



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

December 8, 2017

## Spotlight on Grace: The Spirit of Christmas

### Grace Church Christmas Carol Sing Saturday, December 16, at 4:00pm.

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 nice warming fire. Refreshments will be served.

We look forward to sharing this fun and festive event with you.



### Brown University Chorus presents

**Messiah** This Saturday, December 9, 8:00pm. Meanwhile, for an opportunity to get into the spirit of Christmas one week earlier, please consider attending *this* Saturday's presentation of Handel's Messiah (Part I) and Bach's Christmas Oratorio (Cantatas I & II) by Brown University Chorus. Admission for this concert is \$25 (\$5 for students). [Click here for info.](#)



**Christmas Pageant is December 17** Please don't miss our beloved annual Christmas Pageant service with Holy Eucharist, next Sunday, December 17, at 10 :00am. We thought we'd share this wonderful image at right of the Grace Church pageant from 1928.

**Christmas Eve and Christmas Day** And finally, be sure to plan your Christmas Eve and Christmas morning festivities around the joyful and music-filled services we have in store:



**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

[gracechurchprovidence.org](http://gracechurchprovidence.org)

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## This Week at Grace

### Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist  
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music  
Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

**The Advent Giving Tree:** The 2017 Advent Giving Tree campaign culminates this Sunday, December 10. Please place your items around the tree in The Pavilion (or if gift cards then in the donation box near the baptismal font). Please email Nicholas Halar at [outreach@gracepvd.org](mailto:outreach@gracepvd.org) if you have any questions, and thank you for participating in this wonderful program for Children's Friend.



**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.

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## Accolades for The Pavilion at Grace

David Brussat, author of the blog *Architecture Here and There*, recently reviewed our new Pavilion at Grace. [Please click here to read the full read the full post.](#)

Brussat writes:

"Contemporary can then perhaps be interpreted, in architecture, as meaning (at its best) that which uses the latest design and construction techniques, without any sense of snubbing the past or past styles."



"That's what the Pavilion at Grace does so graciously, fulfilling (if I may be so bold as to suggest) the churchly role of anchor. At any time when change destabilizes society (often in good ways), religion should remind us that the future must be as much a continuation as a reformation of the past."

"The Pavilion is an engaging and evocative, not to mention useful, feature of Westminster Street and downtown, whose strengths build on continuity with the past. Congratulations to Rev. Huyck, to his congregation at Grace, and to the downtown community!"

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## 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](#). 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 10. A limited number of additional sets are available by request using the sign-up sheet located at the nametag table. Thank you all for supporting the mission and ministry of Grace Church!



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## December 10, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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](#):

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