



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

November 13, 2020

A Message from the Rector



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Holiday Food and Gift Drives

Please stay tuned to next week's issue of Grace Abounds for details about our holiday food and gift drives. We're previewing the announcement here in case any would enjoy the additional time to prepare for upcoming food donations in particular. Next week we will have details for drop-off opportunities directly to the recipient organization (please no drop-offs at Grace this year), possible options to have someone pick-up donated items, and also direct contributions can be made to the recipient organization online. Thank you for taking part!



Tea Time Theology Returns!

Back by popular demand,
Tea Time Theology is a weekly podcast sponsored by
The Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island.

In the first episode of Season 2 this season's themes are introduced and Grace Church's own **Morayo (Mo) Akande** takes over as the new host of the podcast series. These upcoming episodes will feature a casual discussion about our collective experiences with COVID-19 and how



we've stayed involved with church and our congregations during this time. We also explore how and what our society has deemed "essential" during the many lock downs, quarantines, and closures.

To listen to past and current episodes of Tea Time Theology, [please click here!](#)

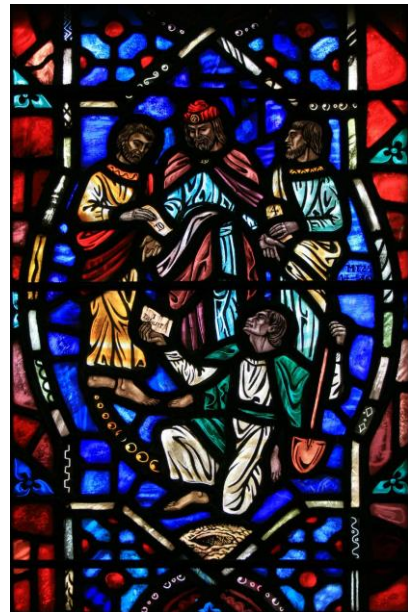
To visit Tea Time Theology's Facebook Page, [click here.](#)



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.](#)



Stewardship 2021: Faith-Filled Generosity

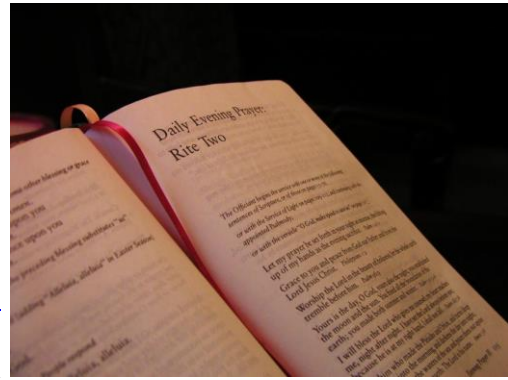
We are now entering the final weeks of our 2021 stewardship campaign: **Faith-Filled Generosity**. Pledge cards have been mailed out, but if you didn't receive one and would like one mailed to you, please e-mail admin@gracepvd.org. Thank you very much for filling in your pledge cards and returning them by mail before **Dedication Sunday on November 22nd**.



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 The Hope Collective for Early Music: Sam Breene - Baroque Violin & Todd Borgerding - Continuo, playing works by Biagio Marini, Nicola Matteis, Johann Pachelbel, and Johann Heinrich Schmelzter.



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!

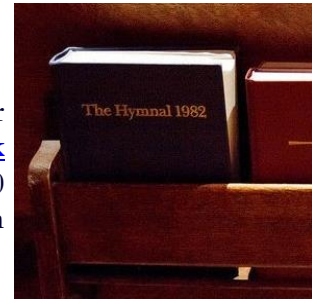
Just want to re-watch past concerts? [Click here.](#)

Next week's concert on November 19th, will feature Andrew Earhart, Director of Music & Organist of Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Waterford, CT. Andrew will offer a program of music by J.S. Bach, Petr Eben, Maurice Duruflé, William Bolcolm, and Dan Locklair.



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 15, 2020
**The Twenty-fourth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, [please click here.](#)

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