



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

January 10, 2020

## Spotlight on Grace The Baptism of Our Lord

This Sunday is the feast of the Baptism of our Lord, celebrated on the Sunday following January 6th in the Episcopal Church. In the Orthodox Churches, this feast is often celebrated by the priest throwing a cross into a river or lake to bless the waters. The cross is then retrieved by young men who dive in after it. This is a braver feat in Russia than Greece, for obvious temperature reasons. In both east and west, in both north and south, Christians celebrate baptism - on this feast day and on any baptismal Sunday. In fact, we loved it so much at Grace this past week (when we baptized two people) that we'll do it again on Sunday (when we'll baptize three)! Like most churches, our baptisms are predominantly of babies, and we rejoice that we have so many young families in our parish that we have many such baptisms! But we also are overjoyed to baptize adults. We baptized one adult last Sunday and four at Easter! In either case, seeking baptism is a sign of the parents' intention to raise their child as a follower of Jesus, or of an adult's wish to commit his or her own life to following Christ. In both cases, we can envision that those baptized here in our little corner of God's green earth hear the same words that rang out on that day by the River Jordan 2,000 years ago after Christ's baptism by John, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."



## Upcoming Music at Grace

**Choral Compline** The next service of Choral Compline will take place on January 19th at 8:00PM. The women of the Grace Church Schola will sing Gregorian chant and Renaissance polyphony in a darkened, candlelit church with fragrant incense. Doors open at 7:30PM and the service lasts 30 minutes.

### Thursdays at Noon Concerts

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



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## 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!



## 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:

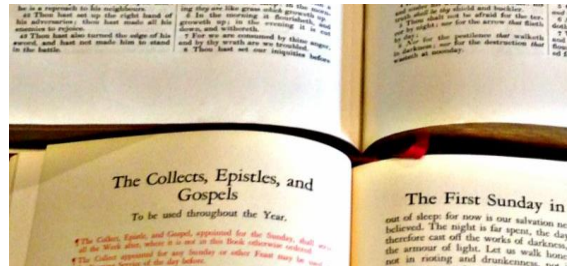
- 1.) in the lot directly across Snow Street from our lot, at the SW corner of Westminster and Snow; and
- 2.) In the Grace Church parking lot accessed via Snow Street. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving this lot, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility.



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## The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.  
*Amen.*



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

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Baptism of Our Lord](#).

[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.

