



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

January 19, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: Rector's Inauguration Day Message



Tomorrow is the Inauguration Day of our 45th president, and I want to encourage us to pray for him and the nation. Our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, offers us words of explanation as to why we should do this, even those of us who have found his election unsettling:

This practice of praying for leaders is deep in our biblical and Anglican/Episcopalian traditions. Psalm 72 prays that the ancient Israelite king might rule in the ways of God's justice, defending 'the cause of the poor,' bringing 'deliverance to the needy.' 1 Timothy 2:1-2 encourages followers of Jesus to pray earnestly for those in leadership, that they may lead in ways that serve the common good.

In this spirit, the Prayer Books of the Anglican/Episcopal way have always included prayer for those 'who bear the authority of government,' praying in a variety of ways that they may lead in the ways of God's wisdom, justice and truth. [...] We pray that their leadership will truly serve not partisan interest but the common good. When we pray for them, we are actually praying for our nation, for our world, indeed we are praying for ourselves.

Prayer is not a simplistic cheer or declaration of support. Prayers of lament cry out in pain and cry for justice. Prayer can celebrate. Prayer can also ask God to intervene and change the course of history, to change someone's mind, or his or her heart.

The whole text of Bishop Curry's letter [is available here](#).

The church will be open tomorrow from 11 to 2 (as it is each weekday) for anyone wishing to pray at that time for our new president and the nation, and I encourage you to offer your own prayers, wherever you find yourself at noon, tomorrow. And let us resolve to continue those prayers, and the work of Gospel, in the years to come.

God's Peace,

Jonathan+

This Week at Grace

Worship Schedule:

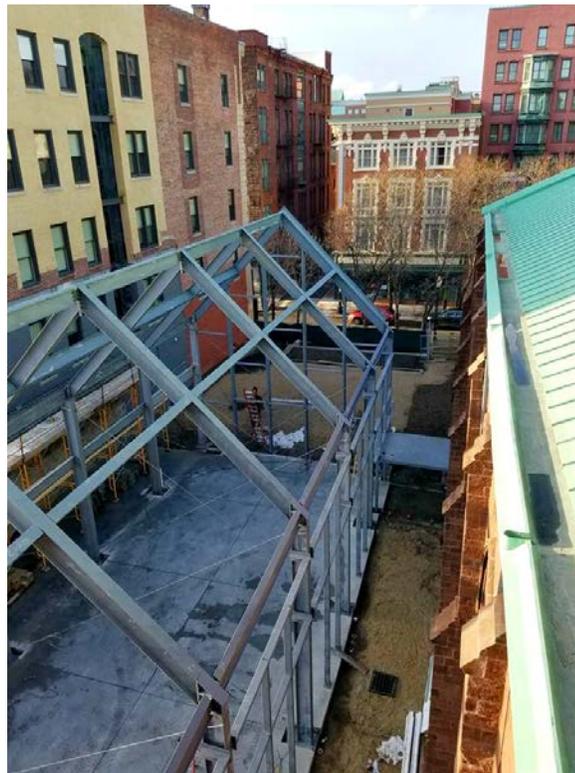
Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist
with Music
Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

Prayer and Scripture Group:

2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at
9:30am in the Chafee Room.

Parking for Worship: Parking for
Sunday worship is provided in the lot
diagonally across Westminster Street, on
the NW corner of Westminster and
Snow. A small number of spaces are
available on the portion of the Grace
Church lot facing Snow Street, along an
inset section of the construction fence.
For all other times, please [check with the
parish administrator](#) for availability.

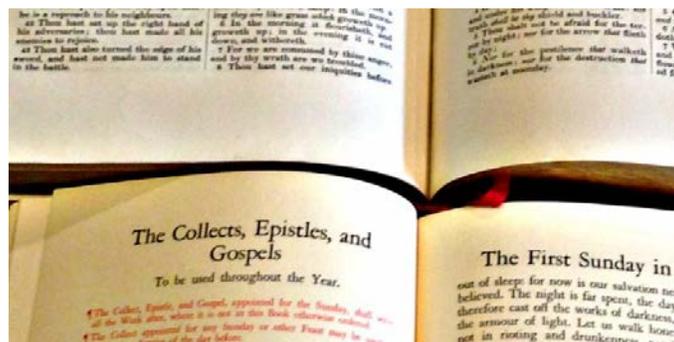
**Wheelchair Access and Accessible
Parking:** Please find wheelchair access
from the sidewalk on Westminster Street
into the church. Handicapped parking
spaces have been posted for Sundays on
Mathewson Street near Westminster.



The construction of The Pavilion at Grace
made important strides early in the New Year.

January 22, 2017 - The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer
readily the call of our Savior Jesus
Christ and proclaim to all people the
Good News of his salvation, that we
and the whole world may perceive
the glory of his marvelous works;
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](#):

[Isaiah 9:1-4 ~ Psalm 27:1, 5-13 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 ~ Matthew 4:12-23](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations](#)

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.

Save the Dates: Winter and Spring Musical Events at Grace

Collegium Ancora, February 12 at 5PM

Collegium Ancora presents A Little Night Music, featuring the sumptuous Serenade to Music of Vaughan Williams, as well as works of Brahms, Barber, Sondheim and more!
\$10 suggested donation.



a new professional chamber choir

Thursdays at Noon beginning March 9 (through May 25)

Please join us on Thursdays at Noon (September 15 through November 17; and March 9 through May 25) for informal half-hour organ, vocal or instrumental concerts. Feel free to stay for a portion of the concert or the entire concert if your schedule will allow.

Choral Evensong: Sunday, March 26 at 5PM

The Grace Church Choir offers Choral Evensong for Lent
Music of Vierne, Blair, and Finzi

A Little Night Music:

Songs of Shadow and Starlight

**FEB
12**

5pm - Grace Episcopal
175 Mathewson St., Providence
Open Admission (\$10 suggested donation)

**FEB
19**

4pm - St. Columba's Chapel
55 Vaucluse Avenue, Middletown, RI
\$10 Admission

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St. Matthew Passion: Friday, April 7 at 7:30PM

Museum Concerts of Rhode Island
50th Anniversary Gala Concert
Performed by the Brown University Chorus and Schola Cantorum of Boston,
For tickets, visit www.museumconcerts.org or call 401-274-5073.

Music of Praise and Glory: Sunday, April 30 at 5PM

The Grace Church Choir and Choristers join with Collegium Ancora to present Vivaldi's beloved Gloria and Purcell's Te Deum and Jubilate with Chamber Ensemble.
\$10 suggested donation

Take a Journey Through the Bible

The Prayer and Scripture Group at Grace will meet every Saturday during Lent in the Chafee Room at 9:30am to explore the exciting new book from Forward Movement: [The Path: A Journey through the Bible](#). "With

"The Path is practical and accessible—a terrific resource in an attention-challenged world."

Chris Yaw (Founder, ChurchNext)



NEW FROM FORWARD MOVEMENT

informative trail signs to help you see how each piece of the narrative fits together, The Path is an experience unlike any other: an amazing 360-degree overview of the vast, sweeping story of God's extraordinary love for ordinary people." To take part, [please contact Deborah Dunning](#).

The Prayer and Scripture Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Chafee Room at Grace Church. The group's next meeting scheduled for January 28. During Lent, the group will shift to a weekly schedule for this shared journey through the Bible. Because the doors to the church are not open on Saturday mornings, we recommend [coordinating with Deborah](#) before attending for the first time.

A Prayer Shawl Ministry

Want to keep some time for knitting or crocheting a prayer shawl this winter?

Prayer shawls are created with prayer and given out to those who are going through difficult times in body, mind or spirit.



Not to mention, knitting is good for you! See the Healthy Hobbies section of [our ENews from December 8](#).

If you're interested in learning more or exploring this ministry, please speak to Anne McCarthy after a Sunday service, [or e-mail her here](#).

Colossians 2:2 That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ...

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