



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

October 2, 2020

A Message from the Rector



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A Pictorial Directory for Grace Church

Grace Church is delighted to announce the impending production of a pictorial parish directory. We'll need broad participation from our community to make a great result. Rather than scheduling portrait photography sessions, we're asking parishioners to either take their own portraits, or use any suitable recent portrait, and submit them to us [using this simple web form](#). To have your photo included, please submit your photo **no later than November 1st**. Please submit only one photo per household.



Please try to submit a photo that is: clear, well-lit, of good resolution, and fairly close-in to the people pictured. Please try to avoid cropping out other people, or partial crops of surrounding content. We can always crop your image for you.

Submitting your photo using the web form is very much preferred, but for anyone unable to do so images can alternatively be e-mailed to photo@gracepvd.org. Or with questions about how to take and access a photo on a smart phone or other device, please likewise contact the above e-mail. Of course, households opting not to submit a photo will still be included in the directory unless they have opted out of the directory listing entirely, but as these directories are not circulated outside our own parish membership it's our hope that most in our community will take part. We look forward to mailing out the finished product this winter!

The Daily Office Offerings at Grace

Outdoors in The Pavilion Garden

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM
Evening Prayer

Saturdays at 10:00 AM
Morning Prayer



To sign up for either service [please email the Rector here](#), letting him know which service you would like to attend. The parking lot gate will be up, and you can walk from the lot outside around the corner to enter the garden via Westminster Street. (If stairs are difficult for you, let the Rector know and he will be happy to take you from the lot through The Pavilion). Please scroll down to view the Covenant for Regathering if you plan to attend.

Important Update: Thursdays at Noon Concerts



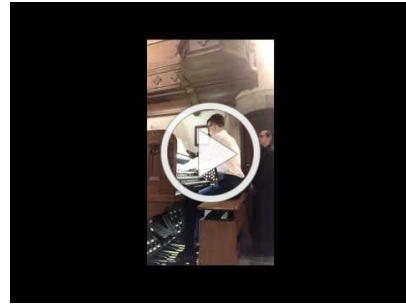
Our Thursday at Noon organ concerts resumed in September, but we are so happy to announce that on **October 8th**, we will begin in-person attendance for the Thursday Noon Concerts! There are some very important guidelines that must be followed and those are listed below. Please be in touch with Vince Edwards (vedwards@gracepvd.org) if you have any questions or concerns. *Please note: the concerts will still be recorded and made available for those who are not able to be here in person.*

- A maximum of 30 people can be accommodated.
- Limited parking is available in the Grace lot.
- Entry is via The Pavilion parking lot door - the Westminster Street doors will not be an entrance.
- To attend, you **MUST** register by emailing [Vince Edwards \(vedwards@gracepvd.org\)](mailto:Vince_Edwards@gracepvd.org) no later than 6:00 PM on the Wednesday evening before the concert, including name, phone number, and number in your group. Unfortunately, "walk-ins" will not be allowed.
- All attendees must be masked at all times, and showing no symptoms of Covid-19, or have had any recent contact with anyone who has tested positive for the virus.
- Attendees must sanitize their hands and sit in pre-marked areas of the church.
- No social gathering in The Pavilion, either before or after the concert, is allowed.
- The concert will be recorded and made available later in the day via Vimeo, Youtube, and Facebook (details at gracechurchprovidence.org)

We look forward to seeing some of you on Thursday, October 8 at Noon!

[Click here](#) or on the image to the right to watch Ulysses Squitieri playing works by John Rutter, Franz Liszt, Johann Pachelbel, Sir William Harris, and Percy Fletcher. Miss a Thursday Concert? Can't find the email in your inbox? Just want to re-watch past concerts? [Click](#)

Click on the YouTube button on the bottom of this email to visit the Grace Church YouTube Channel where all concerts, worship services, and virtual tours have been archived for your convenience!



Stewardship 2021: Faith-Filled Generosity

We are pleased to announce the theme for our upcoming stewardship campaign: **Faith-Filled Generosity.**

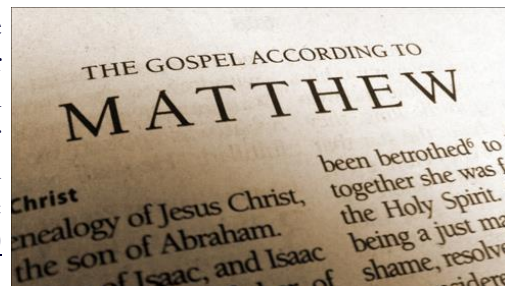
During this pandemic and the resulting interruption of our in-person worship, we have borne witness to an outpouring of generosity from this community that is most certainly faith-filled. Thank you for your steadfast support through this challenging year, and for pledging your faith-filled generosity for 2021.



Over the coming weeks, you'll hear from members of our parish who've submitted stories by video of their experiences of stewardship and the discernment that guides their giving. And we'll hear from spiritual leaders sharing their thoughts on faith-filled generosity, all leading up to **Dedication Sunday on November 22nd.** Please watch for our stewardship mailing to be mailed next week.

Virtual Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew

Join us via Zoom for an 8-week study of the first book of the New Testament led by the Rector and our newly-ordained Deacon, Hartwell Hylton. We've been reading Matthew in our Sunday services, which continues until Advent, and this class sheds more light on what we're hearing. Each class meets from **11:30 AM to 12:30 PM on Mondays.**



[PLEASE NOTE THE UPDATED TIME AND DAY!](#)

To sign up, or if you have questions, email the Rector at jhuyck@gracepvd.org.
All are welcome!

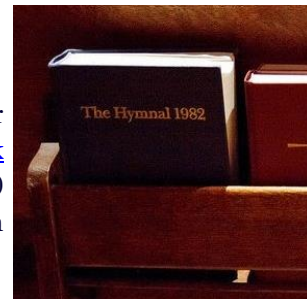
Serving Our City

The vicar of [St. Peter's & St. Andrew's Episcopal Church](#) on Providence's South Side is in need of volunteers to help with their food pantry. From Rev. Maryalice Sullivan: "We need help getting groceries from the Rhode Island Food Bank to our church and organizing the bags that are given out each Saturday. We are a small neighborhood parish. For over thirty years we have had a Food Pantry. Until the pandemic we served 80 to 100 clients per month, since the pandemic we have been serving about double that. Because of the pandemic, we now pre-bag dried goods (and often personal care items), adding meat and fresh fruit, along with vegetables, when available. The guests do not enter the building but check in at one door and receive the groceries at the side entrance. The guests are from the neighborhood and several of them walk. The Food Pantry is a vital ministry in a working class poor neighborhood. We are blessed by those who come to the Food Pantry. If you're interested, please email me at maryalice.sullivan@icloud.com. Thank you!"



Requests for Hymns from Grace

Email Vince Edwards with your hymn requests for our Hymn Series. His email is vedwards@gracepvd.org or [click here](#) to fill out an email form! If you have either The Hymnal 1940 or The Hymnal 1982, you are encouraged to include the hymn number with your request.



Some Resources

[Click here](#) for the online contents of [The Hymnal 1982](#).

[Click here](#) for the online contents of [The Hymnal 1940](#).

[Click here](#) for the online contents of [The New English Hymnal](#).

[Click here](#) for the online contents of [Hymns Ancient & Modern](#).

Voices of Grace: Virtual Worship

At Grace Church we are committed to continue building a loving and joyful community through worship despite temporarily not being able to gather as we normally would on Sundays or weekdays due to health concerns related to COVID-19. Until our normal rhythm of worship and gatherings resumes, every Sunday morning we will send an email, post on Facebook and upload to Vimeo and YouTube a short worship video put



together by our staff that will feature clergy and parishioners participating in "virtual worship" by reading lessons from scripture, preaching, and making music all from their homes. Keep a look out for Voices of Grace: Virtual Worship every Sunday morning!

If you'd like to download or print the service leaflet for this Sunday's Virtual Worship, please [click here](#).

Daily Prayer Link

Inspiring readers since 1935, the Forward Day by Day meditation is a significant resource for daily prayer and Bible study to more than a half million readers worldwide. Also: pray Morning, Noonday, and Evening Prayer, plus Compline, every day; get Daily Devotions, Prayers and Thanksgivings, and the Liturgical Calendars, all linked for use online.



[Click here](#) or on the logo above to find out more!

Courtyard Garden & Labyrinth Open

The Courtyard Garden and Labyrinth at Grace will be open for visitors between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Monday through Friday as weather permits.

Guidelines for walking the Labyrinth while observing social distancing will be posted.

Our beautiful labyrinth is featured in [this newly published guide](#) to labyrinths in Connecticut and Rhode Island.



Wednesday Virtual Prayer Group

The Wednesday prayer group invites all parishioners to join them in prayer via Zoom every Wednesday at noon. If you can't make that time but would still like to have their prayer list for your own prayers, you can request that list instead. Either way, contact Adrienne Southgate at asouthgate1@cox.net to join in.



October 4, 2020
**The Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For the texts of the readings for The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, [please click here.](#)

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