



GRACE
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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

November 27, 2019

Spotlight on Grace Advent is Here.....and Christmas is Coming!

This year, as we prepare for the annual celebration of the birth of Christ, Grace Church will have some annual favorites, some new events, and the return of something we've done in the past. As always, the 10 a.m. service on the third Sunday in Advent will feature our children's Christmas pageant. That same night (at 7 p.m.), we'll have a special Advent Compline (more details below), and the day prior we'll have the return of our Christmas Carol Sing-along in The Pavilion garden. Finally, on the 22nd, the choir (including the choristers) and *Collegium Ancora* will together sing Händel's Messiah. December is a full month here at Grace, which is, after all, as it should be. We hope you'll join us!



God's Peace,
Jonathan+

Advent Giving Tree

This year we continue the tradition of the Advent Giving Tree, located in The Pavilion. The ornaments that decorate the tree represent the holiday wishes of children through Children's Friend (a local social children's service agency that Grace regularly supports). Please retrieve the ornament(s) corresponding to gifts that you wish to donate, and plan to return your unwrapped gifts to church no later than Sunday, December 15th. In the case of gift store cards, please place those into the donation box near the baptismal font. Wrapping supplies, including wrapping paper, ribbon, tape and gift tags are also welcome gifts.



Upcoming Music at Grace

Thursdays at Noon Concerts On Thursday, December 5, a program of Advent music, featuring composers Healey Willan, Georg Böhm, Robert Lau, and Andrew Carter, will be played by Rodney Ayers, Minister of Music & Organist at St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich.

An Advent Procession with Lessons & Carols Join us on Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 PM for a festive liturgy for the beginning of Advent! The Grace Church Choir will sing works by Palestrina, Webbe, Byrd, Parsons, Rheinberger, Thalben-Ball and others from various points throughout the church, gradually approaching the High Altar at the East End. This service is meant to embody the beginning of our anticipation of the coming of our Savior. A reception will follow in The Pavilion.

Caroling with the Grace Church

Choristers On Saturday, December 14 at 3:00 PM join the Choristers of Grace Church in the garden of The Pavilion at Grace and sing Christmas Carols around a warm and roaring fire! There will be seasonal refreshments and a cheerful holiday atmosphere so bring your friends and family!



"O" Antiphons & Advent Meditations

On Sunday, December 15 at 7:00 PM the Men's Compline Choir will sing a special liturgy based on The Great "O" Antiphons of Advent. Silence between each chanted antiphon will allow time for prayer and meditation. Then at 8:00 PM Choral Compline will commence as usual.

COLLEGIUM  ANCORA
PRESENTS

Handel's Messiah

THE CHRISTMAS PORTION

Collegium Ancora Joins the Grace Church Choir & Choristers
Accompanied by Early Music Ensemble

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 | 4:00 PM

GRACE CHURCH

300 WESTMINSTER ST. PROVIDENCE

\$10 Suggested Donation at the Door

Visit www.CollegiumAncora.org for More Information

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Spoken Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Sung Holy Eucharist with Music
Wednesday 12:00 Spoken Holy Eucharist

Holiday Office Hours: The church and office will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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. *Open Doors will resume next Monday, December 2nd.*

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:

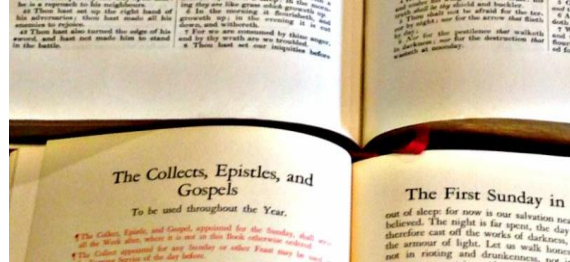
- 1.) in the lot directly across Snow Street from our lot, at the SW corner of Westminster and Snow; and
- 2.) In the Grace Church parking lot accessed via Snow Street. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving this lot, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility.



December 1, 2019

The First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



This Sunday's readings are:

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44
Psalm 122

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Saying 'Yes' to the Journey.](#)

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.
