



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

January 4, 2019

Feast of the Epiphany

Like almost every church, Grace celebrates the Lord's Day by worshipping together every Sunday of the year. We also celebrate other "feast days" of the Church, like Christmas and Easter, and, like many churches, we worship together on other days as well - such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Some Christian churches recognize many more such days than we do - an Ethiopian friend of mine once told me that in the Ethiopian Orthodox Church more than half the days of the year are set aside as either a feast day or a fast day!



At Grace Church this Sunday, we will do something we do once every seven years - we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany on the day itself - January 6. We will do so because, this year, January 6th falls on a Sunday. Normally, we celebrate Epiphany on the Sunday following the 6th, but not this year! Epiphany - from the Greek for "appearance" - is a celebration of Christ's appearing to the gentiles in two ways: through the arrival of the magi at the manger in Bethlehem following the birth of Jesus and through the revealing of Christ as God's son at his baptism by John in the River Jordan 30 years later. Because of that second aspect of the feast of the Epiphany, it is traditional to baptize on that day, as we will do here at Grace on Sunday.

I encourage you all to worship at Grace every Sunday of the year, of course, but inviting you to church on the Feast of the Epiphany itself is something I do only once every seven years! So join us on Sunday to celebrate the arrival of the wise men in Bethlehem - the traditional culmination of the Christmas season - and to welcome multiple young people into the Church through the sacrament of baptism...and to celebrate not only that Christ was born for us but that he has been made known to us.

Happy Epiphany!
Jonathan+

Lessons & Carols for Epiphany



Please join us for a Service of Lessons & Carols for Epiphany, Sunday, January 6, 2019, at 4:00pm in Grace Church.

The Choir of Grace Church sings music of Handl, Willan, Cornelius, Titcomb, Sjolund, and Mendelssohn; with readings from Scripture and Poetry.

A reception follows in the Pavilion.

*The three kings, met under a dry star.
There, at midnight, the star began its singing.*
-from "Epiphany Poem", George Mackay Brown



Free Family Event in The Pavilion Sunday

Enjoy music and storytelling with Christopher Kavi Carbone, this Sunday at 2:00pm in The Pavilion at Grace, provided by the Providence Public Library. Celebrate the coming of winter with music-making, song, rhythm & rhyme. This event will inspire the whole family and awaken creative new possibilities as we start fresh in the new year.

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:

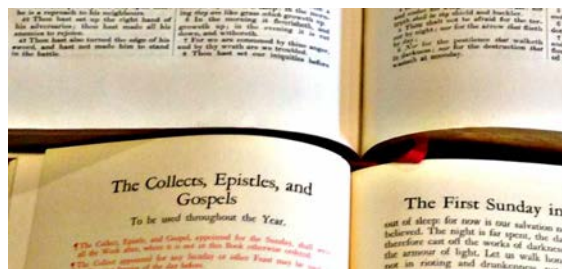
- 1.) in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow;
- 2.) On the **top level only** of the PPAC parking garage, for which the entrance is on Weybosset Street. A stairway from the top level leads right to Chapel Street across from the church; and
- 3.) In the 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.



January 6, 2019 The Feast of the Epiphany

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested
your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your
presence, where we may see your glory face to
face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For the text of this Sunday's readings, [please
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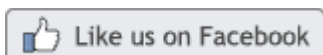
This week from the Episcopal Church: [The Feast of the Epiphany.](#)

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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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