



GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church ____ _ December 31, 2021

**Wishing you a
Happy, Healthy,
and Blessed New Year
from Grace Church!**



A Collect for the New Year

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose years never fail and whose mercies are new each returning day: let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives, warming our hearts and giving light to our minds; that we may pass the coming year in joyful obedience and firm faith; through him who is the beginning and the end, your Son, Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Lessons & Carols for Epiphany is Cancelled.

We have decided, given the increase in local Covid cases, to cancel our service of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany, which was to have been on Sunday, January 9. We hope to keep the choir present and singing for Sunday morning services, but feel that it is not prudent to add other large choral services to the schedule at this time. Thanks for your understanding, and we hope to bring back this wonderful service next year.



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!



DORCAS INTERNATIONAL
INSTITUTE OF RHODE ISLAND

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

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.

Sunday Morning Worship:
The Second Sunday
after Christmas
January 2, 2022



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.

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!

January 2, 2022
The Second Sunday after
Christmas

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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



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