



GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church _____ September 24, 2021

Spotlight: Upcoming Blessing of the Animals

On **Sunday, October 3**, we invite you to bring your pets to church so that they might receive a blessing from the clergy at the 10:00 AM service. This is in anticipation of the [Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi](#), the patron saint of animals, whose feast day falls on October 4. Grace Church welcomes everyone and their pets: dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, fish, turtles, and toy pets. **The only requirement is that animals must be properly restrained, leashed or caged.**



Thursdays at Noon Concerts

On Thursday, September 30, we will welcome Cheryl Bishkoff, Principal Oboe of the Rhode Island Philharmonic as our guest recitalist. She will be accompanied by Vince Edwards and perform a free, 30-minute program of works by Georg Philipp Telemann, Ulysses Kay, and Philippe Gaubert.

Bookmarks detailing the line-up of Thursday performers are available on the information tables in the rear of the church. We hope you join us and bring along friends!

Please note, if you are not able to attend in person, or prefer not to yet, we will still be live-streaming most concerts. Recordings of the concerts will also be made available in the usual places ([church website](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [Vimeo](#)).

For a complete list of performers and videos of previous concerts, please check out the Thursdays at Noon Concerts webpage on the Grace website by [clicking here](#).



Upcoming Choral Evensong and Investiture of Choristers



Our first Choral Evensong of the season will take place on **Sunday, October 3 at 4:00 PM**. The service will be sung by The Choristers of Grace Church and will include the Investiture of New Choristers. The investiture is a ceremony installing those novice choristers from the Training Choir who are ready to participate as “full-fledged” members of The Choir & Choristers of Grace Church. We hope you will join us!

The Installation of a New Rector at Saint Stephen's



Grace Church sends our warmest wishes to our sister parish, St. Stephen's Church on College Hill, as they formally install their 19th Rector on **Wednesday, September 29th, 2021 at 6:00 PM**, [The Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels](#). Bishop Knisely will be Celebrant and Preacher at the Festal Choral Eucharist welcoming [Fr. Benjamin Straley](#) as the new Rector of Saint Stephen's.

Fr. Straley is a good friend of Grace Church and has performed as an organist on our Thursdays at Noon Concert Series and has preached here for the Closing Eucharist of the 2019 RSCM Rhode Island Course. [Click here to watch his organ recital at Grace Church back in April!](#)

The Choir of Saint Stephen's will sing music by Jonathan Dove, Richard Dering, and Giovanni Perluigi Palestrina and will be accompanied by our own Associate Director of Music, David Heinze. **A invitation has been sent out to the entire Diocese of Rhode Island and all are warmly welcome to attend this Celebration of New Ministry.**

St. Stephen's is located at 114 George Street in Providence. www.sstephens.org

**Sunday Morning
Worship:
The Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 26, 2021**



Every Sunday Morning, Grace Church offers a 'live-stream' broadcast of our Sunday morning eucharist service. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sundays to participate in the worship life at Grace.

~ **Sunday Morning Links** ~

YouTube: [Click here!](#)

Facebook: [Click here!](#)

This service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church Facebook Page](#) and the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the links provided below to watch. The service will also be archived on the [Grace Church website](#), [Vimeo](#), Facebook, and YouTube pages for 'on-demand' viewing after Sunday morning. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sunday to participate in the worship.

If you would like to download or print the service leaflet for [The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost](#), [please click here.](#)

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE POLICY:

All individuals are kindly asked to wear masks indoors at Grace Church when attending worship or other events.

Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together,
ALL ARE WELCOME at Grace Church!

September 26, 2021
The Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, [please click here.](#)

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