



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

January 3, 2020

Spotlight on Grace Lessons and Carols for Epiphanytide

The festive holiday spirit continues at Grace, this Sunday, January 5 at 4 PM! This is technically the 12th (and last) Day of Christmas, but we are anticipating the Feast of the Epiphany, which is January 6.

"Epiphany" comes from the Greek word "epiphaneia" meaning manifestation or striking appearance, which is exactly what the season following Christmas is - the manifestation of the Word-made-flesh to the gentiles (represented by the Three Kings). The Choir of Grace Church will offer Lessons and Carols for Epiphany, featuring scripture, poetry, and music. The service begins with a dramatic procession with our very own "Three Kings" and is not to be missed! Works by Titcomb, Willan, Archer, Cornelius, Handl, and Mendelssohn will fill the rafters, and a reception follows in The Pavilion. Please join us as we bring the sacred season of Christmas to a joyful close!



Above: *The Adoration of the Magi*, an altar-piece painting by the Flemish artist Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640) that is placed behind the high altar at the east end of King's College Chapel, Cambridge, where the famous, annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols takes place every Christmas Eve.

*"The three kings, met under a dry star.
There, at midnight, the star began its singing."
(from "Epiphany Poem", George Mackay Brown)*

Small-Scale Styrofoam Recycling through Grace

On the first Sunday of each month, Grace Church will collect your carefully cleaned and dried styrofoam recyclables in a blue recycling barrel that will be placed outside the office entrance to The Pavilion, next to the handicapped ramp. The two recyclable categories of styrofoam are food-service foam (items such as styrofoam coffee cups, take-out containers, foam meat trays, etc.) and rigid packaging foam.



Items that are NOT recyclable through this program include packing peanuts and soft spongy foam.

Key to the success of this program will be your cooperation in ensuring items are thoroughly cleaned and dried before drop-off. Please be sure to ONLY bring foam recyclables on the first Sunday of a calendar month, as no recyclables will be collected on any other day. And please do not place recyclables of any other variety in the blue barrel... it is exclusively for styrofoam recyclables.

Also, the scale of this recycling program is limited to the capacity of that single blue barrel, so if the barrel is full please hold your recyclables until the following month, or bring them directly to the RI Resource Recovery Corporation drop-off facility in Johnston.

Upcoming Music at Grace

Lessons and Carols for Epiphany

On Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 4:00 PM, the Choir of Grace Church will sing music for the Epiphany season, illustrating the story of the three Magi visiting the Christ Child. Composers featured include Cornelius, Titcomb, Willan, Handl, Archer, and Mendelssohn. Readings from Scripture and poetry will be interspersed with Epiphany carols and hymns sung by the congregation. A reception will follow in The Pavilion.

Thursdays at Noon Concerts

There are no recitals during the month of January. The series resumes on February 6, 2020, as there are no concerts during the month of January.



Epiphany Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in French

In conjunction with the [*Alliance Française*](#) of Providence, Grace Church will host a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in French at 3:00 PM on Sunday, January 19th. The service will feature a bilingual bulletin, so even if your French is rusty, you'll be able to follow the service. Immediately following in the Pavilion there will be an Epiphany party featuring the traditional French Epiphany cake, *les galettes des rois*. All are invited, no matter how much French you know!



Grace Church Sunday School Resumes on January 5

Sunday School children (age 4 - 5th grade) gather with their teachers in the back four pews of the east side of the church by the Sunday School banner when they arrive at church. Following the first hymn and prayer, they process to their class. For first-timers, please accompany your child to fill out a form. Sunday School at Grace uses the Living the Good News curriculum; and includes prayer time, Bible stories, snacks and activities. On the 2nd Sunday of each month, there is no Sunday School, as children remain in the church for a children's homily.



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

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.

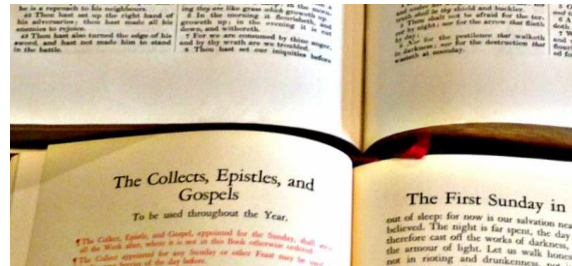
Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

- 1.) in the lot 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.



January 5, 2020 The Feast of the Epiphany

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



This week from the Episcopal Church: [Young Adult Service Corp Applications](#).

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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.