



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church \_\_\_\_ December 23, 2021

## Spotlight: Christmas Services at Grace

Join us for Christmastide at Grace Church! We are very happy to be able to offer several services for the season of Christmas this year! Please see the full list below and consider joining us! The services will also be live-streamed for those not able to physically come to church or who don't yet feel comfortable attending in person due to the pandemic.



### Reminder on Masking at Grace for Worship Services

Per the CDC guidelines and due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in our area, we are requiring 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. Masks are available from an Usher or are available on the tables in the rear of the church, should you need one. We appreciate everyone's compliance with this requirement to help keep each other safe!



# CHRISTMAS 2021



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## THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

A Festival of Lessons & Carols for Christmas

*with Sung Holy Eucharist*

**5:00 PM**

Festal Choral Eucharist *with* String Quartet

**10:00 PM**

*Prelude Music begins at 9:30 PM*

## CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Festal Sung Eucharist

*with Choral Quartet & Christmas Carols*

**10:00 AM**

## THE FIRST & SECOND SUNDAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 & Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

*Spoken Holy Eucharist*

**8:00 AM**

*Sung Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols*

**10:00 AM**

## A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS FOR EPIPHANY

WITH THE BLESSING OF CHALK

Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**4:00 PM**

~ Christmas Eve ~  
A Festival of Lessons & Carols  
for Christmas  
*with Sung Holy Eucharist*  
5:00 PM

~ Links for the Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist

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YouTube: [Click here!](#)  
Facebook: [Click here!](#)



To download the Order of Service, [please click here.](#)

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~ Christmas Eve ~  
Festal Choral Eucharist  
*with String Quartet*  
10:00 PM

~ Links for the Festal Choral Eucharist ~

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~ Christmas Day ~  
Festal Sung Eucharist  
*with Choral Quartet & Carols*  
10:00 AM

~ Links for the Christmas Day Worship ~

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## Grace Church Holiday Closure

The parish offices & church will be closed the week of December 27, 2021 and will re-open on January 3, 2022.

There will also be no Noonday Eucharist on Wednesday, December 29.

For pastoral emergencies,  
please contact the Rector directly.



## Helping 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. (please only take one if you are volunteering and please only take one per family). 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!



In addition to the volunteer work, Dorcas is ESPECIALLY desperate for furniture. Gently used coffee tables, side tables, bedside tables, dining room tables and chairs, bureaus, area rugs in good repair and condition, bunk beds, couches and stuffed chairs. All without rips and unsightly wear. These can be brought to the Furniture Bank of RI, our space is in the back.

**Address:**  
**Furniture Bank of RI**  
**70 Ernest St, Providence, RI 02905**

**Hours:**  
**Tuesday - Friday 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM**  
**Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

If you need assistance with a truck to move larger items or if you have any questions about this volunteer opportunity please email Bill Galligan at [wgalligan@gmail.com](mailto:wgalligan@gmail.com)

Also, if you are someone with a truck or van and would be willing to help out with any large items please reach out to Bill.

## TAPA Holiday Gift & Food Drive Update

Thanks to all who contributed to the holiday gift drive for our neighbors at Trinity Academy of the Performing Arts (TAPA), as well as those who contributed children's books to the Sts. Peter and Andrew food pantry. Your generosity is putting smiles on faces around our community.



## Sunday Morning Worship: The First Sunday after Christmas December 26, 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 after Christmas**, [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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## December 26, 2021

### The First Sunday after Christmas

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For the texts of the readings for The First Sunday after Christmas [please click here](#).

[Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).

