



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

November 9, 2018

## Spotlight on Grace: What's a Visitation?

Google the word, "visitation", and you will get two definitions: "an official visit...by a bishop to a church in the bishop's diocese," and "the appearance of a divine or supernatural being." This Sunday, Grace Church will receive a visitation by the Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely...in that first sense of the word. Receiving the latter kind of visitation will be considered a bonus and likely get us even more visits from our bishop!



Bishop Knisely will preach and celebrate the Holy Eucharist at both the 8 and 10 a.m. services on Sunday (November 11th). He will also confirm two Grace parishioners in the Episcopal Church at the 10. Bishops generally visit their parishes every year or two, and Bishop Knisely was last here to dedicate the Pavilion just over a year ago. As a bishop's visit is a special occasion, I invite you to do two things: 1) Join him for a forum in the Pavilion at 9 a.m. on Sunday, titled, "Q and A with the Bishop." The bishop is happy to take any questions you might have for him...well, almost any! And 2) If you are able, please bring something to share at coffee hour this week, as we want to show that Graceful hospitality to our special guest.

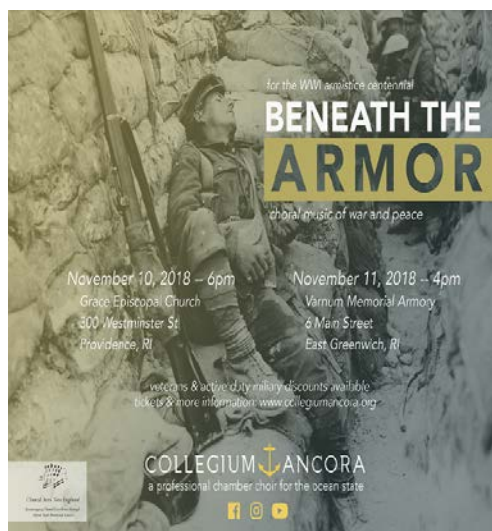
But most of all, make sure to come to church to Sunday to visit with our Visitation-er!

Blessings,  
Jonathan+

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## Collegium Ancora Concert This Saturday

Commemorating the Centennial of the World War I Armistice, Collegium Ancora presents *Beneath the Armor: Songs of War and Peace*, featuring the world premiere of Canadian composer Colin Eatock's "Five Poems from the Great War". Tickets and more information are available at [www.collegiumancora.org](http://www.collegiumancora.org).



## Q&A With the Bishop

Please join our bishop this Sunday (November 11th) for a forum at 9 a.m. in the Pavilion, when the Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely will be happy to discuss anything that's on your minds in matters theological, ecclesial, or otherwise!



## Advent Small Group Series

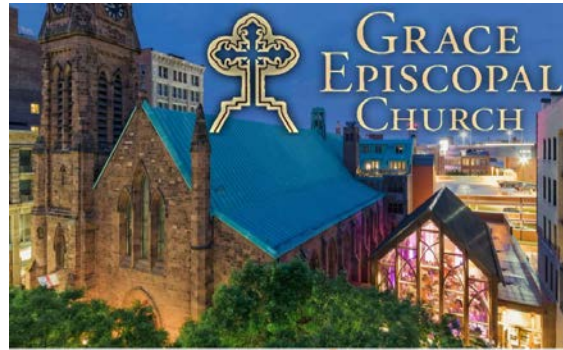
Small groups are a great opportunity to get to know some of your fellow parishioners here at Grace and to reflect together on a spiritual topic. During the four weeks of Advent this year, we'll be running a series that will use the Advent resource, "What Are You Waiting For?" by the Rev. Christine McSpadden. During coffee hour for the next three weeks, you'll have the opportunity to sign up for one of four groups that will meet for four consecutive Friday evenings for a pot-luck supper and discussion starting on November 30th. We'll have small groups meeting in Providence, North Providence, and Cranston, as well as one group that will meet at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings at Grace. Please join us for whatever group works best for you!



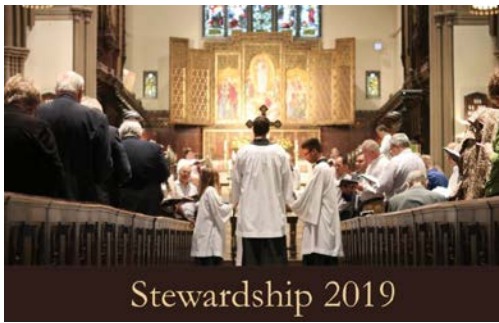
## Transforming Generosity - Stewardship 2019

*Our reading this Sunday ([Mark 12:38-44](#)) is the familiar Widow's Mite story. How is it that the smallest gift recorded in the Bible is the most famous? Here Jesus is, 48 hours before his crucifixion, and he decides to sit in the court of the women to watch people make their gifts. As usual, Jesus sides with the marginalized and takes a seat not with the rich and powerful but with the "less than." And hours before his death he draws our attention to giving.*

- Cathy Clement, President, TENS Board of Directors.



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*We all are called to serve God in our own unique way. Giving generously to the annual campaign is our responsibility, and most importantly as parishioners it is our duty to: secure Grace Church's future so it can continue to be the beacon that brings people home and a place to find solace and peace in the presence of God for generations to come.*

- Rob & Ron Simoes Walsh

## **Transforming Generosity with Electronic Giving**

A resource page to guide your electronic giving -- whether through our website, our mobile app, or via text -- will be available in the back of the church. [Please click here](#) to donate to Grace on our website -- or to establish a recurring pledge contribution for 2019 -- using our [secure donation portal](#). Please note: If you're planning to give electronically for 2019, please do still submit a pledge card to ensure we record your pledge.

GivePlus is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone ([watch this video tutorial](#)). Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus" to download the app, search for "Grace Church Providence" in the app, choose which fund you'd like to support (Pledge, Music at Grace, etc.), and you're on your way.

 <p><b>GIVE PLUS+</b> Powered By Vanco Payment Solutions</p> <p>As part of our campaign of Transforming Generosity, we present GivePlus, our new mobile giving app. Now you can make weekly offerings, respond to special appeals, or set up a recurring donation... all through your smartphone!</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus" to download the app.</li> <li>2. Enter "Grace Church in Providence" in the app, choose which fund you'd like to support (e.g. Pledge), and you're on your way.</li> <li>3. Considering sourcing your contribution from a checking or savings account to maximize your contribution, or if using a card please consider selecting the option: "Help Offset the Processing Fee".</li> </ol>	
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Those accustomed to texting may enjoy giving through Give+ Text. Make one-time or recurring offerings by simply sending a text to our secure account at **401-298-9775**. Simply text the dollar amount of your desired donation, and follow the prompts for the rest. For further guidance, please [watch this brief tutorial](#).

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

Please support the Grace Church Outreach Ministry's food drive to stock the shelves at the PICA Food Pantry in downtown Providence. Please see a list of particularly needed items posted in the narthex, and please bring your food donations to Grace Church no later than Sunday, November 18. If you have a spare cardboard box to carry them in, that is helpful.



## Team Trivia to Raise Awareness

Better Lives Rhode Island (formally PICA) [invites you to participate](#) in an evening full of excitement as we play trivia and raise awareness for our programs! Tuesday, November 13, 5:30-8:00pm, at [Brass Monkey](#), 800 Allens Ave, Providence.



We are charging a price of \$25 per person ([click here for tickets](#)). That will include finger foods like pizza, quesadillas, chips and salsa. Teams must not exceed 5 people. People should arrive between 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm to register and the game will start soon after that. We will have a raffle available and there will be prizes for our winners!

## 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.



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## **The Grace Church Inreach Ministry**

The Grace Church Inreach Ministry Are you (or someone you know) unable to make it to church, either for the short or long term, for any reason? A member of the Grace Church Inreach Ministry would be happy to visit with you, by phone or in person, to keep you connected to your parish and offer prayers and support and, if you like, to bring you communion. Please contact Sue Hall at [inreach@gracepvd.org](mailto:inreach@gracepvd.org), or call the church office. Of course, as always, if you want your rector to visit you, just give Jonathan a call at the church at 331-3225. That's why he's here!

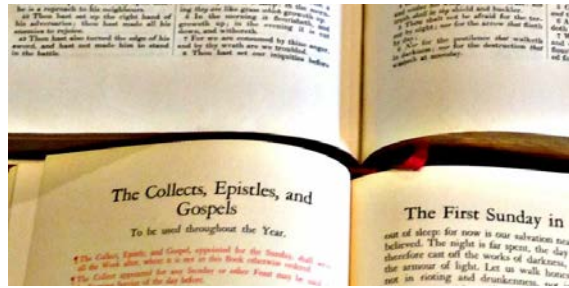


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**November 11, 2018**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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: [Consecration of Samuel Seabury](#). [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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This Sunday's Readings

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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.*