



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

January 25, 2019

## What is Candlemas?

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus and the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Christian Holy Day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. It is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22-40. It falls on February 2, which is traditionally the 40th day of the Christmas-Epiphany season. While it is customary for Christians in some countries to remove their Christmas decorations on Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve), those in other Christian countries historically remove them on Candlemas. On Candlemas, many Christians (especially Anglicans, Methodists, Lutherans, Orthodox and Roman Catholics) also bring their candles to their local church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year; for Christians, these blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who referred to himself as the Light of the World.



**Compline . . .**  
*Half an hour of solemn chant, glowing candles and fragrant incense . . .*

8 PM on the **Third Sunday of Each Month at Grace Church in Providence . . . doors open for meditation at 7:30 PM.**

*Sunday, January 27*

300 Westminister Street  
All Are Welcome

This year at Grace Church, we will celebrate Candlemas with a special service of Lessons and Carols, sung by the Brown University Chorus under the direction of Fred Jodry, on the feast day itself, **Saturday, February 2 at 4 PM**. This service will feature music of Victoria, Holst, Hassler, Eccard and Bortniansky. Please join us as we warm up the winter season with candlelight, scripture and poetry, and glorious music.

**Please join us this Sunday for Compline:** Our *Third Sunday Compline* was rescheduled to this Sunday, January 27 at 8 PM due to last Sunday's inclement weather. Doors will open at 7:30 pm for meditation. Treat yourself to half an hour of candlelight, chant, and a touch of incense.

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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** will return for  
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.

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## Upcoming Collegium Ancora Concerts

[Collegium Ancora](#), the choral ensemble in residence at Grace, will present a selection of choral masterworks written for upper voices (soprano & alto) and lower voices (tenor & bass). This varied program is full of both familiar and lesser-known works ranging from the 1600s to the 1900s, including composers from Italy (Palestrina), Germany (Brahms, Rheinberger, Schumann), France (Poulenc), Spain (Casals), England (Le Bas, Rutter), Ireland (Stanford), and the USA (Thompson).



**ALL ABOUT THAT  
BASS & TREBLE**

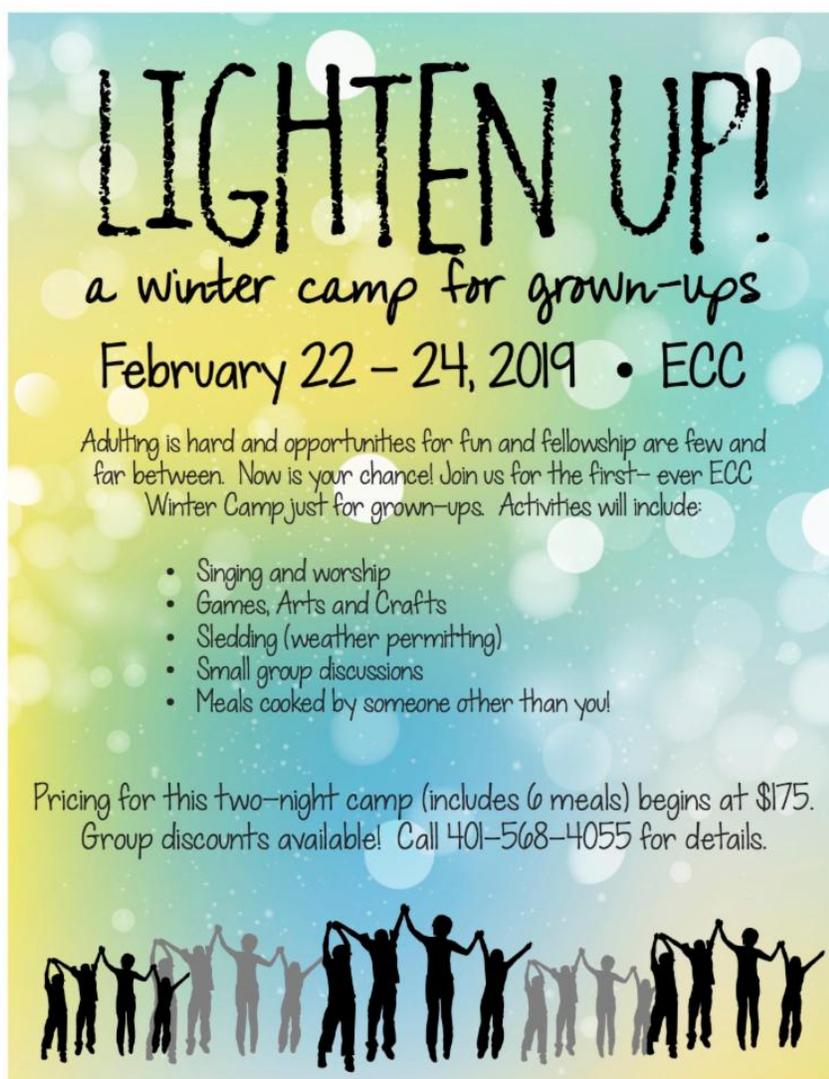
a concert of high and low voices

February 10 at 4pm, Grace Church in Providence  
February 16 at 4pm, Emmanuel Church in Newport, RI  
February 17 at 4pm, Grace Church in Providence (Abridged, Sensory & Family-friendly show)

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## Two Upcoming Events at the Episcopal Conference Center

Please click on either of the below flyers for more information or to register.



**Lighten up!** The Reverend Scott Lee is the rector of St. Barnabas Church in Warwick, and in addition to being a wonderful priest he is genuine, and friendly, and joyful. Sara Barker is a

professional dance instructor - so essentially she helps people have fun for a living! She happens also to be your parish administrator's wife. These two bright and warm individuals will help us spend the weekend participating in light-hearted "camp" activities, while also inviting us to consider how we might lighten our load emotionally, spiritually, and practically as we navigate this complicated world. [Please join ECC](#) for a weekend that is sure to be special, relaxing, and fun!

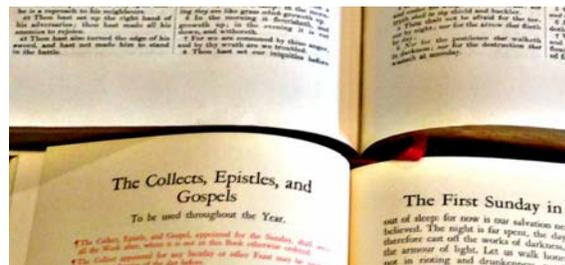
**Rise Together!** Celebrate 70 years of joyful ministry at the ECC, and support future programming for children including inner city youth, children with special needs, the LGBTQ+ community, and individuals awaiting adoption. [Tickets are now on sale](#) for this 70th Anniversary Gala.



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## January 27, 2019 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](#).

This week from the Episcopal Church: [The Feast of Andrei Rublev](#).

[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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## Reminder About Winter Weather Announcements

For information about weather-related cancellation or postponement of any scheduled service, concert, or activity at Grace Church, your first and best place to check is the Grace Church Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/GraceChurchProvidence/](http://www.facebook.com/GraceChurchProvidence/).

Sunday services are not commonly cancelled, though parishioners are always encouraged to consider their local conditions, their mode of transportation, and other factors to decide whether to attend. But if conditions truly warrant and our Sunday services are impacted, we will send out an e-mail, and time permitting we'll list the status through RI Broadcasters to appear on local TV channels; but our Facebook page will likely offer the most timely and most complete source of status updates.



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## A New Heart for Lent and Easter

What is your hope for yourself this upcoming Lent? Can you imagine it as season of genuine repentance - a powerful change of heart that stretches you into a stronger and more whole version of your current self? Suppose taking on this challenge during Lent presented an opportunity for you to grow beyond the limits of who you are now... to grow into an even fuller embodiment of whom God has created you to be.

Grace Church will present a special program for Lent and Easter led by Maria DeCarvalho, an Episcopal Priest who has previously served as Associate Rector here at Grace, Dean of the Cathedral of St. John, and Theologian in Residence at the American Cathedral in Paris.

Today, as co-Director of [Minds at Work](#), Maria is an executive coach working with leaders



committed to their own personal development. Maria believes that this work resonates powerfully with the promises of God, vividly expressed in the words of the Prophet Ezekiel: "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you."

The program is titled *A New Heart: Spiritual Practice for Powerful Personal Change*, and seeks to identify and remove inner obstacles that may stand between you and the realization of your dearest life goals. A New Heart will consist of three large-group sessions held in our own beautiful pavilion on the following dates and times:

**Sunday, March 10; 12:00pm - 2:30pm**

**Saturday, March 30; 9:00am - 11:00am**

**Saturday, May 11; 9:00am - 11:00am**

Coffee and light fare will be provided, as well as a program manual. Participants will be encouraged to gather for informal small-group off-site sessions. Tuition for this program is \$50, though **scholarships are readily available to Grace Church parishioners by contacting the rector**. And importantly, any proceeds from this program that are in excess of direct costs will support Grace to Go, the new meal-service ministry here at Grace.

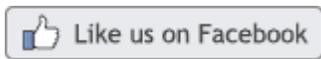
To register, please [click here to reserve your spot](#) or call the parish office at 401-331-3225, and then drop-off, mail, or place in the Sunday offering plate a check made out to Grace Church in Providence with "A New Heart" indicated on the memo line. If submitting on a Sunday, please place the check in an envelope indicating "Attn: Parish Administrator".

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## Connect with Grace

[This Sunday's Readings](#) [Listen to Recent Sermons](#)



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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.*