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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

November 27, 2020

Virtual Advent Prayer Services

Join with fellow Grace parishioners **every Sunday in Advent at 6:00 P.M. for a 10-minute prayer service by candlelight.** The service will take place over Zoom.

To join the Service, [Please Click Here.](#)

Zoom Meeting Information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88061663869>

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Please have a candle on hand to light, whether or not it's part of an Advent wreath! We look forward to praying together during this sacred season of expectation.

Advent Blessings!

Advent Reflections from Grace

During this holy season of Advent, you will be hearing from Grace Church every day. Added to the offerings we have been sharing each week, will be roughly a dozen short reflections on an Advent theme (such as "Waiting and Expectation) written by fellow Grace parishioners. We hope you enjoy them!



On-going Holiday Food & Gift Drive

The Outreach Ministry here at Grace Church is thrilled to partner with our neighbors at [Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts \(TAPA\)](#) for this year's Holiday Food & Gift Drive.

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit the TAPA community hard, so we're mobilizing support for TAPA families in need this holiday season.

Please consider contributing in one or more of the following ways:

Donating nonperishable foods and/or grocery gift cards

TAPA is accepting donation drop-offs at the front door of their downtown location (275 Westminster Street) on weekdays from 8am-3pm. You'll find a list of suggested food items in the *Christmas basket* section below. Additionally, a member of Grace's outreach ministry will be accepting drop-offs at the parking lot entrance of Grace on Sundays from Noon-2pm, from November 22 through December 13. Social distancing guidelines will be followed for all in-person drop-offs. You can also drop off grocery gift cards at any time in Grace's mail slot next to the parking lot entrance.

Donating holiday gifts

TAPA has provided an [Amazon wish list](#) containing gift ideas for their students and families. When you purchase an item from this list in Amazon, the item will be removed from the list automatically at checkout, and also you can have the item delivered directly to TAPA simply by selecting "TAPA's Gift Registry Address" for the shipping at checkout. Alternatively, you can drop-off gift items either at TAPA's front door (weekdays 8am-3pm) or at Grace's parking lot entrance (Sundays, Noon-2pm, Nov 22 - Dec 13) as outlined in the preceding paragraph. Please leave any gift donations unwrapped. Also, when shopping on Amazon, please remember to go to [smile.amazon.com](#) and make sure Grace Church is set as [your recipient charitable organization](#).

Monetary donations for the purchase of food and gifts

TAPA is also accepting monetary donations for the purchase of food and holiday gifts for students and their families. You can contribute using [TAPA's PayPal account here](#), or checks can be mailed payable to "TAPA" at 275 Westminster St., Providence, RI 02903, and indicating "Holiday Drive - Grace Church" on the memo line.

Consider signing up to assemble a Christmas basket

TAPA is hoping to collect 80 Christmas baskets as part of this holiday drive, so please [let us know](#) if you're willing to donate provide one or more whole baskets. Ideally, each Christmas basket would include: 2 packages of rolls, 2 cans of corn, 2 cans of green beans, 2 boxes (or 1 bag) stuffing mix, 1 can chicken broth, 1 can cranberry sauce, 2 cans/jars gravy, 1 box instant mashed potatoes, 2 boxes macaroni & cheese, 1 nonperishable dessert, a \$10-\$20 grocery store gift card, and any additional (nonperishable) touches the donor would like to include. For your safety during this period of elevated COVID cases, all such items can be purchased online from a service such as Amazon pantry, and dropped off safely as detailed above.

Questions? Email outreach@gracepvd.org.



Grace Church Outreach Ministry

Holiday Food & Gift Drive

Last Morning Prayer Service of 2020

Outdoors in The Pavilion Garden

Saturday, November 28th at 10:00 AM
Morning Prayer, Rite II



To sign up for the service [please email the Rector here](#). 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).

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](#).

Thursday Noon Concerts to be Virtual Only during the "Pause"

In keeping with the spirit of Rhode Island's two-week "pause", **the Thursday Noon concerts will be virtual only on December 3 and 10**. We are grateful to our guest artists Peter Krasinski and Fred Jodry that they are willing to record concerts for broadcast those two weeks. We will reassess prior to the December 17 concert with Patrick Aiken and will keep you all posted.



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.](#)

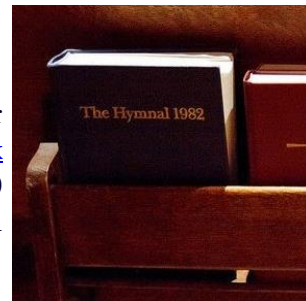
Next week on December 3rd, we welcome (virtually) Peter Krasinski to the organ console of Grace Church. Peter is the House Organist at the Providence Performing Arts Center as well as Organist for the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Providence.

More information on Peter, can be found on his website, by [clicking here.](#)



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](#).

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 29, 2020
The First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 First Sunday of Advent, [please click here.](#)

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