



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

December 30, 2016

Spotlight on Grace: Envision and anticipate **The Pavilion at Grace**



On behalf of all the clergy and staff of Grace Church in Providence, we wish you a very **Happy New Year!**

The Grace Church community leaps excitedly into this new year of 2017, budding with anticipation to watch **The Pavilion at Grace** take form amid our downtown cityscape right before our eyes. Like the landmark years we routinely recall from our 188-year history -- the

1829 founding of our parish, the 1846 construction of our church, and the 1912 addition of the chancel -- the year 2017 will be long-remembered as a year of glorious transformation and growth with the addition of our new light-filled gathering space called *the Atrium*, the garden facing Westminster Street complete with a stone-laid labyrinth, a new reception area, and a catering kitchen. Providing convenient wheelchair access from our parking lot right into these new spaces *and* the church, we celebrate 2017 also for the much-improved accessibility of our campus coming soon.

Skilled masons selected by Bowerman Associates have made quick work of building up the walls of the new reception area, catering kitchen, restrooms and coatroom over the past week or two. In the foreground below, we can now see the window openings through which your parish administrator will wave to you as you approach the new main entrance. The large steel beams that will form the structure of the Atrium have arrived on-site, and they are slated for installation *en masse* during January once the masons have made full use of favorable weather.

Looking back over their major achievements during 2016, the designers of The Pavilion at Grace -- Centerbrook Architects -- posted the above rendering of the new construction [with](#)

[this Twitter post](#). In their accompanying [blog post from September](#), Centerbrook wrote:

Led by Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck, Rector, Grace Church has been revitalized in recent years much like the "Downcity" area in which it is located. The church has a growing and diverse congregation that reflects the vitality of Providence, widely regarded as one of the best small cities in America. The congregation comes from up to an hour a way to be a part of this active community.

"A parking lot will be turned into a glass filled modern gothic building and cloister garden designed to be a welcome beacon of activity on the street," said [Centerbrook](#) partner Jim Childress, FAIA. "Its use will provide a place to gather, share food, celebrate and learn from one another."



This Week at Grace

Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music*

Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

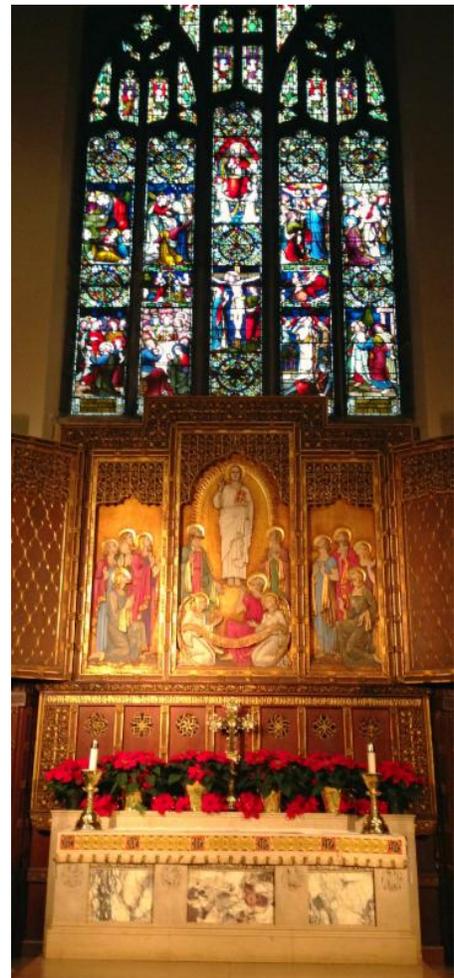
*Please note there is no Sunday School this week for the holiday.

Noontime Organ Concert January 5

Please take time out from your day at Noon on Thursday, January 5 for a special concert featuring Fred Jodry on the Grace Church organ. He will perform La Nativite du Seigneur by Olivier Messiaen, which features a series of meditations on the birth of our Lord.

Welcome to our Guest Organist: We are grateful to our very own Ben Willis for serving as guest organist for this Sunday's 10am service. Ben is a wonderful tenor in the Grace Church Choir. When not singing or playing the organ, Ben finds time to be an architect at Union Studio in Providence.

Parking for Worship: Parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow. A small number of spaces are available on the portion of the Grace Church lot facing



Snow Street, along an inset section of the construction fence. For all other times, please [check with the parish administrator](#) for availability.

Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking: Please find wheelchair access from the sidewalk on Westminster Street into the church. Handicapped parking spaces have been posted for Sundays on Mathewson Street near Westminster.

January 1, 2017 - Feast of the Holy Name

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

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

[Numbers 6:22-27 ~ Psalm 8 ~ Galatians 4:4-7 ~ Luke 2:15-21](#)

For additional background about [the Feast of the Holy Name](#), [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.



Please bring home your 2017 PICA outreach calendar!

The Outreach Ministry at Grace has prepared a 2017 calendar to guide your valued contributions of food and other items throughout the coming year. All non-perishable food, plus toiletries, clothing etc. are welcome throughout the year, but the calendar features particular wish-list items for each month, culminating in our new Reverse Advent campaign for next



2017 Calendar of Giving

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December. We hope you will hang or keep a calendar in your kitchen or pantry, and support the important work of PICA throughout 2017!

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