



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

February 23, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: Welcome Guest Preacher Meaghan Brower



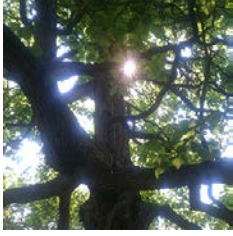
We are delighted to extend a warm welcome this week -- or more precisely a 'welcome back' -- to our guest preacher for this Sunday The Reverend Meaghan Brower.

Meaghan is Director of the [Episcopal Conference Center](#), and founding Rector of [Church of the Beloved](#); both located in Pascoag, RI. For any who have never been, the ECC is a wonderful facility with programs throughout the year for children, youths, and families. Registration is open for [their summer camp programs](#) for children and youths from age 4 through grade 12.

Meaghan will no doubt feel at home this Sunday, and not solely because she has done this before. She used to run the youth program here at Grace, and in fact it was Grace Church who sponsored Meaghan for her ordination. Moreover, she was married here, and her talented husband Jonathan Brower designed and built [Grace's beautiful credence table](#) commissioned in 2016. Please welcome her back to Grace Church this Sunday.



Lenten Monastic Retreat



Please join vestry members and other Grace parishioners for a silent retreat on the weekend of March 9-11 at the Episcopal monastery in Cambridge - [the Society of St. John the Evangelist](#). The retreat begins Friday afternoon and concludes Sunday afternoon. During the weekend, we will join the brothers in worship in the monastery chapel, take our meals with them, and meet with one of the monks, Br. Luke, who will usher us through the retreat with four group sessions, first with an orientation Friday evening. Saturday he will share some reflections, facilitate some discussion about our experience, and offer suggestions for how to pray. If you'd like to attend or have questions, call or email the rector at 331-3225 or jhuyck@gracepvd.org. The monastery's suggested donation for the weekend is \$270, but if that is a challenge, just let the rector know, as financial assistance is available. Spaces are limited, so, if you would like to come, please let the rector know as soon as you can.

20s / 30s Group Community Dinner



Please join Grace's lively and growing group of 20s/30s for a Community Dinner on the 1st Thursday of each month in the Pavillion at 7:00pm, beginning March 1. We hope to set aside this time each month to better connect and grow in fellowship with one another and hope that you will consider joining us. Please bring a dish to share if you are able, and feel free to [contact Drake Douglas](#) (drakecdouglas@gmail.com) with any questions or for more info.

The Lenten Giving Cross



During the season of Lent, we will be collecting donations for foster families welcoming a baby into their home. These donations will go to our partner agency, Children's Friend. There are a variety of donations we are collecting; including bibs, clothes, car seats, and gift cards.

The donation requests are written on flower bulbs on the Lenten Cross, located in The Pavilion. You can bring your donation in anytime during Lent. Thank you in advance for your support.



CHORAL EVENSONG



For Lent

Lloyd – View me, Lord



Titcomb – Evening Service in A



Haydn – Insanae et vanae curae

*Sung by the choir of Grace Church in Providence
Rodney Ayers, Guest Organist*

Sunday, March 18 at 5 PM

Also, Please mark your calendars for a visiting choir concert - Join us on Wednesday, March 14 at 7 PM for a concert by the [Choirs of Susquehanna University from Pennsylvania](#). The choirs are on a New England tour and will be singing a wonderful array of music, both sacred and secular. The concert is free and open to the public!

Join the Sandwich Brigade



Each year during lent, volunteers with the Outreach Ministry at Grace Church descend upon the kitchen at Crossroads Rhode Island for a number of Saturday mornings to make sandwiches for members of our downtown community. This rewarding and enjoyable ministry offers a great opportunity to get active in outreach at Grace Church and get to know your fellow parishioners in the process.

This year's sandwich brigade will take place on four Saturdays at 10:00am: February 17 and 24, and also March 17 and 24. Please look for a sign-up sheet in the back of the church beginning this Sunday, and thank you for signing up in advance for any number of those four Saturdays that you'd like to take part in. With question, please contact Nick Halar at outreach@gracepvd.org.

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

Thursday Concerts at Noon: Our Thursday Noon concert on March 1 features Nick Voermans, Organ.

Lenten Bible Study with the Rector:

Sundays in Lent at 9:00am in The Pavilion

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.

Prayer Group: The prayer group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am, presently in The 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.

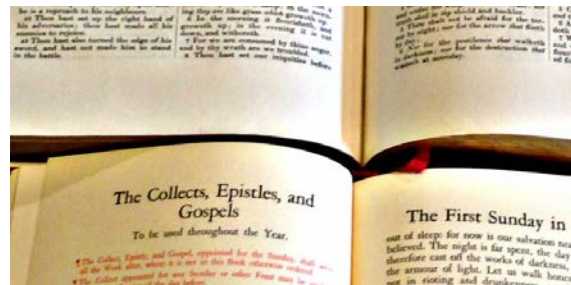
Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

- 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.



February 25, 2018 Second Sunday in Lent

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Invitation to the Good Friday Offering](#). [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).

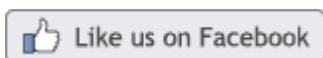
Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

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