GRACE CHURCH

IN PROVIDENCE

The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel through worship, proclamation, and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE II

NOVEMBER 27^{TH} , 202210:00 AM

WELCOME!



Welcome to Grace Church! While our congregation has been around for almost two centuries, people from miles around become part of our community every week, so we are always becoming a "new" church. We are also an incredibly diverse church, which is a source of great joy for us. No matter who you are, we are thrilled that you have found your way to us this morning! And while we are a big church, we are also an open and welcoming one, so do not let Grace's size and downtown location prevent you from jumping right in and asking us whatever questions you might have. So welcome, and many blessings to you!

The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck+

Rector

Please turn off or silence all mobile devices prior to the service.

VOLUNTARY

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

The Celebrant and Choir sing from The Pavilion,

Stir up thy strength, O Lord and come: To reign over thy people Israel.

Let us go forth in peace : In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn.

HYMN IN PROCESSION, 61





Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. C. P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); Music: Wachet auf, Hans Sachs (1494-1576); arr. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

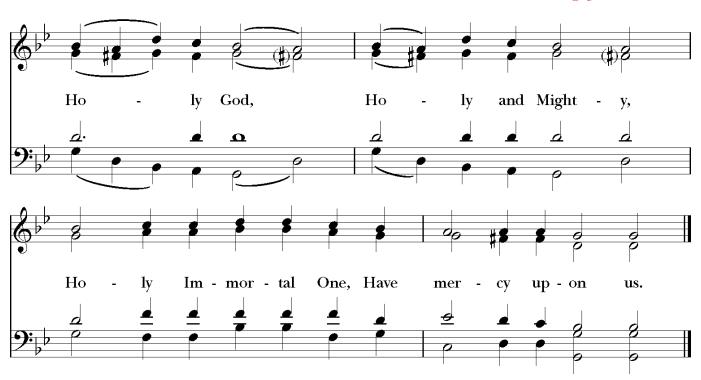
Celebrant

LMIGHTY GOD, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please join in singing the Trisagion, during which Sunday School Children (ages 4-12) gather at the foot of the Advent Wreath.

THE TRISAGION, S-102

Sung by all three times



Setting: after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

LMIGHTY GOD, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As the First Candle in the Advent Wreath is lighted by a child from the Grace Church Sunday School, the Choir sings,

ADVENT I: THE PATRIARCHS - ABRAHAM, ISAAC, & JACOB

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever!

You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and journey in the hope of your promised fulfillment.

May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to received your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Words: from The Promise of His Glory, 1990 Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

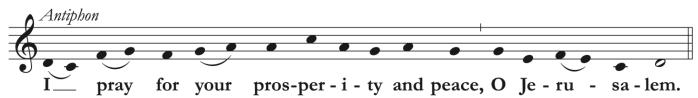
Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

HE WORD THAT ISAIAH, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122

The Antiphon is sung by the Cantor, then by all, and the Verses are sung by the Choir



- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
 - "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
 - within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
 - that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, * the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, * the thrones of the house of David.

- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
 "May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, * I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, * I will seek to do you good." *Antiphon*.

Setting: Plainsong, Tone I.2

THE EPISTLE READING

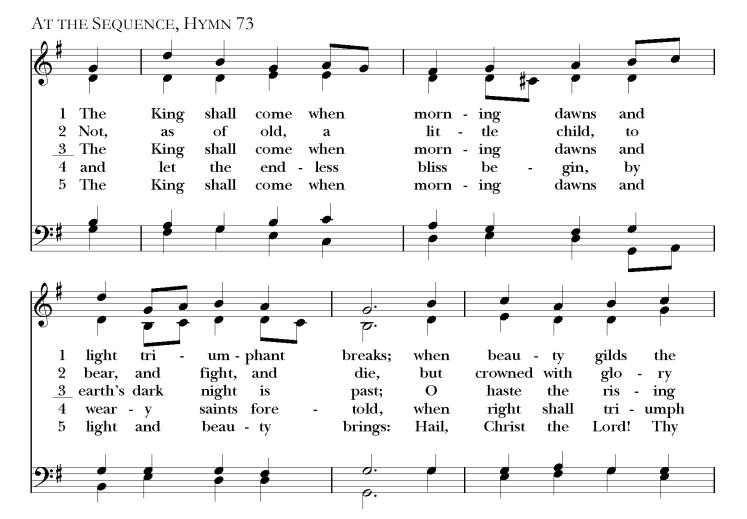
Romans 13:11-14

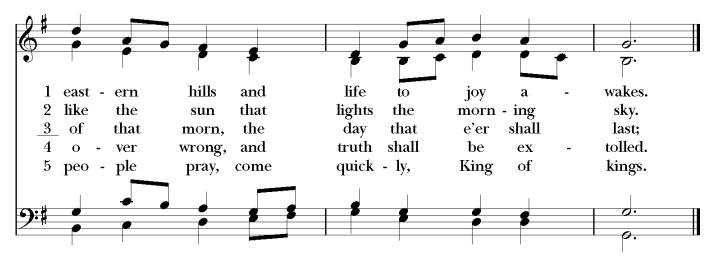
Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

OU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and join in singing the Sequence Hymn.





Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt. Music: St. Stephen, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS SAID TO THE DISCIPLES, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

We stand and say together

THE NICENE CREED

m WE BELIEVE IN ONE m GOD, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made,

Continued over the page. \rightarrow

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

Who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively

Let us lift our hearts in prayer and raise our heads in hope to the Lord, who is coming into the world.

We pray for the Church, the community of all those who seek to follow Christ, that it may steadfastly proclaim the sure and certain hope of God's promised redemption.

God of hope, hear our prayer.

We pray for the world, that among nations made desolate by conflict and violence, justice and righteousness may flower anew.

God of hope, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who work for social justice, that they may know that their work brings God's promises to fulfillment.

God of hope, hear our prayer.

We pray this morning for: Janet Tougas, the family and friends of Richard York, Rusty Beatty, Amie, Gordon Martin, Selina Olawoye, Gail Kenney, Ben & Jennifer West, the family and friends of Joan Lauds Kroenen, Eunice Franklin, the family and friends of Maria Nardone, and Laura. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

God of hope, hear our prayer.

We pray for the departed, that they may have new life in the presence of our Creator, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God of hope, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including those we name now either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord

Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit

keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

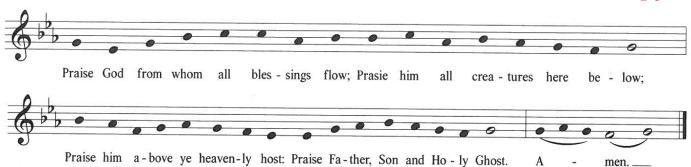
LAETATUS SUM in his quae dicta sunt mihi: In domum Domini ibimus.

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the LORD.

> Words: Psalm 122:1 Music: Alessandro Scarlatti (1660-1725)

THE DOXOLOGY

Sung by all



Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711) Music: Conditor alme siderum, plainsong, Mode IV

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

CelebrantPeopleCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And also with you.Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

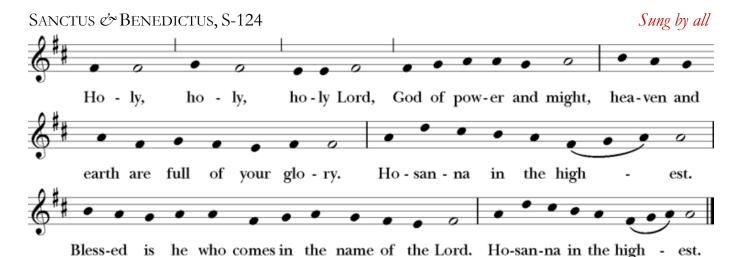
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.



Celebrant

T IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Setting: New Plainsong Mass, David Hurd (b. 1950)

Celebrant

OLY AND GRACIOUS FATHER: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

TE CELEBRATE THE MEMORIAL of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

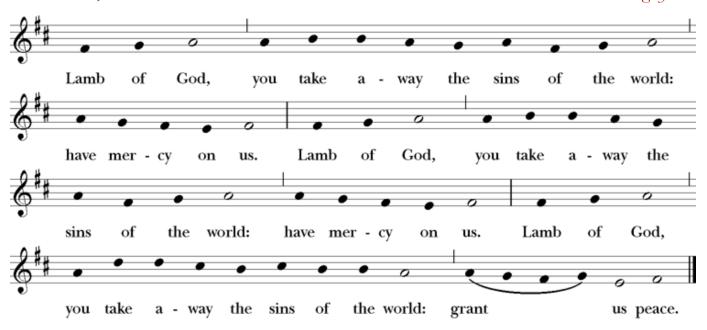
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

After the Celebrant breaks the host, please join in singing the Agnus Dei on the following page.

AGNUS DEI, S-161 Sung by all.



Setting: New Plainsong Mass, D. Hurd

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION

To receive communion, extend your hands to the Priest, who will place the wafer in your hand (if you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask for one). If you wish to receive the wine in an individual cup, approach one of the Communion Stations near the Pulpit or Eagle Lectern, take a small, compostable, plastic cup from the table next to the pillar, and the Minister of Communion will pour a small amount of wine into it. After drinking the wine, place the cup in the baskets by the pillar and return via the Side Aisle. If you prefer to receive the wine from the Chalice, you may do so in The Chapel of the Messiah, located to the left of the Chancel. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest when you come to the Altar.

While the Congregation receives communion, the Choir sings,

AT THE COMMUNION, ANTHEM

O PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Words: Psalm 122:6-7 Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.



Words: Frederic William Henry Myers (1843-1901) Music: Highwood, Richard Runciman Terry (1865-1938)

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we thank you for feeding us

with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

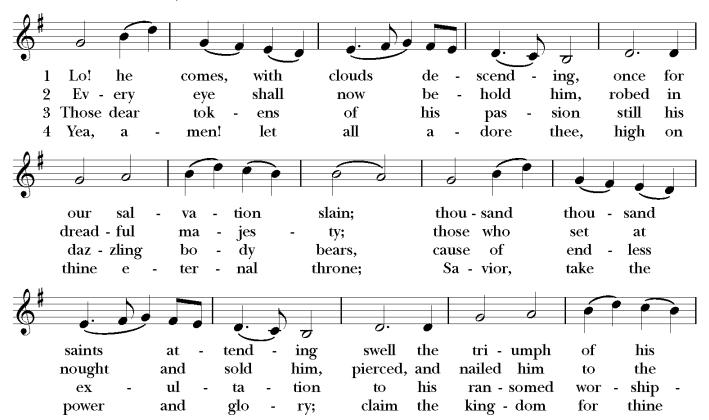
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

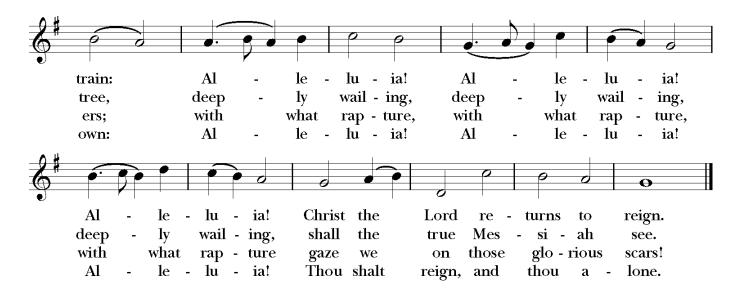
AN ADVENT BLESSING

AY ALMIGHTY GOD, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Please remain standing as you are able and join in singing the hymn.

HYMN IN PROCESSION, 57





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Helmsley, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778) Descant: Vincent Edwards (b. 1968)

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton Crucifer: Ed Morgan Lectors: Annabel Weimer, Andrew Raftery Intercessor: Selina Olawoye

Ministers of Communion: Lois Lewis, Matthew Sneider

Greeters: Michael Colello, Lori Brown

Ushers: Michael D'Alesandre, Robert Olawoye, Steve & Dot Haskell

Altar Guild: Margrete Jean-Louis, Denise Lapolla

Audio/Visual: Peter Dugan

Coffee Hour Servers: Luci Scanlan, Laurie & Joe DiBattista

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THURSDAYS AT NOON CONCERTS: On Thursday, December 1 at 12 Noon, Cheryl Bishkoff, Principal Oboe of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra will offer a 30-minute recital of music by Alessandro Bessozi, Michael Head, and Georges Guilhaud. We hope you join us for this unique musical offering!

AN ADVENT PROCESSION OF LESSONS & CAROLS: Join us on Sunday, December 11th at 4:00 PM for a festive liturgy on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as "Gaudéte" or "Rejoice" Sunday! The Grace Church Choir will sing works by Philip Ledger, Judith Weir, Vincent Edwards, William Byrd, Robert Lehman, Elizabeth Poston, and others from various points throughout the church, gradually approaching the High Altar. This service is meant to embody the anticipation of the birth of Christ. A festive reception will follow in The Pavilion.

ADVENT AT GRACE BROCHURES: Check out the various offerings we have planned for you at Grace Church by picking up an Advent 2022 Brochure from the tables in the rear of the church!

HOLIDAY GIFT AND FOOD DRIVE: Help Grace Church support the families of our neighbours at Children's Friend by donating gifts during the Advent season. Unwrapped gifts for teens/tweens, gift cards, and non-perishable foods can be dropped off at the church and/or placed under the Christmas Trees in The Pavilion.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA & MUSIC DEDICATIONS: You'll find Christmas Flower and Music dedication cards located in the pews, on the back table near the Baptismal Font, and in the Narthex literature rack. Thank you for printing your dedications legibly, and using the green flower envelopes. Submit dedications along with your gift in the collections plate, or mail to the Church Office by **December 18**th.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS OUTREACH: Shawl Ministry is making warm winter items for the Children's Friend organization to be given to families in need in Providence. Could you make a child sized hat, scarf, or pair of mittens to add to our tree? You are invited to knit or crochet with us on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the Pavilion, or you may work at home. Please contact Jane Ditmars at 610-657-5600 for more information. Thank you for helping us to bring God's love to those in need of comfort.

2022 NATIVITY PAGEANT: The 2022 Nativity Pageant will be on December 18 at the 10AM service. There are two rehearsals on Saturday, December 11 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM and Saturday, December 17 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Attendance at one rehearsal is required, but attendance at both is preferred. Children will receive costumes, part assignments, and stage directions, so come as you are! If you would like your child to participate, please reach out to Vivian Trutzl at vtrutzl@gracepvd.org.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN THE COURTYARD! On Saturday, December 17 beginning at 4:00 PM, join us for some festive, yule-tide singing around a roaring fire with hot chocolate and seasonal refreshments in the courtyard of The Pavilion at Grace (entrance on Westminster Street). Caroling sheets will be provided!

BROWN UNIVERSITY CHORUS CONCERT - MESSIAH: On Saturday, December 10 at 3:00 PM, the Brown University Chorus, joined by The Providence Baroque Orchestra and under the direction of Fredrick Jodry, presents a performance of the Christmas portion and the 'Hallelujah Chorus' of George Frederic Händel's famous oratorio. Tickets: \$25, \$5 (students) MUST be purchased in advance via tickets.brown.edu/arts

20s/30s CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKING: The 20/30s+ group will gather for Christmas cookie baking + mingling on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:30pm at the home of Jeff Williams & Tim Walsh. Please RSVP to Jeff at oxfordoarsman@gmail.com



AN ADVENT PROCESSION OF LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH 4:00 PM

The Choir of Grace Church will sing music of
Philip Ledger, Judith Weir, Vincent Edwards,
William Byrd, Robert Lehman, Elizabeth Poston, and others
in procession around the candle-lit church.

A reception follows in The Pavilion





THE GREAT "O" ANTIPHONS OF ADVENT & CHORAL COMPLINE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH BEGINNING AT 8:00 PM

The men of the Grace Church Schola will chant The Seven Great "O" Antiphons of Advent. Psalms will be read in between each Antiphon to guide your prayers and meditations. Choral Compline follows immediately. Doors open at 7:30 PM.



LEADERSHIP AT GRACE CHURCH

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