



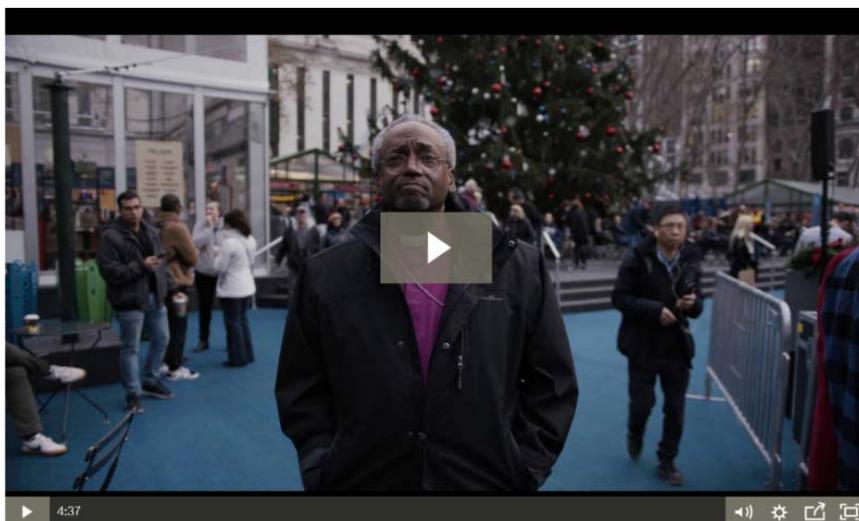
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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

December 20, 2018

## Bishop Curry's Christmas Message 2018



"Love came down at Christmas, because God so loved the world, that he gave," Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael Curry said in his Christmas Message 2018. The video of the presiding bishop's message, recorded at Bryant Park in New York, is [here](#).



### 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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## Parish Office Schedule



We are excited to share with you the upcoming special worship services for Christmas Eve and Christmas morning.

Meanwhile, please note that the parish office will be closed for the week of Christmas, from December 24 through 28. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Jonathan by dialing the parish phone at 401-331-3225, and pressing 6 to reach Jonathan's voicemail.

We hope everyone has a happy, healthy and safe Christmas and New Year! We look forward to seeing you in 2019!

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## 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

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## Last Call for Pledge Envelopes



Those who requested pledge envelopes or have traditionally received them, they will be available for pick-up one last time after the 8am and 10am services this Sunday (December 23). Each assigned set has been labelled, so please take care to take only the correct set with your name on it.

Please [e-mail the parish office](#) or call 401-331-3225 to request one of a very few remaining sets

available.

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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



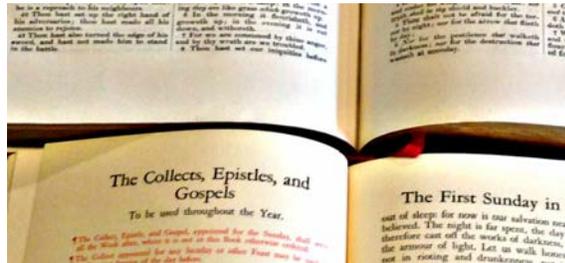
3.) In the Grace Church parking lot accessed via Snow Street. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving this lot, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility.

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## December 23, 2018 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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: [Journeying in the World](#).  
[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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*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.*