



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church \_\_\_\_\_November 25, 2021

## Happy Thanksgiving from Grace Church!

The clergy and staff of Grace Church wish you  
and your loved ones a safe, healthy, and  
blessed Thanksgiving 2021!



Let us give thanks to the Lord for all that we  
are blessed with and let us always remain mindful of the needs of those less  
fortunate than ourselves,  
today and every day.

[Click here](#) or on the image below to watch a short Thanksgiving Greeting from  
Grace Church, created in 2020 during lock-down.



## Advent 2021: Offerings at Grace

Advent is a busy season of preparation for all. Check out our various  
worship opportunities and other prayerful offerings by picking up an  
Advent 2021 Brochure, available on the tables in the rear of the  
church, or by [clicking here!](#)



## 20s/30s Group Potluck Dinner

Next Thursday, December 2nd, will be our first First Thursday Potluck gathering back in The Pavilion at Grace... just in time to kick off the Christmas season together! We're meeting at 7:00 PM.

As a nod to the season of giving, we encourage you to bring a friend or co-worker to share in the cheer. Back in the larger space we can really roll out the welcome mat!

Please enter through The Pavilion's reception entrance facing the church lot. Call if you have any questions, or if you're waiting at the door to be let in. 857-204-5686.

Often we just go with God and know a meal will come together (and of course we always seem to have exactly what we need!) but to get us going, [Sign-up Genius](#) has been created to get us started as we put together an assortment for this potluck... (& a little Elf has brought news that there will be holiday treats!).



## Upcoming Advent Procession of Lessons & Carols

Join us on **Sunday, December 5th at 4:00 PM** for a festive liturgy for the beginning of Advent! The Grace Church Choir will sing works by Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina, Josef Rheinberger, Boris Ord, William Byrd, Anton Bruckner, Elizabeth Poston, and others from various points throughout the church, gradually approaching the High Altar at the East End. This service is meant to embody the anticipation of the birth of our Savior.



## Thank You for Your Kind Donations

Grace Church wishes to thank the parish as a whole for their outpouring of generosity that was on full display this week.

In addition to your financial support received through your annual pledges to Grace during this past Sunday's ingathering, your donations of non-perishable foods were very gratefully received by the food pantry at St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church just in time to reach families in need before the holiday. You even heeded the call for boxes of cereal which we understand place a particular smile on children's faces. The photo above shows the bounty from just last Sunday's intake!



## Shawl Ministry Outreach

The Shawl Ministry of Grace Church is now making hats and scarves for the homeless. You are invited to knit or crochet at home for this project. We need handmade hats and scarves...created from any yarn...in any size. Would you, or your friend, neighbor, or family member consider knitting or crocheting just one item for us to donate? Completed items will be collected at coffee hour each Sunday. They will be delivered to the Church Beyond the Walls in Providence. Thank you for helping us to share God's love with those in need of comfort.



## Thursdays at Noon Concerts

The next Thursdays at Noon program will be played by Boston-based saxophonist, Bennett Parsons on Thursday, December 2.

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](#).

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## **Sunday Morning Worship: The First Sunday of Advent November 28, 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 First Sunday of Advent, [please click here](#).**

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### **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!

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## November 28, 2021 The First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 First Sunday of Advent [please click here.](#)

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