

GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

September 30, 2022

Spotlight: The Grace Church Seal & Shield - Digitized!

Grace Church is blessed to have many talented and artistically gifted parishioners both in previous generations and today. We would like to extend a special thanks to parishioner William Galligan for digitizing the Grace Church Shield and Seal for our use in various settings. The shield was designed in the late 1940s by parishioner Edna W. Lawrence (1898-1987) and can be found on a number of our High Altar frontals, in a stained glass window in the Narthex and in a wood carving near the Christ Pantokrator icon in the rear of the church. Below is an excerpt from an unpublished 1982 biography of The Rev. Dr. Clarence H. Horner, Rector of Grace Church from 1937 to 1961, that concerns the creation of and the symbols within the Grace Church shield.

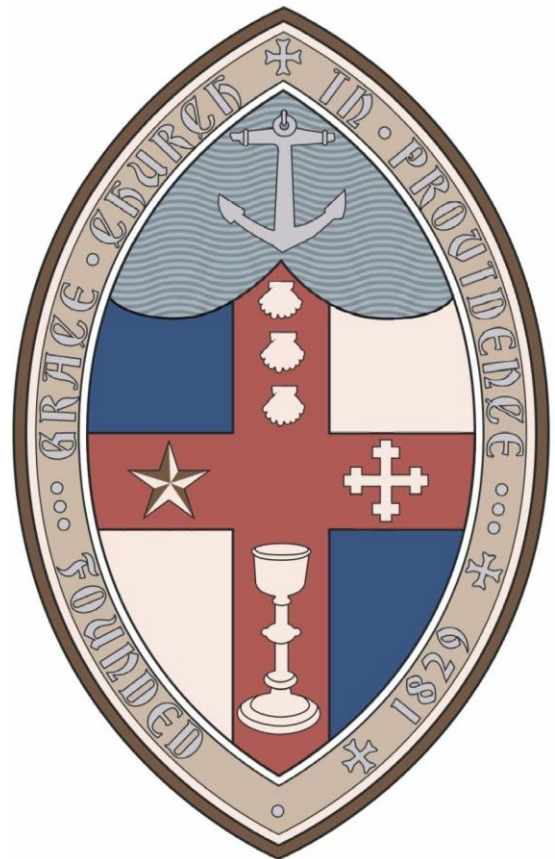
"Grace Church never had a heraldic shield. The Rector wanted one and consulted a distinguished artist, incidentally a member, life-long, of our parish. That person was Miss Edna W. Lawrence.

A modest lady, Miss Lawrence taught Art for more than fifty years at the Rhode Island School of Design. She enjoys national and international fame. Asked to make a device for us, Horner furnished the symbolic materials to appear on the shield.

In shape it was ovate, i.e. shaped like an egg but elongated. About one quarter of the area at the top was grey and rippled. This represented the waves of the sea [Rhode Island being known as "the Ocean State"]. In the other three quarters of the ovate, a red cross appears. An Anchor above the Cross represents the State.

This Cross made for four quadrants, two above the horizontal crossbar and two below. The upper left quadrant was blue or azure. The one on the right was white.

Below the horizontal crossbar the lower area was in white, its right in blue or azure. On the center cross from its top to center were three sea shells secured in a descending order, representing Baptism and the Holy Trinity. On the crossarm, left of center and near the end was a Star representing Bethlehem. Likewise



at the end of the right crossarm was a Jerusalem Cross. Shown on the lower vertical bar of the red center cross from center to bottom was [the shape of one of the large silver chalices that was specifically made for use at Grace Church in 1871].

I have a strong feeling that Dr. Horner wanted to bring into this shield, the Nation, the State, and the Church, with emphasis being given to the two Sacraments ordained by Christ, namely Baptism and the Supper of the Lord. So the Shield was adopted by the Vestry vote of Grace Church with the hope that future clergy would wear the shield on their scarves [tippets]."

Thank you Bill Galligan for helping us digitally preserve this unique part of Grace Church history!

First Choral Evensong of the season this Sunday!

Join us this Sunday, October 2 at 4:00 PM for the first Choral Evensong of the 2022-2023 choir season! This Evensong service will feature the Investiture of Choristers, a tradition of welcoming new choristers as full members of the Choir. Music by Herbert Howells, Robert Lehman, Paul Spicer, and others will be featured during the service. A reception follows in The Pavilion.



Calling for Volunteers!

Volunteers are needed for the annual "Care for the Square" community cleaning of Trinity Square in Providence (intersection of Broad Street and Elmwood Avenue) on Saturday, October 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with a free lunch. Check in is at the Salvation Army at 386 Broad Street. This neighborhood is home to the Grace Church Cemetery, established in 1834.



Ongoing Wall of Hope Restoration: Date Change due to forecasted weather

UPDATE: Volunteering project scheduled for Sat, Oct 1 has been CANCELED due to rain and RESCHEDULED for next weekend on Sat, Oct 8 from 8am-4pm



**Come for an hour or all day - whatever works for you!
Tavares Warehouse, 210 W. Exchange St., Providence**

Grace Episcopal Church has been partnering with RI's 9/11 Memorial, the "Wall of Hope," to gather volunteers to help prepare this community art display for its reinstallation this fall. The project is open to any teens and adults willing to help out with sanding, painting, washing, and some heavy lifting (choose what you are comfortable doing)! Scouts, community & faith groups, and individuals are encouraged to join Grace parishioners in this group effort. Please forward this info to anyone who might be interested!

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, to show their vision of a better world after the 2001 tragedy. You may remember the tiles from their previous installation in a tunnel near Waterplace Park. Check out more details about the project [here!](#)

Please contact Ann Huyck at anniehuyck@gmail.com for more information or to RSVP with your **name, contact info, and time frame** for helping on **Sat, Oct 8 (any time 8am-4pm)** so we can get a sense of numbers and keep our volunteers up to date on plans. Many thanks to all who have helped before and to those willing to help on Oct 8!

Thursdays @ Noon Concerts
Andrew Scanlon, *Organ*
October 6, 2022

Next Thursday we welcome Andrew Scanlon as our guest recitalist. He currently serves as Associate Organist & Choirmaster at The Church of the Advent in Boston and will offer a program of organ music by Cesar Franck, whose 200th birthday we observe this year.



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!](#)

Care FOR THE Square

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TRINITY SQUARE TOGETHER



Paint a mural,
plant trees &
clean up in
Trinity Square!

FREE LUNCH PROVIDED

Trinity Square Together
is a coalition of residents
and organizations who live
in or serve the Trinity
Square area.

Saturday,
October 15
9am - 1pm

Meet at
Salvation Army
386 Broad St, PVD

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WOMEN of the WORLD



music of HILDEGARD VON BINGEN | FANNY MENDELSSOHN
JUDITH WIER | CHEN YI | & more

SUN | OCT 23 | 4PM

TICKETS \$20

Grace Church, Providence



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Sunday Morning Worship: **The Seventeenth Sunday** **after Pentecost** **October 2, 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!](#)

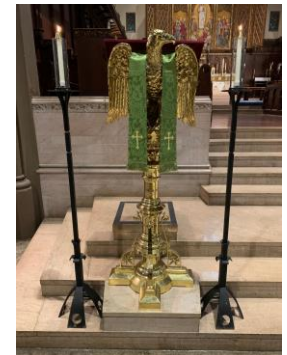
This service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church Facebook Page](#) and the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the links provided above to watch. The service will also be archived on the [Grace Church website](#), [Vimeo](#), Facebook, and YouTube pages for 'on-demand' viewing after 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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost,
[CLICK HERE!](#)

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

October 2, 2022 **The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



For the texts of the readings for The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, [please click here.](#)

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