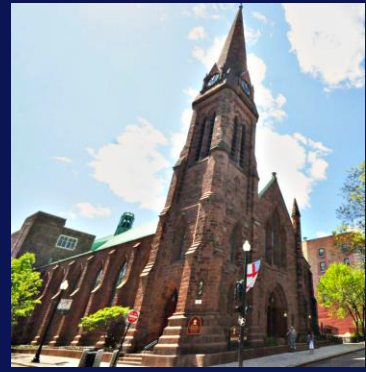


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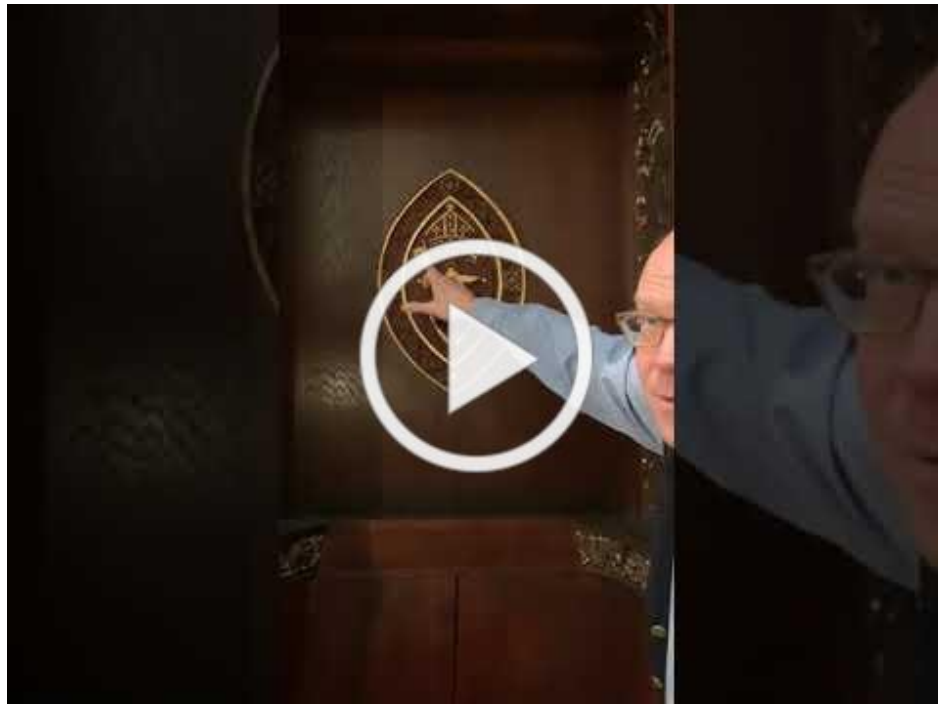
Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

July 15, 2022

Spotlight: Views of Grace Revisited - Chancel & Wood Carvings

Director of Music Vince Edwards made these videos of the fabric of Grace Church early on during the pandemic. They were wonderfully received, and since many people are new to Grace since then, we thought the summer would be a great time to share them again.

Please enjoy this overview of the Chancel & Wood Carvings!



80th General Convention Summary

The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church. **Every three years it meets as a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops, composed of deputies and bishops from each diocese.** The Executive Council serves as the governing body of The Episcopal Church between sessions of General Convention, charged specifically with executing the program and policies adopted by Convention (Canon IV.1.a). They also serve as the board for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America (commonly referred to as the DFMS) (Canon III, Article II) and the Executive Office of the General Convention (Canon IV.1.a). The DFMS is the corporate entity of The Episcopal Church (Canon I.1.3). This structure encompasses the Office of the Presiding Bishop and their staff, the President of the House of Deputies and their staff, and the Executive Office of the General Convention as well as the offices of the DFMS that are shared by all three. The General Convention also includes Interim Bodies which meet between the triennial sessions to accomplish ongoing work and tasks set in the triennial sessions.



Bishop Knisely, was present at the General Convention (held this year in Baltimore, Maryland), along with other representatives from the Diocese of Rhode Island, including our own Dave Seifert.

**To view a summary and highlights
of The 80th General Convention,
[please click here!](#)**

Upcoming Parish BBQ!

Mark your calendars because on **Sunday, August 7**, we will have our Annual Parish Barbecue immediately following the 10:00 AM service, in The Courtyard of The Pavilion at Grace. (If it rains, we'll stay in The Pavilion!) The church will provide burgers and hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We'll have special games for children, so bring friends and kids, and pray for good weather on August 7!



Chorister Recruitment

Do you a young person who loves music, likes to sing or might be like to participate in choir? The Grace Church Choristers are actively seeking new members to join our ranks in time for our annual Choir Camp this coming August (8-12). Our Director of Music, Vince Edwards is always happy to meet informally with interested children and



their parents to discuss our Chorister program and its many musical, social, and educational benefits. Please email him at vedwards@gracepvd.org if you have any questions or know a family that might be interested in this excellent opportunity for their kids!

Summer Choir

During the summer months we will enjoy the leadership of our summer choir! Summer Choir is open to anyone who sings with the Grace Church Choir, or anyone who would like to try singing in the choir. **We meet in the Choir Room at 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings, rehearse the hymns and psalm, and prepare a simple anthem or two. You don't need to give previous notice, but if you would like to try Summer Choir, please email Vince Edwards for more information.** Feel free to sing one Sunday, or every Sunday! Please note: our summer choir "uniform" - white blouse or shirt, black (or very dark) shorts, pants or skirt and dark-ish shoes (sandals are fine!).



Worship Where You Roam Submissions

Each Summer, we encourage families who may be traveling during this season, to pause for worship along the way, and to share their experience with us. Snap a photo, tell us where you worshipped, and tells us something about the place or the service. Send all submissions and photos to Chris Barker at cbarker@gracepvd.org



At the same time, we remind our summer travelers that all of our worship services are available via live stream, and are posted to our website for viewing at your convenience. So while on the road, you can thankfully still participate on our worship here at Grace.

Organ Project Promotional Video to Share

The Organ Project at Grace was officially endorsed by the Vestry in October 2021, 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!

[Click here](#) or on the image below to watch and share!



Sunday Morning Worship: The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 17, 2022

Every Sunday Morning, Grace Church offers a 'live-stream' broadcast of our Sunday morning 10:00 AM 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 above 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.

**To view the Order of Service for [The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost](#),
[CLICK HERE!](#)**

Grace Church will be following the guidance from our bishop in regards to Covid and masking: [Masks will be required at Grace when Covid transmission is "HIGH" for Providence County and will be optional when it is below that level.](#) At the moment, Providence has mercifully dropped to the "MEDIUM" level, so masks are optional inside the building.

Of course, we hope and pray that the Covid transmission level never reaches "high" again! But we thank you for your patience and understanding if it does. To see the Covid level of each county in RI you can visit <https://ri-department-of-health-covid-19-data-rihealth.hub.arcgis.com/>.

Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together,
ALL ARE WELCOME at Grace Church!

July 17, 2022

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, [please click here.](#)

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