



*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.*



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ADVENT 2021

WORSHIP AND ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS



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ABOUT THE SEASON

The voice of one that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God! ~ Isaiah 40:3

The season of Advent marks the start of a new church year, beginning with the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continuing through the day before Christmas. The name for this period of time is derived from a Latin word *adventus* which means “coming”. The season is characterized by preparation, anticipation, and expectation as the festive celebration of our Lord’s nativity draws closer. During Advent, Grace Church offers a variety of opportunities for reflection and prayer that we hope you consider making a part of your regular Advent practice. Worship opportunities will be available both in-person and on-line.

WORSHIP DURING ADVENT

An Advent Procession of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 5th at 4:30 PM

The Choir of Grace Church will sing music of 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.

The Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudeté

Sunday, December 12th at 10:00 AM

The Choir of Grace Church will sing Missa brevis No. 1 in E-flat by Healey Willan and the Renaissance motet “Rejoice in the Lord always” as part of the 10AM Eucharist.

A Nativity Pageant!

Sunday, December 19th at 10:00 AM

The Grace Church Sunday School re-enacts the story of the Holy Family’s arrival in Bethlehem as part of the 10 AM Eucharist.

The Great “O” Antiphons of Advent & Choral Compline

Sunday, December 19th at 8:00 PM

The men of the Grace Church Schola will chant The Seven Great “O” Antiphons of Advent. A portion of the evening psalms that correspond to the appointed dates of each Antiphon, will be read in between each Antiphon to guide your prayers and meditations. Choral Compline follows immediately after the seventh Antiphon. Doors open at 7:30 PM.

Sunday Mornings

Spoken Holy Eucharist at 8:00 AM

In-person only

Sung/Choral Holy Eucharist at 10:00 AM

In-person and Live-streamed

Wednesdays at 12 Noon

Spoken Holy Eucharist

In-person and Live-streamed from The Chapel of the Messiah

ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS

Advent Book Group

Saturday, December 11th, at 4:00 PM *via Zoom*

A discussion of the Christian themes in Charles Dickens’ classic, Christmastide novella, “A Christmas Carol” facilitated by the clergy of Grace Church.

To sign up email the Rector at jhuyck@gracepvd.org

Holiday Food & Gift 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.

Brown University Chorus Concert: Messiah, Part the First

Saturday, December 11th at 4:00 PM

The Brown University Chorus, joined by The Providence Baroque Orchestra and under the direction of Fredrick Jodry, presents a performance of the Christmas portion and the ‘Hallelujah Chorus’ of George Frederic Händel’s famous oratorio.

Tickets: \$25, \$5 (students)

Caroling with Collegium Ancora

Saturday, December 18th beginning at 3:30 PM

Join members of Collegium Ancora, Grace Church’s professional choral ensemble-in-residence, for some festive, yule-tide singing on the front steps of Grace Church.

Caroling sheets will be provided!

Thursdays at Noon Concerts

December 2: Bennett Parsons, Saxophone
Boston, MA

December 9: Jordan Prescott, Organ
Doctoral candidate, Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore, MD

December 16: Juan Carlos Rios, Piano
Director of Music, Church of the Redeemer, Providence, RI