

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church _____ December 3, 2021

Spotlight: An Advent Procession of Lessons & Carols this Sunday!

Sunday, December 5th

4:30 PM

(Please note the time change!)



Join us for a festive liturgy for the beginning of Advent! The Grace Church Choir will sing works by Giovanni Palestrina, Josef Rheinberger, Boris Ord, William Byrd, Anton Bruckner, Elizabeth Poston, and others from various points throughout the church, gradually approaching the High Altar. This service is meant to embody the anticipation of the birth of our Savior.

~ Advent Lessons & Carols Links ~

YouTube: [Click here!](#)

Facebook: [Click here!](#)

To download the Order of Service for Advent Lessons & Carols, [please click here.](#)

Advent 2021: Offerings at Grace

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



Upcoming Advent Book Discussion

On Saturday, December 11, at 4:00 PM via Zoom, the clergy of Grace Church will lead a discussion of the Christian themes in Charles Dickens' classic, Christmastide novella, "A Christmas Carol".

To sign up email Fr. Jonathan Huyck, the Rector,
at jhuyck@gracepvd.org



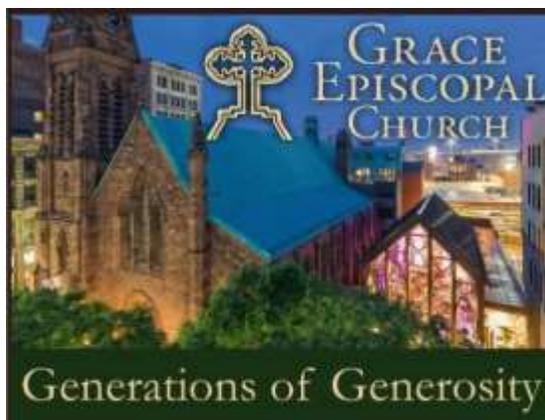
Christmas Flowers & Music Dedications

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 arrive to the Church Office by December 20.**



December Stewardship Notes

As we head into this final month of 2021, we invite any parishioners who have not yet had an opportunity to submit a pledge form for the coming year to kindly consider doing so. Pledge cards can be found at the back of the church or in the literature rack in the narthex.



And speaking of year-end, this is a great time to ensure that your 2021 pledges are on track for completion. If anyone would like to inquire about their progress, please contact Chris in the office either [by e-mail](mailto:chris@gracepvd.org) or by phone at 401-331-3225.

If you have requested pledge envelopes for 2022, they will be available for pick-up after church on December 12th and December 19th. Please endeavor to retrieve your assigned set on one of those two Sundays, as the remainders will need to be mailed.

TAPA Holiday Food & Gift Drive

The Outreach Ministry here at Grace Church is thrilled to partner with our neighbors at Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts (TAPA) for this year's Holiday Food & Gift Drive. Please consider contributing in one or more of the following ways:



Grace Church Outreach Ministry

Holiday Food & Gift Drive

Donating nonperishable foods and/or grocery store gift cards

Items of interest include pasta, rice, beans, veggies, fruit, tuna, mac & cheese, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, soup, milk, cake mix, cereal, oatmeal, condiments, toiletries and more.

Donating holiday gifts and/or gift cards for students in grades 7-12

Items of interest include arts & crafts sets, wireless headphones, board games, sports balls, exercise gear, duffles/totes, wallets, graphic tees, sticker sets, plush toys, travel mugs, journals, lamps, jackets/vests, winter clothing, and gift cards (including for stores, restaurants, Uber, Netflix, etc). Please leave any gift donations unwrapped.

Please either bring the items to leave under the Christmas Tree, located in The Pavilion, on Sundays now through December 19th, or bring directly to TAPA at the front door of their downtown location (275 Westminister Street) weekdays from 8:30am-4:30pm. You can also drop off grocery gift cards at any time in Grace's mail slot next to the parking lot entrance.

Monetary donations for the purchase of food and gifts

TAPA is also accepting monetary donations for the purchase of food and holiday gifts for students and their families. You can contribute using [TAPA's PayPal account here](#), or checks can be mailed payable to "TAPA" at 275 Westminister St., Providence, RI 02903, and indicating "Holiday Drive - Grace Church" on the memo line.

Thursdays at Noon Concerts

Next Thursday, December 9th at 12 Noon, our guest recitalist will be organist Jordan Prescott, from Baltimore, Maryland. Jordan is Organist & Choirmaster at Grace & St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Baltimore, and a doctoral candidate in organ performance at the Peabody Conservatory. Jordan will play a program of works by Adolphus Hailstork, Charles-Marie Widor, Jeanne Demessieux, Richard Purivs, and Jean Langlais.



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 last week's concert, played by saxophonist Bennett Parsons, you watch the recorded performance by **clicking here**, or on the image to the right.

To view Bennett's program, [please click here.](#)



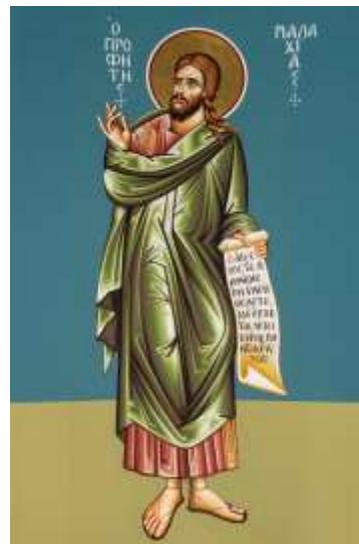
Please note, if you are not able to attend in person, or prefer not to yet, we will still be live-streaming most concerts. Recordings of the concerts will also be made available in the usual places ([church website](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [Vimeo](#)).

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 Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 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 Second Sunday of Advent, [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!

December 5, 2021

The Second Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 Second Sunday of Advent [please click here.](#)

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