



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

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Spotlight on Grace: Spreading Word of the Grace Church Welcome

The warm and inclusive welcome that visitors and newcomers to Grace Episcopal Church routinely experience was the focus of a profile piece by WJAR Channel 10's Mario Hilario which aired during Sunday's 6:00 o'clock news. The segment also gave mention to our beautiful new gathering and event space that is rapidly nearing completion. If you missed the original broadcast, [please click here to watch it for yourself.](#)

WJAR arranged to visit during our Sunday worship after coming across [the wonderful video](#) that Grace parishioners Rob and Ron Simoes Walsh produced. We invite you to watch the video here below, and share it with those you know so that all may be struck by the diverse and welcoming community that we are.

A local Providence church reveals their secret to congregation growth

by Mario Hilario, NBC 10 News | Sunday, July 16th 2017



PROVIDENCE, R.I. (WJAR) — Grace Episcopal Church, in the heart of downtown Providence, is rolling out the welcome mat and spreading a message of inclusion.



Come and See

The following morning, this heartwarming story reached another broad audience when The Episcopal Church [shared the news via Twitter](#) with some 16,000 followers nationwide. [The Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island](#) commented: "Props to [@GraceChurchPVD](#) for this EXCELLENT video and for proclaiming and living God's expansive love."

We are grateful to all who help make Grace Church such a friendly and welcoming community, and to all who play a role in spreading the word to others in our area about the special welcome that awaits them here at Grace.



This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

Sunday School: We are offering a 4-week series of summertime Sunday School sessions now through August 6. Children ages 3-12 are invited to process to the Chafee Room following the opening Collect.

Prayer Group: Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am, Chafee Room.

Open Doors: Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. During the summer, Open Doors will be Monday through Thursday.

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.

Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow. Additional free parking is also available 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. 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.

July 23, 2017 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, 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](#):

[Isaiah 44:6-8 ~ Psalm 86:11-17 ~ Romans 8:12-25 ~ Matthew 13:24-30,36-43](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [The Feast of St. James, Apostle and Martyr](#). [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.

RSCM Evensong Friday, August 4

Please join us for a special Service of Choral Evensong at 5:00pm on Friday, August 4 here at Grace Church, as the Royal School of Church Music returns to Grace. Last year's RSCM Evensong (see photo at right) brought more than 150 voices together for a powerful sacred sound, and we encourage all to attend and bring their family and friends.



Summer Choir is in session: Summer Choir is open to anyone who sings with the Grace Church Choir, or anyone who would like to try singing in the choir. We meet in the Choir Room at 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings, rehearse the hymns and psalm, and prepare a simple anthem or two. You don't need to give previous notice, but if you would like to try Summer Choir, please do [email Vince Edwards](mailto:vince.edwards@gracechurch.org), Director of Music, for more information, or if you have any questions. Feel free to sing one Sunday, or every Sunday! Please note: We may not vest once the weather turns hot, so please wear our summer choir "uniform" - white blouse or shirt, black (or very dark) shorts, pants or skirt and dark-ish shoes (sandals are fine!).

Your Health & Wellness Minute

The Embodied Neuroscience Lab, which is jointly associated with Brown University and the Miriam Hospital, currently has a study looking to understand the immense fatigue that follows treatment for many cancer survivors. They are looking for female participants between the ages of 18 and 70. All eligible participants in the study would be randomly assigned into one of two different classes - either pilates or a mindful movement practice. Both classes are completely free and have been shown to be effective at bettering the lives of fatigued individuals. You will be compensated for your participation. If



If you are interested in participating or would like more information, contact: 401-863-6272 or e-mail cancersurvivor@lifespan.org. They are currently looking for participants, so call now if you'd like to be part of this study!" Thanks in advance - Pam