

Spotlight: Generations of Generosity



This week, we are pleased to launch our 2022 Stewardship campaign with a theme of *Generations of Generosity*. At the same time that we unite to lift-up and celebrate our collective stewardship of Grace Church for the coming year through annual pledges, we're extending our gaze forward to provide the most stable foundation possible for Grace Church to faithfully serve generations to come.

As we step another year closer to the bicentennial from the 1829 founding of our parish, we're reminded of the enduring impact of legacy giving from generations past. Scores of past parishioners collectively blessed Grace Church with an endowment that, right alongside the essential support from annual pledges, provides foundational financial support to our annual operations. Their legacy of generosity lives on, and now we invite our parishioners of today to consider forging a legacy of their own.

And so, in tandem with this year's stewardship campaign, we present a revitalized <u>1829 Society</u>: an honorary society of faithful and committed supporters who have established a planned gift to fortify the long-term future of Grace Church.

We intend to host an annual dinner to recognize and thank the members of the 1829 Society, and there is no minimum size of a legacy gift that's required to join. On this year's pledge card, you'll find a check box to indicate discernment of a planned gift and membership in the revived 1829 Society. Thank you for considering a legacy gift to Grace Church.



"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

A pledge card and return envelope were included in your stewardship mailing, together with materials pertaining to the 1829 Society. If you do not receive our mailing within the coming days, and would like a pledge card mailed to you, please <u>contact the parish office</u>. Additionally, pledge cards will be placed in the pews through Commitment Sunday.

Did you know: Setting up recurring electronic pledge contributions is easy and convenient <u>right</u> from our website here. You can also establish recurring contributions right from your smartphone using the **Vanco Mobile App**.



[Vanco Mobile has replaced the preceding GivePlus Mobile App, though any account created with GivePlus remains active in Vanco Mobile. <u>We're here to help!</u>].

Over the next several weeks, leading up to the culmination of our stewardship campaign with Commitment Sunday (November 21st), several Grace parishioners will share with us their stories of faith and gratitude and how this guides their perspective on stewardship.

Please either mail your completed pledge card, place it in the offering basket on any Sunday, or bring it with you to place at the altar on Commitment Sunday. For those giving electronically: please do still fill out a pledge card. And thank you very much for supporting Grace Church.

Submission of Names for All Souls' Day Eucharist

On Tuesday, November 2 at 6:00 PM, Grace Church will offer a Choral Requiem Eucharist for the Feast of All Souls. The service will feature a special commemoration of lives lost to the COVID-19 pandemic and of the Faithful Departed. A list of names of parishioners, family, friends, and loved ones who have departed this life will be read aloud and serve as the centerpiece of the service. If you would like to submit a name to be included for commemoration, please email <u>vedwards@gracepvd.org</u> by Sunday, October 31.



Photos for All Souls' and All Saints'

It is a tradition at Grace Church that photos of departed loved ones are placed on the High Altar for the Feast of All Saints. This year we are extending that tradition to include our All Souls' Day Eucharist. **All are welcome to bring a photo in a frame to place on the High**



Altar for All Souls' Day (November 2nd) and/or All Saints' Day (November 7th).

Thursdays at Noon Concerts

On Thursday, October 28, our guest recitalist will be organist, **Patrick Aiken**. Patrick is the Organist & Choirmaster at Central Congregational Church in Providence and will play a "Halloween-themed" program including works by J.S. Bach, Louis Vierne, and Olivier Messiaen.

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!

If you missed this past Thursday's Concert, played by prize-winning organist, **Joe Russell**, you can watch the recorded program by <u>clicking here</u> or on the image to the right.

To view Joe's program, please click here.





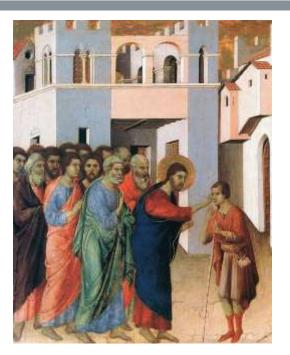
Please note, if you are not able to attend in person, or prefer not to yet, we will still be live-streaming most concerts. Recordings of the concerts will also be made available in the usual places (church website, Facebook, YouTube, and Vimeo).

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 <u>clicking here</u>.

Sunday Morning Worship: The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost October 24, 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: <u>Click here!</u> Facebook: <u>Click here!</u>



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 <u>Grace Church website</u>, <u>Vimeo</u>, 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 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, <u>please click here</u>.

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!

October 24, 2021 The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Twentysecond Sunday after Pentecost, <u>please click</u> <u>here.</u>

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