



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

December 4, 2020

## Upcoming Virtual Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent

Join us online on **Sunday, December 6 at 4:00 PM** for a 'virtual' version of our annual [Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent](#). The service will be sent out via email as well as posted on the usual Grace Church social media platforms (the website under ['Virtual Worship'](#), [Vimeo](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#)). While this service normally marks the season of Advent with inspiring hymns and music sung in procession around and from various points throughout the Church, the musicians, clergy, and lectors have worked hard to prepare this virtual service to capture some of that ethos. We hope this service will aid your prayers during this unprecedented season of expectation.



To download an [Order of Service for Advent Lessons and Carols](#), please [click here](#).

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## Advent Reflections & Discussions

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!



Would you like to discuss the Advent reflections we are reading this month? Just email Drake Douglas at [drakecdouglas@gmail.com](mailto:drakecdouglas@gmail.com) and he will connect you with a discussion buddy.

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# Worship with the Canterbury Cathedral Community

Several services from Canterbury Cathedral are available online each day. On weekdays, Morning Prayer is available online by 5:00 AM (EST), and Choral Evensong is available online by 12:30 PM (EST). On Sundays, Eucharist and Compline are available online. To get access to these online services and to get more information about worship services and other resources made available by the Cathedral,



visit the website: [www.canterbury-cathedral.org/#onlineservices](http://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/#onlineservices) or [click here](#)

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## A Call for Christmas Greetings for 'Voices of Grace'

Similar to what we did for Easter Sunday, we are hoping to share videos of parishioners wishing folks a "Merry Christmas!" If you can make such a video, please leave 3 seconds of silence on the front and back ends of your "Merry Christmas" (for editing purposes) and email it to [dheinze@gracepvd.org](mailto:dheinze@gracepvd.org) by **December 14th**. Festive settings most welcome, and if you know how to say, "Merry Christmas" in a different language, go for it!



## 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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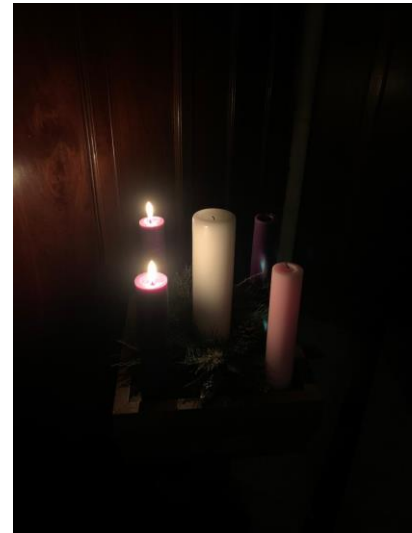
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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88061663869>

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!**

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# 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](mailto:outreach@gracepvd.org).



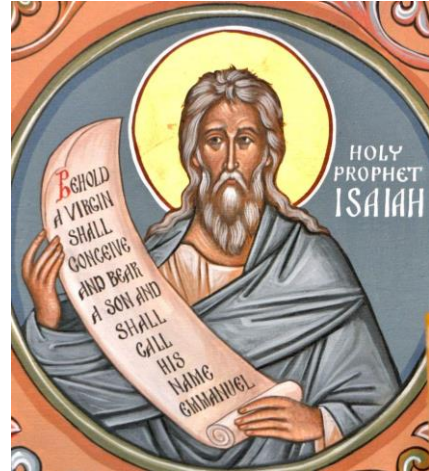
Grace Church Outreach Ministry

**Holiday Food & Gift Drive**

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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](#).

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## 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**. We are grateful to our guest artists 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](#).

Yesterday we welcomed (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. To watch the concert of an improvised suite on Advent hymn-tunes, please click on the image to the right or [click here](#).



Next week, (December 10) we welcome Frederick Jodry, Director of Music & Organist at First Unitarian Church in Providence and Director of Choral Activities at Brown University.



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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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## 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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## December 6, 2020 The Second Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 Second Sunday of Advent, [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](#).

