

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church ____ _November 12, 2021

Spotlight: Thanksgiving Food Drive



The Outreach Ministry at Grace Church invites all parishioners to kindly consider bringing non-perishable food items to the church in the lead-up to Thanksgiving, and indeed throughout the holiday season. Our donated food will be distributed to families in need through St Peter's and St Andrew's Episcopal Church.

All healthy non-perishables are welcome, though particularly sought-after items include: canned vegetables and fruit, stuffing mix, turkey gravy, rice, coffee, oatmeal, healthy breakfast cereals, and especially peanut butter.

Please bring your food donations to Grace Church no later than **Sunday, November 21**. A receptacle will be placed in the back of the church. If you have a spare cardboard box to carry them in, that is helpful, but not crucial. Let us strive to gather ample supplies for this year's drive, as the need is truly great.



Upcoming Choral Evensong

This coming Sunday, November 14 at 4:00 PM, the combined choirs of Grace Church and St. Luke's, East Greenwich will sing a service of Choral Evensong. Music by

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, Martin Luther, Richard Sheppard, William Mundy, and Henry Balfour Gardiner will be featured.

~ Choral Evensong Links ~

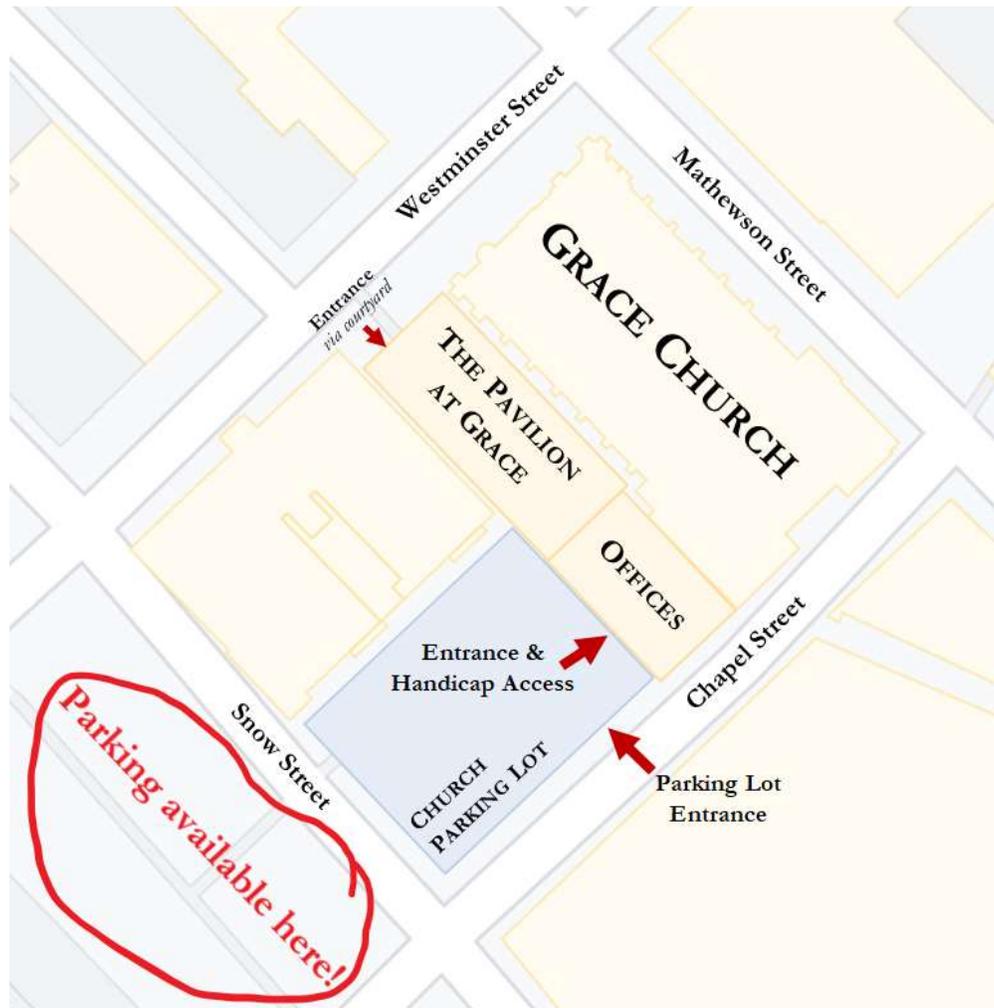
YouTube: [Click here!](#)

Facebook: [Click here!](#)

If you would like to download or print the service leaflet for Choral Evensong, [please click here.](#)

Note on Parking:

The parking lot directly across Snow Street from the Grace Church lot, will be available for parking on Sunday afternoon for the Evensong Service.



Tea-Time Theology Podcasts

Would you like to listen to your rector and director of music while doing the dishes? No, we're not talking about watching a stream of the Sunday service, but podcasts! Two years ago, the Diocese of Rhode Island launched a podcast called [Teatime Theology](#), featuring clergy and lay leaders from parishes around the state. Our rector, Jonathan, was interviewed discussing the theology of *the Simpsons* and our Director of Music, Vince, was interviewed discussing church music here. The person who interviews Vince is none other than our own Mo Akande!

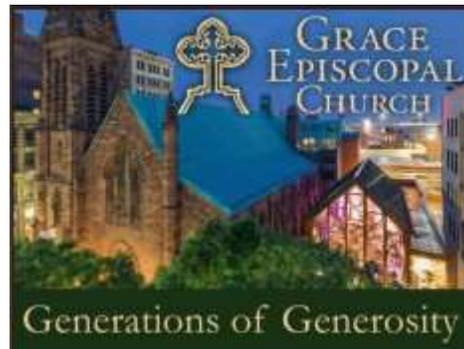


To listen to Jonathan's interview, [please click here.](#)

To listen to Vince's interview, [please click here.](#)

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 serve generations to come. In tandem with this year's stewardship campaign, we have revitalized The [1829 Society](#): an



an honorary society of faithful and committed supporters who have established a planned gift to fortify the long-term future of Grace Church. On this year's pledge card, you'll find a check box to indicate a planned gift and thus membership in the revived 1829 Society. Pledge cards are available in the pews, and brochures for the 1829 Society are on the table by the baptismal font at the back of the church. You can either mail a 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 (November 21). Thank you for considering a legacy gift to Grace Church...and for making a pledge to support Grace Church in 2022!

The Organ Project at Grace



At their October meeting, the Vestry gave their blessing to formally announce and publicize [The Grace Church Organ Project](#), a plan for restoration, renovation, and expansion of our pipe organ. Here are a few “fun facts” about the current organ and the proposed project:

- The last rebuild/expansion of the Grace organ was in 1959. No significant work has been done since that time.
- The current organ has just over 6,000 pipes – the completed organ would have just over 7,000 pipes, and would be the largest pipe organ in Rhode Island!
- Currently, there are over 500 "dead" notes on the organ.
- The proposed project would include a [Trompette-en-Chamade](#), a horizontal copper trumpet stop on the very top of the gallery organ case.
- Of our current 6,000 pipes, over 95% would be reused or repurposed in the rebuilt organ.
- A new console with four keyboards and a pedalboard would be built to control both the front organ and the back organ.

We are currently seeking funding for the project, and welcome any input or ideas you may have about funding sources. A brochure is available at the back of the church, and on the [Music page of the website](#), that details the concepts of the project. Please feel free to speak to [Vince Edwards, Organist & Director of Music](#), or [Fr. Jonathan Huyck, the Rector](#), if you have questions or would like to learn more about this exciting project.

[Click here for The Organ Project Brochure](#)

**Click on the images below to watch behind-the-scenes videos
of both organs at Grace!**

Thursdays at Noon Concerts

On Thursday, November 18, our guest recitalist will be **Steven Young**, Professor of Music at Bridgewater State University. Steven will play a 30-minute organ recital that will include music by Camillo Schumman, Karl Hoyer, and Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy. We hope you join us in-person and bring a friend or two!

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 organist Nigel Potts, you can watch the recorded program by [clicking here](#) or on the image to the right.

To view Nigel'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 [clicking here](#).

Sunday Morning Worship:



**The Twenty-fifth Sunday
after Pentecost
November 14, 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 Twenty-fifth 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!

November 14, 2021 The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost, [please click here.](#)

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