

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.

WELCOME!

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



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST
WITH NATIVITY PAGEANT
RITE II

DECEMBER 19TH, 2021
10:00 AM

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 Courtyard after the service, weather permitting. Masks are available from an Usher, should you need one. Please turn off or silence all mobile devices prior to the service.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on ‘Veni Emmanuel’

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

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 on the following page.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, 265

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
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 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

Words: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

Music: Gabriel's Message, Basque carol; harm. Edgar Pettman (1865-1943)

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

ALMIGHTY 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.**

THE TRISAGION

Sung by all three times

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

THE SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

PURIFY OUR CONSCIENCE, ALMIGHTY GOD, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Candles in the Advent Wreath are lighted by a child from the Grace Church Sunday School, the Choir sings,

ADVENT IV: MARY

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle: to you be praise and glory for ever!
Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;
grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and Saviour of all.
Blessed be God for ever.

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

Please be seated for the Pageant.

A NATIVITY PAGEANT IN STORY AND SONG

Presented by the Grace Church Sunday School, Choristers, and Training Choir



SCENE I: THE ANNUNCIATION

Mary is visited by Gabriel the Archangel.

SCENE II: THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM AND THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Mary and Joseph travel to the city of Bethlehem, there Jesus the Christ is born.

Once in Royal David's City

Sung by The Grace Church Choristers

1. Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that Mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall:
With the poor and mean and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

5. Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall we see him: but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high,
Where like stars his children crowned, all in white shall wait around.

*Words: Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-1895), alt;
Music: Irby, Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur H. Mann (1850-1929) Descant: Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

SCENE III: THE ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS

A heavenly host of angels brings news to shepherds of the birth of Christ.

Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Words: Traditional carol

Music: Cradle Song, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

SCENE IV: THE MAGI AND THE STAR

The Three Wise Men see a star in the East.

HYMN 128: *We Three Kings*

Sung by all

1. **We Three Kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder Star.**
- Refrain* **O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
West-ward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt.

Music: Three Kings of Orient, J. H. Hopkins, Jr.

SCENE V: CONCLUSION AND PRAYER

HYMN 100: *Joy to the World!*

Sung by the Pageant Cast, and repeated by all.

1. **Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let Earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: Antioch, George Frederic Händel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)



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

MY SOUL DOTH MAGNIFY THE LORD,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

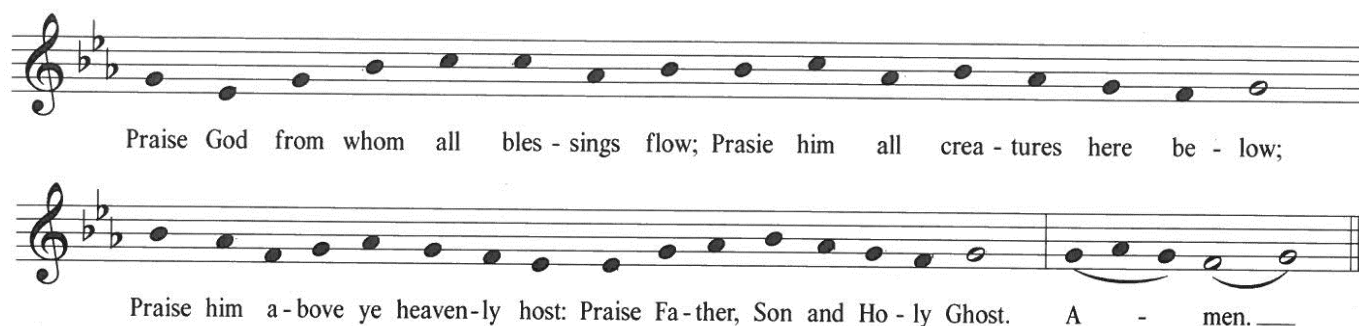
Words: Luke 1:46-55

Music: from Evening Service in A, Op. 12, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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 *People*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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

IT 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,

Continued over the page. →

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na





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."

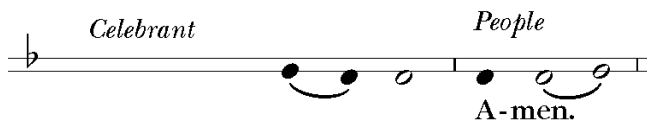
Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant

WE 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,

OUR 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

Sung by all

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

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, MOTET

DIXIT MARIA AD ANGELUM:
Ecce ancilla Domini,
fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

*Mary said unto the Angel:
Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,
let it be done unto me, according to thy word.*

*Words: Luke 1:38
Music: Hans Leo Hassler (c 1564-1612)*

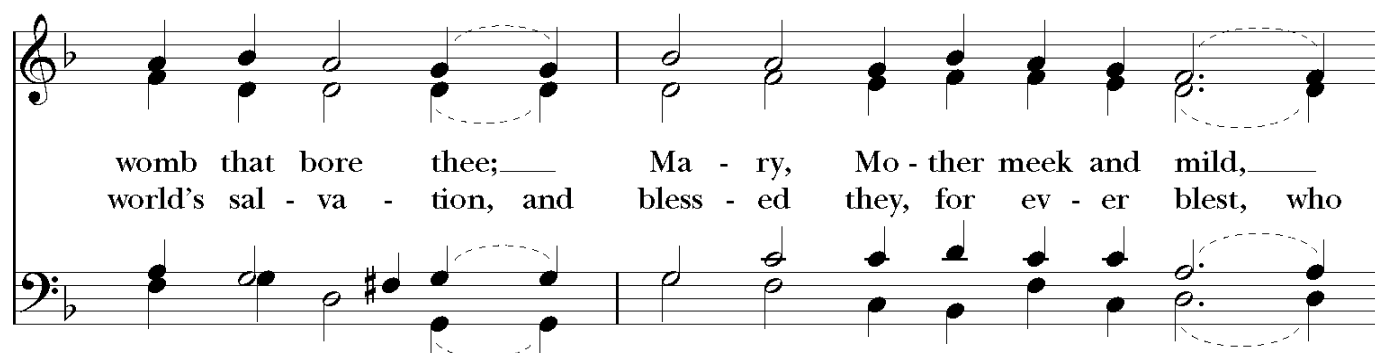
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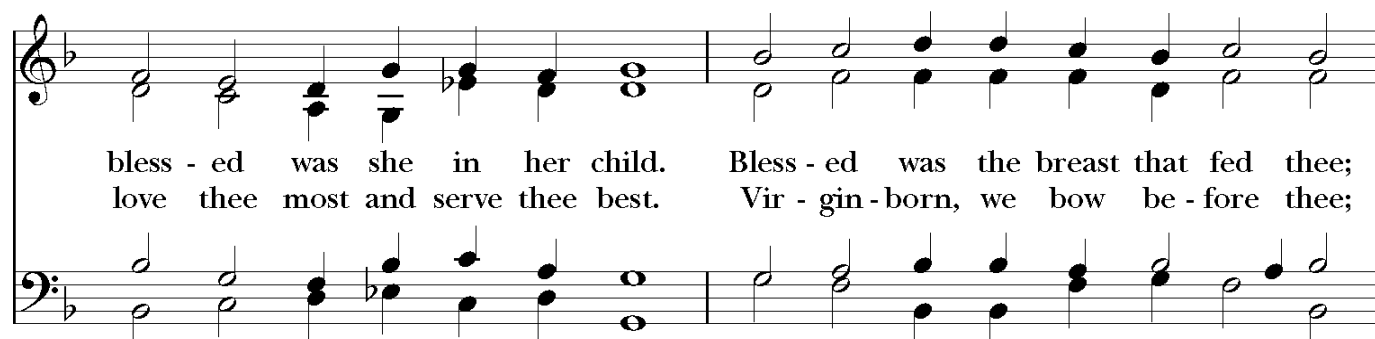
THE COMMUNION HYMN, 258



1 Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee: bless - ed was the
2 Bless - ed she by all cre - a - tion, who brought forth the



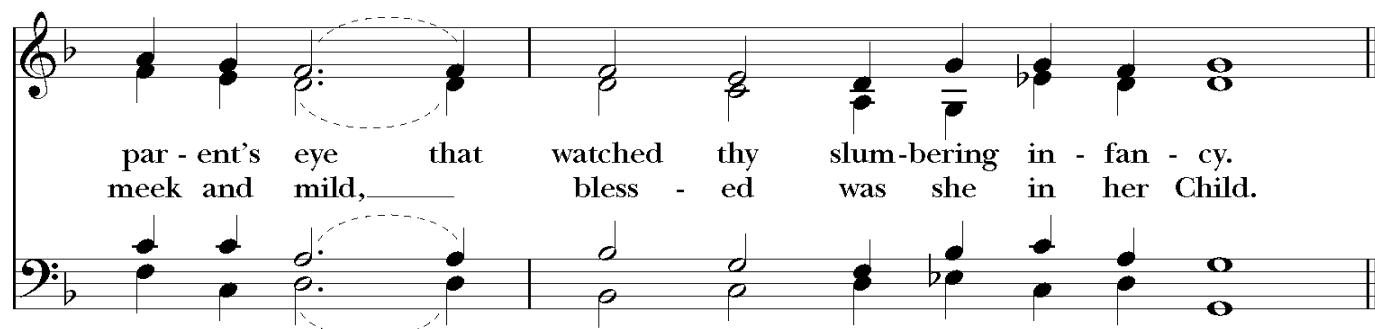
womb that bore thee; — Ma - ry, Mo - ther meek and mild, —
world's sal - va - tion, and bless - ed they, for ev - er blest, who



bless - ed was she in her child. Bless - ed was the breast that fed thee;
love thee most and serve thee best. Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee;



bless - ed was the hand that led thee; bless - ed was the
bless - ed was the womb that bore thee; Ma - ry, Mo - ther



par - ent's eye that watched thy slum - bering in - fan - cy.
meek and mild, — bless - ed was she in her Child.

Words: Reginald Herbert (1783-1826)
Music: Psalm 86, Claude Goudimel (1514-1572), alt.

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.**

THE ADVENT BLESSING

Priest May 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.

People **Amen.**

Priest May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

People **Amen.**

Priest May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

People **Amen.**

Priest And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

Please remain standing as you are able and join in singing the hymn on the following page.





5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som

5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile

5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - Re -
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Assisting Priest: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Crucifer: Ed Morgan

Greeters: Carter Hall, Pat Trosclair

Ushers: Dot & Steve Haskell, Robert Olawoye, John Trosclair

Altar Guild: Sue Hall, Denise Lapolla

Audio/Visual: Clinton Crocker

Coffee Hour Servers: Melody Ennis, Joseph Handly, William Woodward

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR UPDATE: For the time being, we will not be having coffee hour in the Pavilion, due to the Covid pandemic. Feel free to gather in the Pavilion after worship for a time of fellowship, but please keep your masks on while doing so. On days when the weather seems agreeable, we'll set the coffee table up in the courtyard. In any case, we will take a pause from sharing food after worship until the Covid numbers have come back down. Thank you for your understanding!

THE GREAT "O" ANTIPHONS & CHORAL COMPLINE TONIGHT! This evening 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.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA & MUSIC DEDICATIONS: You'll find Christmas Flower and Music dedication cards located in the pews, on the back table near the Baptismal Font, and in the Narthex literature rack. Thank you for printing your dedications legibly, and using the green flower envelopes. Submit dedications along with your gift in the collections plate, or mail to the Church Office by December 20th.

PARISH PRAYER LIST: Each Sunday we pray during worship for those whose names have been given to the parish office. To submit names for the prayer list, email them to prayers@gracepvd.org. Names are kept on the list for 4 weeks, unless otherwise requested.

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.

CHRISTMASTIDE BOOKMARKS: The schedule for Christmas 2021 at Grace Church can be found printed on little bookmarks located on the tables in the rear of the church. Pick one up to see the various worship offerings we have planned for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the Sundays after Christmas!

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP AFGHANI REFUGEES: Grace Church will be working with the Dorcas International Resettlement Program, helping to place refugees from Afghanistan in homes in our area. There are sign up sheets located on the table in The Pavilion for two upcoming Saturdays in January (1/8 & 1/22) where we will need at minimum a team of 15 volunteers. There are also info packets about the volunteer work available. If you are interested in signing up to volunteer, please fill out the sign up sheet and Bill Galligan will contact you with more info once we have enough volunteers. All ages are welcome to help out! For more information, please email Bill Galligan at wgalligan@gmail.com

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