



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

December 13, 2018

Choristers Take Their Show on the Road

During December, the Grace Church Choristers will be taking their show on the road, so to speak! On Friday, December 14, the Choristers will travel to Tockwotton on the Waterfront and sing carols for the residents there. Our own Hope Brothers is a resident and we look forward to singing for her and the other residents.

On Saturday, December 22, the Choristers and some members of the Grace Adult Choir will be singing as part of [Trinity Rep's production](#) of "A Christmas Carol." This year's production features different local choirs taking part in each performance. The Choristers will take part in the Noon and 6 PM performances on the 22nd. What an exciting opportunity for us!



In addition, you can see and hear them in their more traditional role on Sunday morning - both taking part in the annual Nativity Pageant, and singing with the Grace Church Choir. (This photo was taken following the Chorister's September 23 Evensong, where each chorister was officially received into the choir program.)

Join Us for the Nativity Pageant This Sunday

With over 35 children and youths from the Grace Church Choristers, Sunday School, and Youth Group participating, this year's Nativity Pageant promises to be something special. We encourage you to join us for worship this Sunday at 10:00am, and be treated to the glorious story of Christ's birth as told by these youngsters.



If you prefer to receive your invitation directly from some of the performers, have a look at this video below.



Nativity Pageant Announcement 2018

Final Sunday for the Advent Giving Tree

This coming Sunday, December 16, marks the final day of our Advent Giving Tree drive, fulfilling the holiday wishes of children through [Children's Friend](#) (a local social children's service agency that Grace regularly supports). Thank you for bringing your items with you to place under the Advent tree Sunday morning. 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.



If you are unable to bring your items this Sunday, please plan to bring them by the parish office on Monday, December 17. After Monday they will be delivered to Children's Friend. Thank you for making this annual drive such a heartwarming success!

Please Pick Up Your Pledge Envelopes



Those who requested pledge envelopes or have traditionally received them, they will be available for pick-up in The Pavilion after the 8am and 10am services this Sunday (December 16). Each assigned set has been labelled, so please take care to take only the correct set with your name on it.

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 2018 pledge payments before year-end. For information on balances remaining, please contact Chris in the office (cbarker@gracepvd.org).

Please [e-mail the parish office](#) or call 401-331-3225 to request one of a very few remaining sets available. Thank you all for supporting the mission and ministry of Grace Church!

Christmas Flowers and Music

Please Submit your Christmas Poinsettia and Music dedications this week or next. You'll find the dedication cards pictured here located in the pews, on the back table near the baptismal font, and in the Narthex literature rack. Thank you for printing your dedications legibly, and using the green flower envelopes. Submit dedications along with your gift in the collection plate, or mail to the church office **by December 19.**

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AND MUSIC



_____ I wish to make a gift of \$ _____ for Christmas flowers at Grace (minimum \$20).

_____ I wish to support special Christmas music with my gift of \$ _____.

_____ I wish to make an additional Christmas offering of \$ _____.

Total gift enclosed: \$ _____. Thank you!



Please dedicate my gift (circle one):

in honor of in memory of or in thanksgiving for (please print legibly):

Please place card with your gift in the green flower envelopes provided, before Dec. 21.



Share in the Joy of Christmas at Grace Church

Christmas Eve at 5:00pm and 10:00pm

*With musical preludes beginning at 4:30 and 9:30pm
featuring the Grace Church Choir, soloists, organ, and more*

Christmas Day with Carols at 10:00am

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Advent Small Group Series

Please join us at 9:00am in the Chafee Room on Sundays during Advent for an Advent small group series led by our rector.

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.

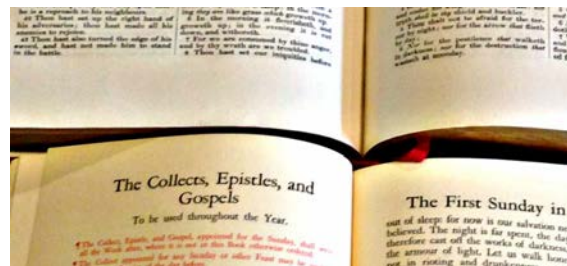


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The Third Sunday of Advent

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.



For the text of this Sunday's readings, [please click here](#).

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Journeying with 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](#).

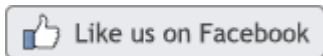
Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

Blue Christmas for the Sorrowful

Blue Christmas for the Sorrowful in a Season of Joy, St. Martin's Church, 50 Orchard Ave, 21 December, 2018, 5:30pm. A special holiday service with choir.

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



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