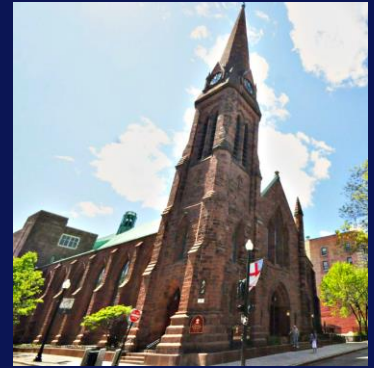


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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

September 9, 2022

Spotlight: Welcome Home!

Friends,

While the Sunday after Labor Day is not a feast day on the Church calendar, it has long been a day when parishioners return from summer vacations and church programs begin. At Grace Church, it's the day when the choir returns in full form (thank you to all who sang in the summer choir!). It's the day when those serving at the altar don our vestments again (a short-sleeve clerical shirt was most welcome on those 90 degree+ Sundays!). We have our annual ministry fair this Sunday in the courtyard to encourage and invite folks to take part in a church activity that speaks to them. And then, next Sunday, our Sunday School and youth group start up again – back in their old home for the first time in years!

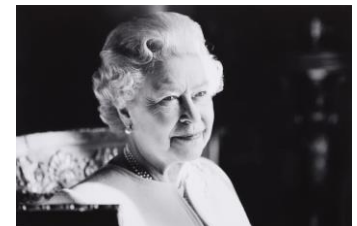


Of course, parish life continues year-round. We worshipped together every Sunday and Wednesday throughout the summer. Our Outreach Ministry cleaned and prepared apartments for Afghan refugees on those hot July days. We prayed for and visited the sick and welcomed newcomers to Grace each week. But as the Book of Ecclesiastes says, “to everything there is a season”, and fall is great season to celebrate and engage in our common life as disciples of Jesus here in the heart of downtown Providence.

Welcome home!
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Statement from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on the death of Queen Elizabeth II

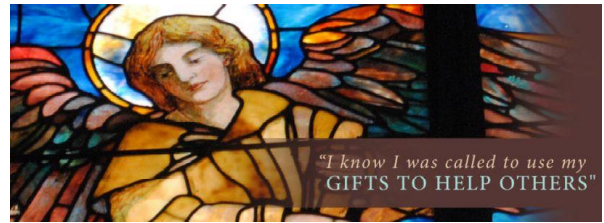
Today we mourn the passing and celebrate the life and legacy of Queen Elizabeth II. My prayers for peace go out for her, for her loved ones, and for all those who knew and loved her throughout the world. Her resilience, her dignity, and her model of quiet faith and piety have been—and will continue to be—an example for so many. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



+The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church

Upcoming Ministry Fair!

This coming Sunday, September 11, Grace Church will host its annual Ministry Fair. Following the 10AM service, during Coffee Hour, representatives from various parish ministries will be on hand to tell you about their groups' activities and encourage you to join them. So grab a lemonade see what Grace Church has to offer...and sign up!



Wall of Hope Restoration Volunteers needed TONIGHT & TOMORROW!



Please come join in for any part of this **OUTDOOR** project even if you have not signed up in advance. Kids welcome Saturday morning! Contact Ann Huyck with any questions: 401-573-9802

Grace Church is partnering with RI's 9/11 Memorial, the "Wall of Hope," **this weekend** as we remember 9/11.

We are volunteering to help with final touches in the restoration of this beautiful display of colorful, painted tiles before its reinstallation in our downtown neighborhood later this fall. The tiles are communal art representing messages of remembrance, peace, and hope; they were painted by 12,000 residents of RI, including everyone from schoolchildren to inmates, after the 2001 tragedy. You may remember them from their previous installation in a tunnel near Waterplace Park. Check out more details about the project [here!](#)

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPT 9: 5:00-9:00pm (join in anytime!)

Prep & Paint 40 Steel Frames for Wall of Hope Tiles

Who: Able-bodied adults & teens - we need 20 people!! Pizza will be served!

Where: Tavares Warehouse, 210 West Exchange St, Providence – street parking available (4 min by car from Grace Church; 10-15 minute walk)

Skills needed: able to help move large steel panels framing the tiles (not difficult with 4 people on each), wipe down/wash dusty frames, paint steel frames carefully (no specific art skills needed, but this is not for kids dripping paint everywhere!)

Bring if you can: work gloves, bucket, sponge (paint & brushes are provided)

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT 10: 9-11:30am (join in any time!)

Wash & Clean Wall of Hope Tiles

Who: All are invited! *You need to supervise & work with your own kids.*

When: 9am-until finished (probably around 11:30am)

Skills needed: washing dusty panels of tiles with sponge & dish soap

Where: Tavares Warehouse 210 West Exchange St, Providence, RI – street parking available (10-15 minute walk from Grace)

Bring if you can: work gloves, bucket, sponge

Upcoming Choral Compline

On **Sunday, September 18 at 8:00 PM** the women of the Grace Church Schola will sing a short, 30- minute service of Choral Compline. Come, pray in the stillness, and experience the unaccompanied singing of Gregorian Chant and Renaissance Polyphony in a darkened church, lighted only by candles and with fragrant incense wafting through the air. Doors open at 7:30 PM. We hope you join us for this calm and meditative way to start the week.



Pictorial Directory Pick-up

Updated Pictorial Parish Directories will be available for pick-up by parishioners this coming Sunday, September 11 in The Pavilion during Coffee Hour in The Pavilion.



Shawl Ministry Resumes

The weekly meeting of the Shawl Ministry has resumed after its summer hiatus. Every Wednesday from 10:00 - 11:00 AM members of this group meet in The Pavilion to knit and crochet shawls, which are given to individuals who are ill, struggling, or grieving. For more information, contact Prayer Shawl Ministry Coordinator Jane Ditmars at shawls@gracepvd.org



To learn more about our Shawl and Quilting Ministries, [please click here!](#)

Thursdays @ Noon Concerts *David Heinze, Organ* *September 15, 2022*

Associate Director of Music, David Heinze, will play a 30-minute organ recital of music by César Frank, J.S. Bach, and others. Our free, weekly, 30-minute concert series serves as a form of outreach to the greater metropolitan area of Providence by providing diverse programs of music, free of charge for the enjoyment of the community and any visitors to the city.



To view the complete schedule of performances for September - December,
[please click here!](#)



Sunday School returns to Grace!



Lambs: Age 4 - Grade 2

Doves: Grades 3 - 5

Sign-ups begin August 28 during Coffee Hour

- We are **back in the classroom** during the 10am service
- 2nd Sunday of the month children remain in church for a children's sermon

**First day is Sept. 18 -
see you there!**

Contact: Vivian Trutzl - vtrutzl@gracepvd.org

Kids' Table at Coffee Hour

Starting this Sunday (August 28) there will be a Kids' Table set up during Coffee Hour with coloring pages and card making supplies. It will be located at the table closest to the kitchen toward the back of the Pavilion. Slipping out early? Grab a coloring page (or two!) for home!



Youth Group Resumes

Grades 6-12 are invited to join Grace's Youth Group! **Starting September 18 from 12pm-1:30pm**, kids will enjoy fellowship and pizza while hanging out with like-minded young adults. We'll discuss how society, self, and spirituality all play a part in the journey to adulthood. Youth Group will meet weekly. Follow the QR code to sign-up.



The Upcoming Return of our Choirs!

On Sunday, September 11 we will welcome back from their summer hiatus, The Choir & Choristers of Grace Church at the 10am Eucharist service! They will offer Herbert Howells' Jubilate Deo from The Morning Service "Collegium Regale" as the offertory anthem, and the Choristers will sing Benjamin Britten's Missa Brevis in D, Op. 63. We hope you join us in welcoming back our singers for an exciting season of sacred music at Grace Church.



Upcoming Choral Season at Grace

To view the music list of upcoming choral and organ music for services during the 2022-2023 Choir Season, [please click here](#) or take a Music at Grace Brochure from the rear of the church.



Paper Product Donations Needed

Grace Church has partnered with a fellow Episcopal parish here in Providence, St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Church, to support their Food Pantry. We invite you to bring non-perishable items to Grace on Sundays when you come to church and place them in the woven baskets in the rear of the church. We'll deliver the donations to Sts. Peter & Andrew. All non-perishable donations are welcome but at the moment we are especially seeking paper products such as: **diapers & wipes, toilet paper, and paper towels.** Thank you for your generosity!



Back to School Drive

YOU can help send a vulnerable child to school ready to learn! Please support the Outreach Ministry's *Back to School Supply Drive for Children's Friend*. Needed items include: construction paper, children's books, writing paper, glue sticks/craft glue, crayons, popsicle sticks, pencils, small backpacks, washable markers, glitter, tempera paints, watercolor paint sets, paint brushes, preschool size scissors, etc. **Donations will be collected each Sunday through September 11, and can be left in the collection box at the back of the church.**



Sunday Morning Worship: The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 11, 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.

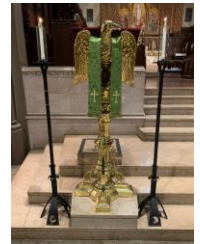
**To view the Order of Service for The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
[CLICK HERE!](#)**

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 "LOW" level,
so masks are optional inside the building.

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

September 11, 2022 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through 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 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, [please click here.](#)

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