



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church ____ _ February 4, 2022

Spotlight: The Activity That You'll Seldom See

For even the most frequent visitors to Grace among you, there is a whole other world of activity on our campus that you may seldom observe. So we thought we would take a moment to highlight the catered events that we are blessed to host here.

During just the second half of 2021, we hosted 21 events during those 26 weeks. 18 of those were wedding ceremonies with 5-hour catered receptions to follow, and each of these required careful planning and execution to ensure not only the protection of our beloved spaces but also the satisfaction of event hosts and their guests. Our

Director of Administration Chris Barker oversees all aspects of these venue operations: from marketing and sales through to event planning and execution. As the demand for weddings and other events in our spaces continues to grow, so to does the proportion of Chris' efforts that are focused thereupon. During the events themselves, we have an event supervisor (a contractor) and an event sexton (part-time staff) onsite.

During a 2021 that saw the first half of the year materially impacted by covid, these event operations generated more than \$115,000 in revenue to support the mission and ministry of Grace Church. And because we can observe an uptrend in interest and bookings for future events, it seems we are well positioned to continue making the best use of our beautiful campus.



Organ Project Promotional Video

The Organ Project at Grace was officially endorsed by the Vestry in October, and we are actively seeking funding for this project. A small group of parishioners has assembled as a committee to explore financing and funding options. We want to keep the project alive and in the hearts and minds of the Grace community and beyond. In addition to the two brochures ([Click here for the Overview Brochure](#) and [Here for the Proposed Specification Brochure](#)), we have created a short promotional video to share with friends, acquaintances, and anyone who might have interest in our project. As always, if you would like to know more about this exciting project, or just want to know more about the organ at Grace in general, please be in touch with Vince Edwards, our Director of Music. vedwards@gracepvd.org Enjoy the video!



Thursdays at Noon Concerts

Next Thursday, February 10th at 12 Noon, our guest recitalist will be organist [Andrew Sheranian](#), Organist & Master of the Choristers at [The Parish of All Saints, Ashmont](#). Andrew will play a program of music by the British composer Herbert Howells.

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 this week's concert, played by organist Manuel Piazza, you can watch the recorded performance by [clicking here](#), or on the image to the right.

To view Manuel'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](#).

Some On-Site Weekday Activities Paused

Some of our on-site weekday activities have been temporarily paused. Activities placed on this temporary pause include: Wednesday Noon Eucharist, the Open Doors Ministry, and on-site gatherings of the Quilting, Prayer Shawl, and 20s/30s ministries. We look forward to resuming those weekday activities as soon as conditions improve, so please stay tuned to the weekly ENews.

Our in-person Sunday worship continues, but please take care to retain your face masks in place throughout your time indoors here. For the time being, we will not gather for Coffee Hour following worship.



Sunday Morning Worship: The Fifth Sunday after The Epiphany February 6, 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.

**If you would like to download or print the service leaflet
for The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, [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!

February 6, 2022
**The Fifth Sunday after
The Epiphany**

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; 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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, [please click here.](#)

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