



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church


December 1, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: A Service of Lessons and Carols

Please join us for one of our most beloved musical traditions at Grace Church - A Procession with Lessons and Carols on Advent Sunday, this Sunday, December 3 at 5 PM.

This dramatic service begins with the choir singing the haunting Matin Responsory from The Pavilion, followed by the great carol "Come, thou Redeemer of the earth" in procession to the chancel. What follows is a marvelous pattern of Reading, Anthem, and Carol, with the choir processing around the nave of the church, singing from various corners and side aisles - truly "surround sound"!

Of special note this year is Franz Biebl's lush setting of "Ave Maria" set for double choir. Many other favorite anthems and congregational carols will be included. Following the service, join us in The Pavilion for a reception.



**A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND
CAROLS FOR ADVENT**
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
5 PM

*The Choir of Grace Church sings music of
Palestrina, Webbe, Ord, Schütz, Poston, Biebl,
Rheinberger, and Hallock, in procession around
the candle-lit church.*

A reception follows in the Pavilion.

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This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music
Sunday 5:00pm Service of Lessons & Carols
Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist



The Advent Giving Tree: The Advent Giving Tree is located in the Pavilion and adorned with ornaments that represent the holiday wishes of children through Children's Friend. Please retrieve the ornament(s) corresponding to gifts that you wish to donate, and plan to return your unwrapped gifts to church by Sunday, December 10th. In the case of gift store cards, please place those into the donation box near the baptismal font. Wrapping supplies, including wrapping paper, ribbon, tape and gift tags are also welcome gifts. Please email Nicholas Halar at outreach@gracepvd.org if you have any questions.

Downtown Road Race this Sunday: The Amica Downtown Jingle will take place this Sunday, December 3, [with a race course](#) that leads down Westminster Street. We encourage parishioners to approach Grace from the direction of Weybosset St, and also to make use of the top level of the PPAC parking garage which is free for Grace parishioners on Sunday mornings. RIPTA will [detour nineteen bus routes](#) in the downtown area this Sunday: Bus Routes 1, 3, 6, 17, 19, 20, 22, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 60, 66, 78, 92 East and the R-Line will be detoured from 10:30am until 12:30pm. Bus Routes 27, 28 and 92 West will be detoured from 9:00am until 1:00pm.

Nursery Located Temporarily in The Pavilion While we prepare a new nursery space on the 3rd floor, in part of what previously served as the choir room, please find the nursery located in a corner of the Pavilion.

Prayer Group:

Please note a temporary change of schedule for the holidays. The prayer group, which normally meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Chafee Room, will shift to the 1st and 3rd Saturdays for November and December only.

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.

Music at Grace

Christmas Carol Sing

Please join us in the garden in front of The Pavilion at Grace on Westminster Street as we sing your favorite carols and songs of the season while gathering around a warming fire. Saturday, December 16, at 4:00pm. Refreshments will be served.



Brown University Chorus presents here at Grace Church Part 1 of Handel's Messiah and Cantatas 1 & III from Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Saturday, December 9, at 8:00pm. Tickets are available at the door, \$25 general admission or \$5 for students.

Come and See: Stewardship 2018

Thank you to all who have submitted their annual pledges. If you have not yet submitted yours, please mail your pledge form at your earliest opportunity. Thank you also for ensuring completion of your 2017 pledge payments before year-end. For information on balances remaining, please [contact Chris in the office](#)

(cbarker@gracepvd.org). Those who requested pledge envelopes or have traditionally received them, they will be available for pick-up after the 8am and 10am services this Sunday, December 3 and also December 10. A limited number of additional sets are available by request using the sign-up sheet located in the literature rack in the narthex. Thank you all for supporting the mission and ministry of Grace Church!



A Yuletide Pavilion

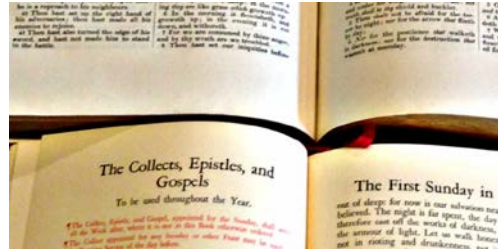
We have been decorating The Pavilion this week for Advent and Christmas, and for this we purchased some new decorations including a lovely artificial Christmas tree. Many of these purchases will serve us for years to come, and we're inviting any parishioners who would like to contribute to helping us make our new gathering space look festive this holiday season to send a check made out to Grace Church with "Christmas decorations" in the memo line to the parish office at 300 Westminster Street, 02903. Many thanks!



December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 click here](#):

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Preparing to Become the Beloved Community](#). [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).

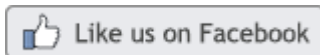
Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

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