1-4) from Psalm 92, *Bonum est confiteri*:

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most Highest. To tell of thy loving kindness early in the morning, and of thy truth in the night season. Upon an instrument of ten strings & upon the lute, upon a loud instrument and upon the harp. For thou Lord hast made me glad through thy works.

Eighty-seven years and some bible revisions later, the corresponding text that you'll find in your Book of Common Prayer, page 720, reads as follows:

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High; To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning and of your faithfulness in the night



season; On the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp. For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

Here at Grace, we combine organ and voices each week to 'shout for joy' and sing praises to the Lord. Now through Labor Day, those voices belong to our summer choir, which is open to absolutely anyone who may be interested in singing with the Grace Church Choir. We meet in the Choir Room at 8:45am 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!

If you are interested in taking a closer look at the chancel at Grace Church, please don't hesitate to ask an Usher or a Welcomer on Sunday morning to lead you up after a service. Or, if you're nearby during the week, please stop by during the hours of our Open Doors ministry from 11am to 2pm on weekdays, and one of our friendly docents will be happy to show you around. It takes a just few moments to get used to the stylized typeface of these inscriptions, but you're sure to enjoy these joyful hand-carved texts that also include excerpts from Gloria in Excelsis, the Great Commission from the Gospel of Matthew, and more.

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## This Week at Grace

### **Worship services:**

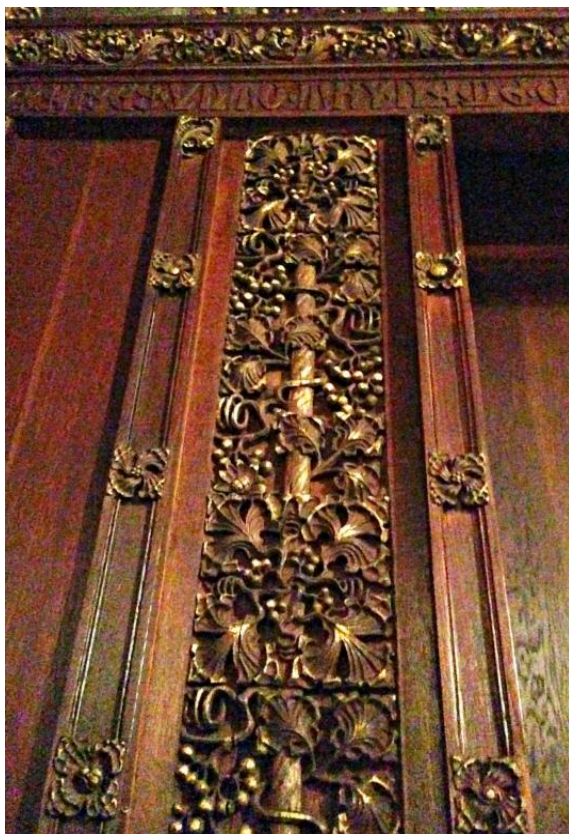
Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist  
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with music  
Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

### **Postponed - Exploring Music for Kids:**

Please note that this one-day music education event for kids, previously scheduled for this Saturday, June 25, has been postponed.

**Grace Church is OPEN to the Public** each weekday from 11:00am until 2:00pm. Please tell your friends, co-workers, and visitors to stop by and explore this beautiful historic church. Our friendly docents will greet you with a smile.

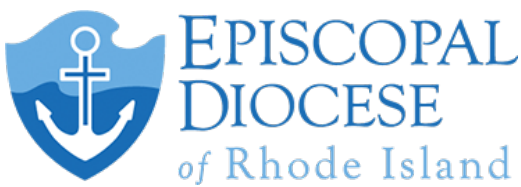
**The nursery** will not be available this Sunday, June 29, nor the following Sunday, July 3. Families are encouraged to bring their little ones to the 10:00am service for these dates.



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**YES! A Workshop Series by the Episcopal Diocese of RI**





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The Commission on Ministry will again offer the Yes! curriculum beginning on September 21 through November 9, 2016. The 7 session course will be facilitated by our Archdeacon, The Venerable Janice Grinnell, and will be held at St. Columba's Chapel in Middletown, RI. This

program is in direct response to lay people who are seeking ways to discern and understand their God given purpose. Cost for the entire series is \$100. [Please click here](#) for a listing of all 7 session times.

[Please click here to Register Online](#)

For more information, contact Canon Betsy Fornal, 401-274-4500, ext. 225, [or by e-mail](#).

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## Music at Grace

### An exciting new program for Fall 2016: The Grace Church Choristers

- A choir for boys and girls, grades 2 through 12
- Learn healthy vocal technique, music-reading skills, and history of music & the church!
- Sing the world's greatest sacred music, spanning 500 years!
- Perform alongside the Choir of Grace Church in our splendid landmark building!
- Attend a 5-day Choir Camp at Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT
- Free piano lessons offered to the first 10 choristers who join the program!



[Please click here for the full Choristers program brochure](#). Musical interviews may be held at any time, but choristers must be registered for the program by July 1 to be able to attend the August 15-19 Choir Camp.

For more information, or to schedule a Musical Interview, please contact Vince Edwards, Director of Music at Grace Church: [vedwards@gracepvd.org](mailto:vedwards@gracepvd.org) or 401-331-3225, ext 4

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## Your Priest-in-Charge: The Reverend Lavonne Seifert

During the period of Jonathan's sabbatical, through the end of August, please direct all pastoral questions, inquiries, and/or conversations to Mother Lavonne Seifert.

Lavonne will serve as Priest-in-Charge of Grace Church, and is already well known to this congregation as both a longtime parishioner and as our current Associate Rector. To speak with Lavonne, or to make an appointment to visit with her, you may reach her by telephone at 401-331-3225 (ext. 6), or via email: [lseifert@gracepvd.org](mailto:lseifert@gracepvd.org).



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