



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

October 9, 2020

## A Message from the Rector



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## A Stewardship Testimonial from Lisa Gerlach



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## Forward Movement: A Season of Prayer for an Election

[Join us October 27th-November 4th!](#)

We come together, asking God for courage and wisdom, thanking God for love and joy. As we move toward the election of leaders for the United States, may we all join in a season of prayer, committing to offer to God our fears and frustrations, our hopes and dreams.

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☆ SEASON ☆  
OF PRAYER:  
FOR AN ELECTION

A novena is an ancient tradition of nine days of devotional prayers, often with a specific intention. In this case, we pray for discernment in voting and for the well-being of our nation.

For more information and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's video invitation, [please click here.](#)

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## A Pictorial Directory for Grace Church

Photo submissions are already trickling in for our upcoming pictorial directory for Grace Church, but we'll need broad participation from our community to make a great result. Please submit your photo as soon as you're able.



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](mailto: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!

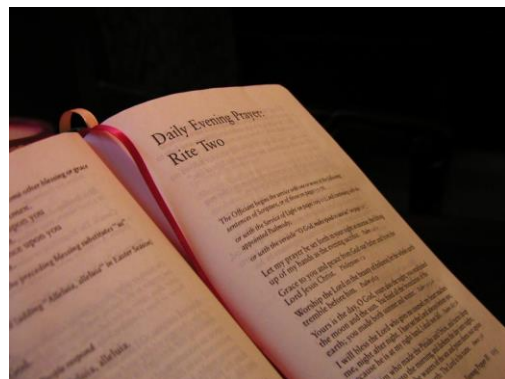
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## The Daily Office Offerings at Grace

### 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.

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## Important Update: Thursdays at Noon Concerts



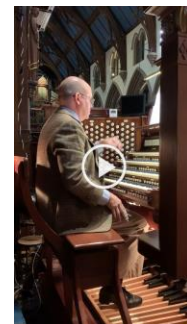
We have resumed in-person attendance for the Thursday Noon Concerts! There are some very important guidelines that must be followed and those are listed below. Please be in touch with Vince Edwards ([vedwards@gracepvd.org](mailto:vedwards@gracepvd.org)) if you have any questions or concerns. *Please 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](http://gracechurchprovidence.org))

[Click here](#) or on the image to the right to watch Vince Edwards playing works by Sigfrid Karg-Elert, G.F. Handel, J.S. Bach, Jean Pasquet, and Louis-Nicolas Clérambault.

Miss a Thursday Concert? Can't find the email in your inbox? 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!

Just want to re-watch past concerts? [Click here.](#)



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## Stewardship 2021: Faith-Filled Generosity

Our stewardship mailing, including a pledge card and return envelope, was sent out this mid-week. Please watch for its arrival, and if you don't receive one by early next week, please e-mail us at [admin@gracepvd.org](mailto:admin@gracepvd.org) to ensure you're on our mailing list.



The theme for the 2021 stewardship campaign is **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**.

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## A Call for Prayer List Submissions

If someone in your life could benefit from the collective prayer of our congregation, we invite you to please e-mail your prayer request to [prayers@gracepvd.org](mailto:prayers@gracepvd.org).

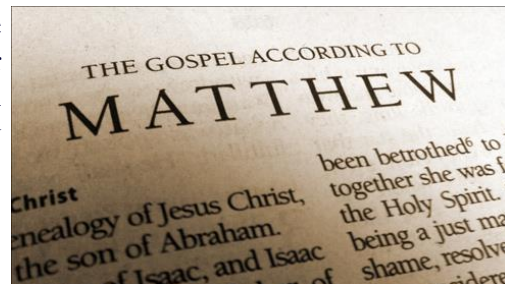
Prayer requests are maintained for roughly four consecutive weeks unless we are asked to remove a name sooner. Because our guest intercessors record their video segments in advance, please understand if a new prayer request doesn't begin until the following week.



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## 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**.



To sign up, or if you have questions, email the Rector at [jhuyck@gracepvd.org](mailto:jhuyck@gracepvd.org).  
**All are welcome!**

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## Serving Our City

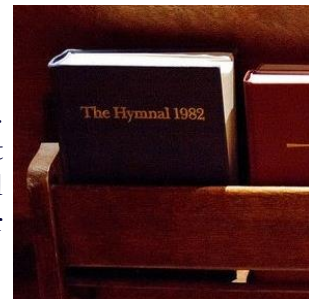
The vicar of [St. Peter's & St. Andrew's Episcopal Church](#) on Providence's South Side is in need of volunteers to help with their food pantry. From Rev. Maryalice Sullivan: "We need help getting groceries from the Rhode Island Food Bank to our church and organizing the bags that are given out each 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](mailto:maryalice.sullivan@icloud.com). Thank you!"



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## Requests for Hymns from Grace

Email Vince Edwards with your hymn requests for our Hymn Series. His email is [vedwards@gracepvd.org](mailto: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](#).

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# 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](#).

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## 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!

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## 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](mailto:asouthgate1@cox.net) to join in.



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## October 11, 2020 The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

[Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here.](#)





## Covenant for Regathering

I promise, to the best of my ability with God's help, to abide by the guidelines of the Diocese of Rhode Island for participation in church as we regather during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In faithfulness to the Baptismal Covenant (*BCP* p. 304-305), I will strive to:

Love my neighbor as myself, I will...

- Wear a mask or scarf over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings, except momentarily to receive the sacrament or lead worship by an assigned speaking part, and follow public health guidelines for hand sanitizing and disinfecting.
- Only attend worship if I am non-symptomatic for the COVID-19 virus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another person also attending.
- Abstain from attending if doing so would put me at greater risk due to my own health status.

Respect the dignity of every human being, I will...

- Make no physical contact with people beyond the members of my own household.
- Maintain a six foot or more distance from other members of the congregation.
- Respect any requests for distance, masking, cleaning, and disinfecting to ensure the safety and comfort level of others.

Seek and serve Christ in all people...

- Support the decisions of my diocesan and congregational leaders.
- Stay connected with others in my community by telephone, video chat, mail, or other means.

This is our expectation for all those who wish to worship with us in person. By participating in our worship, you assume responsibility for following the above, and acknowledge the risks of participation in an in-person gathering.

*June 2020*

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## Details of the Temporary Closure at Grace

This closure impacts all parish activities until further notice, including Sunday worship, the Open Doors ministry, the Wednesday Eucharist, the Thursday Noon concert, all meetings and ministry gatherings, all music lessons and choir rehearsals. We will continue to send a weekly ENews, so please stay tuned for further updates and our online worship experience videos sent out every Sunday.