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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

October 30, 2020

A Message from the Rector



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Upcoming Zoom Coffee Hour with Bishop Knisely

We hope you will join us for our "Virtual Coffee Hour" via Zoom on **November 1st at 11:00 AM**. The meeting link is below. In the meantime, if you have not used Zoom before, [Click here for FAQs on getting started](#). For a Zoom Video tutorial, [click here](#).



ZOOM COFFEE HOUR LINKS:

To join the Zoom meeting click the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86893136590>

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Voices of Grace: Virtual Worship

At Grace Church we are committed to 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](#).



A Glimmer of Joy: A Baptism

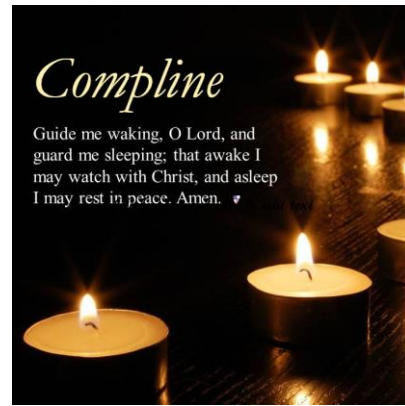
This past Sunday, October 25, the Rector baptized **Michael Eugene Pierson**, who was born on March 18th, 2020 in Providence, to Sara Jean Pierson and Michael Pierson Jr. Michael's Godparents are Christopher and Andrea Fiorillo. The baptism was held outside in the courtyard of The Pavilion.

**We welcome Michael into Christ's body,
the Church and into the
Grace Church community!**



Upcoming Compline with Bishop Knisely

On **Tuesday, November 3rd at 8:00 PM**, The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely, Bishop of Rhode Island, will lead a virtual service of [Compline](#) from the [Cathedral of Saint John in Providence](#). The service will be held via Zoom, and can be accessed by [clicking here](#).



Stewardship 2021: Faith-Filled Generosity

The theme for the 2021 stewardship campaign is **Faith-Filled Generosity**. In this week's reflection, we hear from Canon Mary MacGregor, member of the board of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship.



We remember the saints who have gone before us on this All Saints Day. Some were revered as saints of old. Some were modern day saints. Some were simple folks like you and me. One distinguishing characteristic of saints is that we can see how they embodied and lived Jesus' teachings, these very Beatitudes. They generously gave of their lives so much so that we remember them today. We are confident they were blessed by God for their faithfulness. May we be thankful for their witness and see in them lives shaped by The Beatitudes and be willing to do the same.

Being thankful changes us for the better. Being thankful changes our perspective on life and can profoundly impact our understanding of God's generosity. Being thankful can shape us to be stewards of all God has entrusted to us. Being thankful softens our fears. Being thankful turns fear of scarcity into joyful gratitude for God's abundance.

Pledge cards have been mailed out, but if you didn't receive one and would like one mailed to you, please e-mail admin@gracepvd.org. Thank you very much for filling in your pledge cards and returning them by mail before **Dedication Sunday on November 22nd**.

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.

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](#).



Please Submit Your Directory Photo Soon

We'll very soon begin production of our pictorial directory of the parish, 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. 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

Saturdays at 10:00 AM
Morning Prayer



To sign up for either service [please email the Rector here](#), letting him know if 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



We have resumed in-person attendance for the Thursday Noon Concerts! There are some very important guidelines that must be followed (please click [here](#) for more information). If you would like to attend in person, please be in touch with Vince Edwards (vedwards@gracepvd.org) to RSVP or 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.*

[Click here](#) or on the image to the right to watch Peter Stolfus Berton, Organist & Choirmaster of St. John's Church in Newport, play a program of music by 20th century French composers Louis Vierne and Jean Langlais.

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!

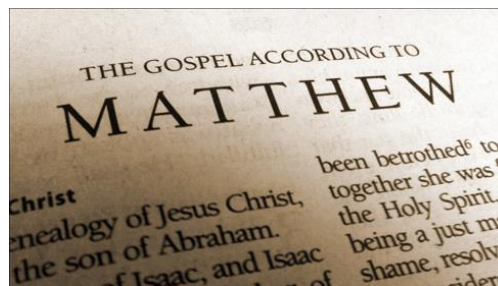


Just want to re-watch past concerts? [Click here.](#)

Next week's concert on November 5th, will feature our very own Vince Edwards, playing works by Healey Willan and Léon Boëllmann.

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 **11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturdays.**



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

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](#).

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.



November 1st, 2020 The Feast of All Saints

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*



For the texts of the readings for The Feast of All Saints, [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](#).