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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

January 22, 2021

Spotlight: Streaming System On The Way!

As many of you know, a very generous gift and challenge grant from a parishioner, followed by a generous response from more parishioners, has allowed us to purchase a first-rate streaming system for Grace Church. The system consists of a control panel, two cameras and a hanging omnidirectional microphone. The idea is to allow folks at home, or anywhere for that matter, to experience worship from Grace Church in real time, much as if they were in the pews! One camera will be mounted on a pillar about half way down the nave, and will be able to capture processions from the Pavilion or narthex, baptisms, or processions down the aisle. A second camera will be mounted under the canopy between the organ console and High Altar and will capture liturgical action at the High Altar or in close-up shots of the choir. Either camera will have zoom capacity so that close-ups of preachers, readers, and soloists are all a click away! One omnidirectional mic will hang high in the nave and capture the sound of the preacher, readers, choir, organ, and congregation much as if you were in the church yourself. The system is expandable and we will be running a prep cable for a potential third camera in the back gallery when funds are available. We are hoping that the new system will be installed in the coming days and that we can begin live-streaming services very soon. A "command center" will be set up in the Vestry, and ultimately we will be recruiting some skilled volunteers to help run the system for services. Please note that all streamed services (and concerts) will still be available to watch at any point after they have ended. Deep gratitude goes to everyone who has helped make this possible!



Continuing Zoom Link for Voices at Grace Sunday Morning Worship January 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM

We have decided to continue the practice of coming together as a community via Zoom for worship through the Epiphanytide Season until the beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday occurring on February 17). The Zoom link will continue to be included in ENews as well as sent out on Sunday mornings. *Please note: This is simply another way for the Grace community to worship together and is not in place of the regular Sunday worship videos, which will still be made available on the normal channels for viewing "on demand".* We hope to see you on Zoom this Sunday!

To join the Service, please use the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84748978228>



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Voices of Grace: Virtual Sunday Morning Worship

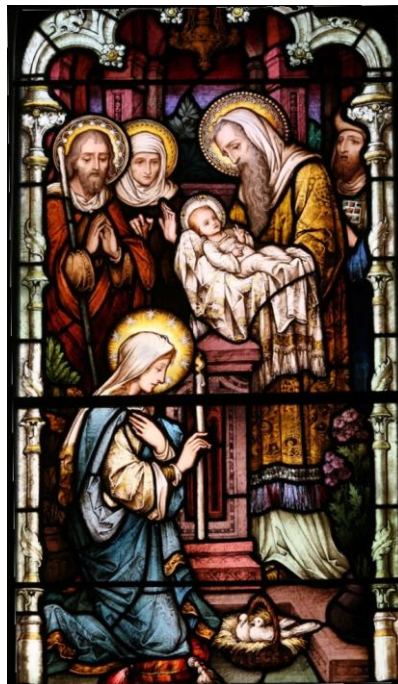
At Grace Church we are committed to building a loving and joyful community through worship despite temporarily not being able to gather as we normally would on Sundays or weekdays due to health concerns related to COVID-19. Until our normal rhythm of worship and gatherings resumes, every Sunday morning 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.](#)

Upcoming "Virtual" Eucharist for The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple: Candlemas

On **February 2nd** we will celebrate the Eucharist with pre-sanctified hosts for the feast day of Candlemas, also known as The Feast of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple. The occasion commemorates the Holy Family's visitation of the Temple in Jerusalem (to learn more about this unique feast day, [please click here](#)). Our service will include the [blessing of candles](#), which you can pick up at the church (along with wafers and bulletins) on **Monday, February 1 from 3:00-7:00 PM** or on **Tuesday, February 2 from 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM**. Additionally, if you have any unused candles at home, those can be blessed as well!



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Upcoming "Virtual" Festal Choral Evensong The Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

On **Monday, January 25th**, we celebrate the [Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle](#), with a special "virtual" Festal Choral Evensong service. We hope you join us online to mark this important feast day dedicated to Saint Paul. For more information about Paul, [click here](#). The image to the right is the [shield of Saint Paul](#) that is carved into the woodwork near the High Altar at Grace Church.



Final Call for Your Photo Submission

About 30% of our member households have submitted photos so far for our planned pictorial directory, so it is with much hope for truly broad community participation that we now reach out with this final call for photo submissions.



Volunteers will soon begin to call remaining households in an effort to encourage more submissions. Of course, households opting not to submit a photo will still be included in the directory unless they opt out of the directory listing entirely. But since these directories are not circulated outside our own parish membership, it's our hope that most in our community will take part. Volunteers will be happy to assist as they are 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.](#)

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 or ask the volunteer when they call. We look forward to mailing out the finished product as soon as we are able!

Parish Engagement Survey

This past fall, vestry member Jeff Williams gathered a group of parishioners together with the rector to form the Parish Engagement Committee. The group's mission is to spearhead initiatives that build connections among Grace parishioners during this time of physical separation from each other. Two recent initiatives that sprang out of this committee were the Advent prayer services and the 2021 Grace calendar. As we enter 2021, we are asking you to fill out a brief survey to help us learn what kind of activities (largely virtual at this time) would speak to folks at Grace.



Kindly submit the survey via the link below by January 25th. Thank you!

Click this link to take the survey:
<https://forms.gle/t1nzqcf3DTKgmo9z6>

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 or [click here](#)

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.



January 24, 2021 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany, [please click here.](#)



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