

# GRACE CHURCH

## IN PROVIDENCE

*The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God,  
a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel  
through worship, proclamation, and service to each other,  
to downtown Providence, and beyond.*



### THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~  
RITE II

NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2021  
10:00 AM

# WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

Welcome to Grace Church! While our congregation has been around for almost two centuries, people from miles around become part of our community every week, so we are always becoming a “new” church. We are also an incredibly diverse church, which is a source of great joy for us. No matter who you are, we are thrilled that you have found your way to us this morning! And while we are a big church, we are also an open and welcoming one, so do not let Grace’s size and downtown location prevent you from jumping right in and asking us whatever questions you might have. So welcome, and many blessings to you!

The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck+  
Rector

*Per the CDC guidelines and due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in our area, we are asking people to wear masks when they come to church, whether or not they are vaccinated. We are blessed with a large Nave, that allows for more room to spread out, so please do make full use of the available space. Coffee Hour will take place in The Pavilion and we ask that you remain masked unless actively eating or drinking. Masks are available from an Usher, should you need one. Please turn off or silence all mobile devices prior to the service.*



## VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*The Celebrant and Choir sing from The Pavilion,*

Stir up thy strength, O Lord and come: *To reign over thy people Israel.*

Let us go forth in peace : *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

*Please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn.*

## HYMN IN PROCESSION, 72

A musical score for four voices (SATB) and organ. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The vocal parts are arranged in two staves: soprano (top) and alto (second), tenor (third), and bass (bottom). The organ part is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior  
2 He comes, the pri - soners to re - lease in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long: let ev - ery heart pre -  
 bond - age held; the gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure; and with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.  
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet ters yield.  
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

*Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)*

*Music: Richmond, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816);  
harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised, 1950; Descant: Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)*



## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures forever.**

*Celebrant*

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please join in singing the Trisagion on the following page.*

## THE TRISAGION, S-102

*Sung by all three times*

*Setting: after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)*

## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY 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.

*As the First Candle in the Advent Wreath is lighted by a child from the Grace Church Sunday School, the Choir sings,*

## THE ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS

## ADVENT I: THE PATRIARCHS – ABRAHAM, ISAAC, & JACOB

*Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever!*  
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith  
and journey in the hope of your promised fulfillment.

May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to received your Christ,  
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

*Words: from The Promise of His Glory, 1990  
Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)*

*Please be seated for the lessons.*

## THE LESSONS

### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

**T**HIE DAYS ARE SURELY COMING, SAYS THE LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 25:1-9

*Ad te, Domine, levavi*

*Sung by all*

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

*Simplified Anglican Chant by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945), S-410*

## THE EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

**H**OW CAN WE THANK GOD ENOUGH for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and join in singing the Sequence Hymn.*

AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 73

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to  
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;  
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

*Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt.  
Music: St. Stephen, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 21:25-36*

*Priest*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.  
*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**ESUS SAID, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

*Priest*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rector



*We stand and say together*

THE NICENE CREED

**W**E BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
Who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Intercessor and People pray responsively*

Let us lift our hearts in prayer and raise our heads in hope to the Lord, who is coming into the world.

We pray for the Church, the community of all those who seek to follow Christ, that it may steadfastly proclaim the sure and certain hope of God's promised redemption.

God of hope, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world, that among nations made desolate by conflict and violence, justice and righteousness may flower anew.

God of hope, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who work for social justice, that they may know that their work brings God's promises to fulfillment.

God of hope, **hear our prayer.**

We pray this morning for: *Brittany Carbone, the Fales family, Sophia, Gail Kenney, Aidan Shevlin, Larry and Jenny, Virginia Chase, Joanne Quinn, Whitney Reeves, Sarah, Ruby, Diana, and Lola.* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

God of hope, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the departed, that they may have new life in the presence of our Creator, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God of hope, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including those we name now either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

#### THE CONFSSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept*

**MOST MERCIFUL GOD,** we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### THE ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People* **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

#### WELCOME AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

RORATE COELI DESUPER  
et nubes pluant justum.  
Aperiatur terra et germinet salvatorem.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour down righteousness:  
let the earth open, and let it bring forth a Saviour.*

*Words: Isaiah 45:8*  
*Music: from Neun Advent-Motetten für gemischten Chor, Op. 176, No. 1, Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)*

*Please stand, as you are able, to sing the Doxology as the Offering is brought forward.*

## THE DOXOLOGY

*Sung by all*

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise him all crea - tures here be - low;  
Praise him a - bove ye heaven-ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)*  
*Music: Conditor alme siderum, plainsong, Mode IV*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*  
The Lord be with you. *People*  
And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant*  
Lift up your hearts. *People*  
We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

**I**T IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may

without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS, S-130

*Sung by all*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heav - en and earth are  
full,  
full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

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in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes \_\_\_\_\_  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Setting: from Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)*

*Celebrant*

HOLY AND GRACIOUS FATHER: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

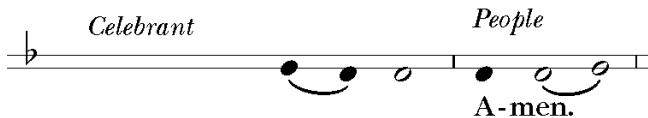
*People* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.



*Celebrant*

**W**E CELEBRATE THE MEMORIAL of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**O**UR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*After the Celebrant breaks the host, please join in singing the Agnus Dei.*

AGNUS DEI, S-164

A musical score for the Agnus Dei hymn, featuring two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef, both in G major. The lyrics are integrated into the music. The first section of lyrics is: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." The second section of lyrics is: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The music consists of eighth-note chords and sixteenth-note patterns.

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Soprano: Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:  
 Alto: . . .  
 Bass: . . .

Soprano: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Bass: . . .

*Setting: from Deutsche Messe, F.P. Schubert; arr. R. Proulx*

## THE COMMUNION

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest when you come to the Altar. We also have gluten-free wafers for those who are allergic. At the moment, Grace Church is only offering the sacrament of communion in the form of the bread. It is always considered fully acceptable to take communion in just one kind (i.e. the bread). We encourage all communicants to make liberal use of the hand sanitizer placed in the pews after they have received communion.*

*While the Congregation receives communion, the Choir sings,*

## AT THE COMMUNION, ANTHEM

CALL TO REMEMBRANCE, O LORD,  
Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindness,  
which hath been ever of old,  
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:  
but according to Thy mercy think Thou on me, O LORD,  
for Thy goodness.

*Words: Psalm 25:5-6*

*Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.*



THE COMMUNION HYMN, 454

1 Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels, came with peace from  
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are  
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, bring - ing news of  
 4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant, when the heavens shall

realms on high; Je - sus came for our re - demp - tion,  
 bowed with care: Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer  
 sins for - given; Je - sus comes in sounds of glad - ness,  
 pass a - way; Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;

low - ly came on earth to die: Al - le - lu - ia,  
 to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia,  
 lead - ing souls re - deemed to heaven; Al - le - lu - ia,  
 let us then our hom - age pay: Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
 al - le - lu - ia! comes to save us from de - spair.  
 al - le - lu - ia! now the gate of death is riven.  
 al - le - lu - ia! till the dawn of end - less day.

*Words: Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), alt.  
Music: Lowry, Gerald Near (b. 1942)*

*We stand and say together*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD,** we thank you for feeding us

with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory,  
now and for ever. Amen.

AN ADVENT BLESSING

**M**AY ALMIGHTY GOD, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*Please remain standing as you are able and join in singing the hymn.*

HYMN IN PROCESSION, 57

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*  
*Music: Helmsley, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778)*  
*Descant: Vincent Edwards (b. 1968)*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## ~ SERVING TODAY ~

*Celebrant:* The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

*Preacher:* The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

*Crucifer:* Jim Mahoney

*Lectors:* Annabel Weimer, Sarah O'Gara

*Intercessor:* Selina Olawoye

*Greeters:* Matthew Sneider, Diane Stamp

*Ushers:* Luci Scanlan, Michael D'Alesandre, Richard Pezzillo & Michael DeGrandpre

*Altar Guild:* Lois Lewis, Josh Klemp

*Audio/Visual:* Lisa Doucet

*Coffee Hour Servers:* Pat Trosclair, Laurie & Joe DiBattista

*Cover art: The new Advent frontal for the altar in The Chapel of the Messiah.*  
*Lovingly made by parishioner Sue Hall.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THURSDAYS AT NOON CONCERTS:** On Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 Noon, Boston-based saxophonist, Bennett Parsons will offer a 30-minute recital of music by J.S. Bach, Paul Bonneau, and Rachmaninov. We hope you join us for this unique musical offering!

**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.

**AN ADVENT PROCESSION OF LESSONS & CAROLS:** Join us next Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ADVENT AT GRACE BROCHURES:** Check out the various offerings we have planned for you at Grace Church by picking up an Advent 2021 Brochure from the tables in the rear of the church!

**HOLIDAY GIFT AND FOOD DRIVE:** Help Grace Church support the families of our neighbouring charter school, Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts (TAPA), by donating gifts during the Advent season. Unwrapped gifts for teens/tweens, gift cards, and non-perishable foods can be dropped off at the church and/or placed under the Christmas Tree in The Pavilion.

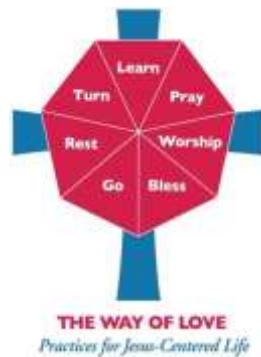
**20s/30s POTLUCK:** Next Thursday, December 2nd, will be our first First Thursday Potluck gathering back in The Pavilion at Grace... just in time to kick off the Christmas season together! We're meeting at 7:00 PM. As a nod to the season of giving, we encourage you to bring a friend or co-worker to 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. For more information, please email [20s30s@gracepwd.org](mailto:20s30s@gracepwd.org)

**November 28, 2021 – Advent 1 (C)**

## **First Week of Advent: Saying “Yes” to the Journey**

As Advent begins this week, we invite you to orient yourself to the coming of Jesus at Christmas through the practices of *Journeying the Way of Love*. This journey begins by saying “yes” to God’s call to birth new life into the world—a call that is both powerful and gentle, a call that will, if fully embraced, grow beyond our imaginations, spilling out of ourselves and into our family, friends, community, and the whole world. Over the course of this holy season, we invite you to respond to that call using these daily practices, and encourage you to offer them to your friends, family, and neighbors.

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit [episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove](http://episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove). There, you’ll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.



**Sunday, November 28**

### **WORSHIP**

Read Luke 21:25-36. How do the symbols of the Advent season help you understand the story of Jesus? Where do you see them in your worship today?

**Monday, November 29**

### **GO**

Go out of your way to have a conversation with someone you might not normally visit with today. Ask God to open your heart to hear this person as God does.

**Tuesday, November 30**

### **LEARN**

Read Matthew 4:18-22. How do these verses from Matthew inspire you to read Scripture with new eyes? Try reading several different translations of this passage. See how the language might change your reading of it.

**Wednesday, December 1**

### **PRAY**

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 1, found on page 211 of The Book of Common Prayer. Set a timer for three minutes to sit in silence and hear what God might be saying back to you.

**Thursday, December 2**

### **BLESS**

We know that angels are God’s special messengers to us, and that Gabriel spent intentional time with Mary, helping her to understand her part in God’s story. Who has shared an important lesson or their presence with you this week? Thank them today with a call or note.

**Friday, December 3**

### **TURN**

Read Isaiah 58. How does this reading challenge you to think about feasts and festivals differently? How might this lesson change the way you celebrate or recognize this holy season?

**Saturday, December 4**

### **REST**

Put your phone on airplane mode and leave it in a dresser drawer for an hour or two. Whatever happens in that time, you can handle later. Give this time to yourself and Jesus, to rest and recharge for the week ahead.

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