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 FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: ~ CHRISTMAS DAY ~

FESTAL SUNG EUCHARIST RITE II

> DECEMBER 25TH, 2022 10:00 AM

WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

Christmas greetings to you! We are thrilled that you have come to Grace Church to celebrate the birth of our Lord. Whether this is your first time at Grace or you are here every week – or here each Christmas – you are welcome at Grace. Having so recently been through a pandemic that restricted our ability to gather together in prayer and worship, we are especially thankful that we can hear the timeless Christmas story and sing the beloved Christmas hymns as we gather together in this sacred place on this holy day. May this time of joyful worship be a light of hope in your life, just as Christ's birth was more than 2,000 years ago.

Welcome, and Merry Christmas! The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck + Rector of Grace Church

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

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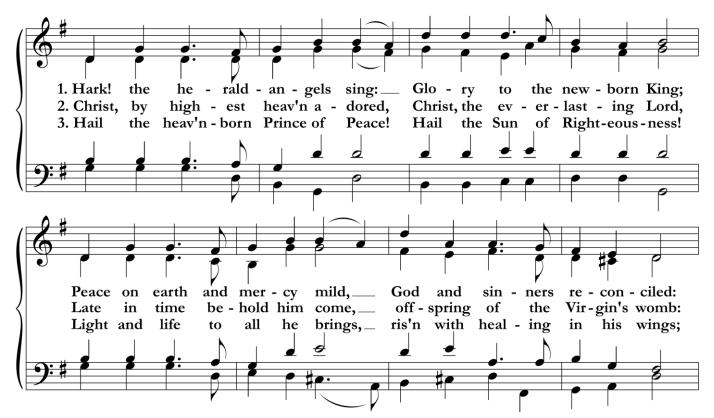
In dulci jubilo, BuxWV 197

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

The Cantor and Choir sing from The Pavilion

Christ the Lord is born today: God's salvation now appears. Let us go forth in peace: In the name of Christ. Amen.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, 87





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)



THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever! Amen.

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by all.



Setting: Gloria, French Carol, arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantPeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

GOD, YOU MAKE US GLAD by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

HE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.





Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: In dulci jubilo, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to Titus

OR THE GRACE OF GOD HAS APPEARED, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

Please stand as you are able to sing the hymn.

AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 92



"Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!" is Latin for "Therefore, Glory to God in the Highest!"

Words: Piae Cantiones, 1582; tr. Jane M. Joseph (1894-1929) Music: Personent hodie, melody from Piae Cantiones, 1582

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

N THOSE DAYS A DECREE WENT OUT from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck, Rector of Grace Church

We stand and say together
THE NICENE CREED

WE BELIEVE IN ONE 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, 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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Wake all Music's Magic Powers, on this Blissful Morning, Born today, the Child of ours, theme of Prophet's warning; Giant in the race he towers, toil and danger scorning. O that blessed going out, which salvation brought about.

Let this glorious holiday find such holy spending,
That the simple-hearted may Joy without offending,
And sweet charity may stay, without our concourse blending.

O that blessed going out...

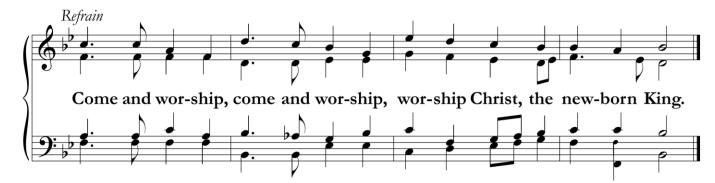
O how bright is this day made, day with radiance glowing, Which the Light of light displayed, light in darkness showing; Chasing thus death's gloomy shade, brightness o'er us throwing!

O that blessed going out...

Words: Translated by Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917) Music: Sir John Stainer (1840-1901)

Please stand as you are able.

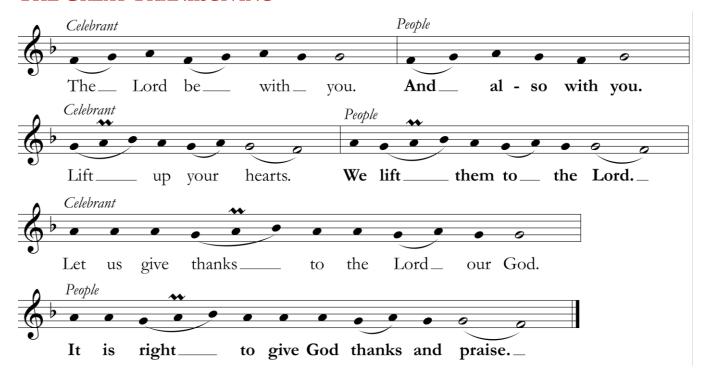
HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) Music: Regent Square, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

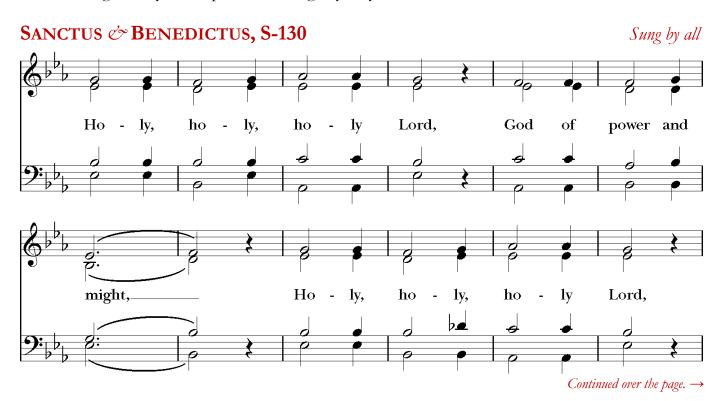


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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: from Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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

E 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.



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.

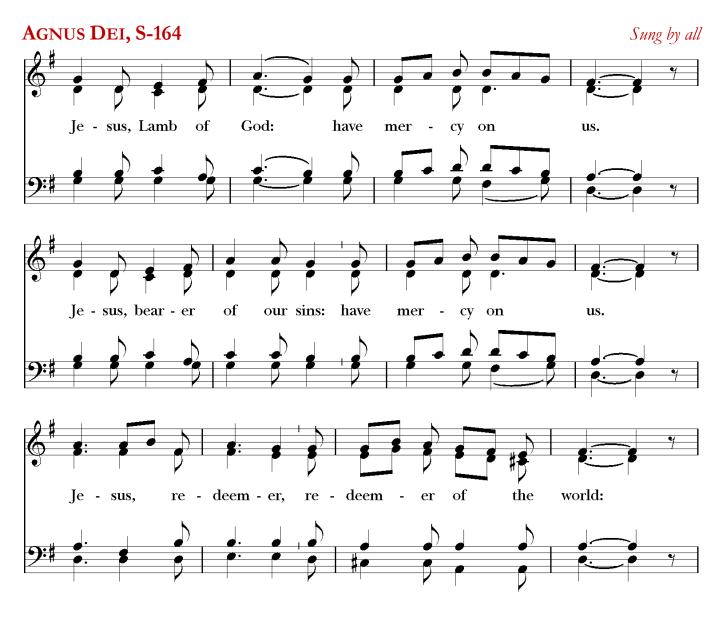
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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.







Setting: from Deutsche Messe, F.P. Schubert; arr. R. Proulx

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 the Communion Station in the Baptistry to the <u>left of the Eagle Lectern</u>, take a small, compostable 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 basket by the pillar and return to your seat via the Side Aisle.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest when you come to the Altar.

AT THE COMMUNION, SOLO

I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come, the belfries of all Christendom Had rolled along th'unbroken song of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth he sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, good will to men."

Till, ringing, singing, on its way, the world revolved from night to day, A voice, a chime, a chant sublime, of peace on earth, good will to men!

Words: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882) Music: John Baptiste Calkin (1827-1905)



THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

ALMIGHTY AND EVER-LIVING 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.

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. Amen.

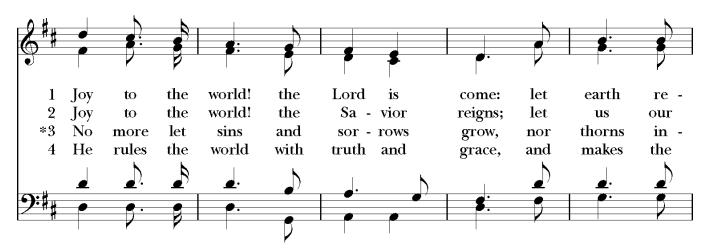
 M_{AY} God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

 $M_{\rm AY}$ God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. Amen.

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 join in singing the hymn.

THE CLOSING HYMN, 100





Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Antioch, George Frederic Händel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People Thanks be to God!

VOLUNTARY

Noël X: Grand Jeu et Duo

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

~ THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE ~

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck
Crucifer: Ed Morgan
Lectors: Vivian Trutzl, Cameron Blais
Intercessor: Luci Scanlan
Ushers: Michael D'Alesandre, Robert Olawoye
Altar Guild: Denise Lapolla

THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS THAT DECORATE THE CHURCH AND THE CHRISTMAS MUSICAL OFFERINGS

Are Given to the Glory of God, and in Loving Memory of: The Annaldo Family ~ Charles Ada & Susan Pear ~ Helen M. Graves, Ph. D James H. Graves, M.D. ~ Joann Landskroener ~ Harvard Knowles Janet Brinckerhoff Chase ~ John Mataya ~ Henry Charbonneau ~ Rex & Margaret Hodges Kenneth & Auriel White ~ Leonard & Dorothy Hoebeke ~ Steven Hoebeke John & Mary Wall ~ Robert Daly ~ Mahsa Amini ~ Olga V. Cooper ~ Doloress Pratt Nancy Winter ~ The Rev. Lloyd Winter ~ Lloyd & Isabel Hughes ~ Ed & Marcia Stone Paula A. Remy ~ Mitch & Shirley ~ Ben & Grace ~ The McCutcheon & Stamp Families Kathyrn Chamberlain ~ Fred C. & Ellen White ~ William F. & Hazel W. Smith Russell G. Duly ~ Ethel & Ray Weissmuller ~ Ethel & Jack Scanlan Bob & Elaine & Christopher Scanlan ~ Melinda & Chester & Sadie Horton Bob, Carl, Elaine, Wendy & Jane Nelson ~ Bruce D. Phelps ~ Robert & Lois Moseley Gary Hackenberg ~ Aiden Shevlin ~ Richard LaPlante ~ Marie Camparone ~ The Rev. Canon Peter Chase ~ Rhea & Phil St. Onge ~ Herbert Rodman Read William Ennis ~ Donna Stolassi ~ Wilie Knight ~ Ruth Horace ~ Etta Y. Seton Talia Delmonico ~ Ray Broderick ~ B. Felix McGuigan ~ Robert Gibbons ~ Bernie Devlin

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The People of Ukraine ~ God's mercies & faithfulness ~ Vince Edwards

And In Thanksgiving for:

Emi & Mari Southgate ~ All the blessings of this life ~ Our Family

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS: THE FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME

Sunday, January 1st, 2023

Spoken Holy Eucharist at 8:00 AM
Festal Sung Eucharist with Christmas Carols at 10:00 AM

WE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN OUR PRAYERS: Erinn Huetteman, the family & friends of Kim Wood, Laurie DiBattista, the family of Peter Kuhn, Dave Reedy, Janet Tougas, Gordon Martin, Gail Kenney, Selina Olawoye, and Laura.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRACE CHURCH HOLIDAY CLOSURE: The Parish Offices and the church will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2022 and will re-open on Tuesday, December 27, 2023.

EPIPHANYTIDE AT GRACE BROCHURE: The weeks following Christmas are no less busy here at Grace Church and we have several exciting worship opportunities planned for the Epiphany season (from January 6 onwards). Check out these offerings by picking up a brochure at the back of the church!

SPECIAL EUCHARIST FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: On Friday, January 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM, we will observe the Feast of the Epiphany with a special Festal Eucharist led by The Choristers of Grace Church. Music for the service will include Benjamin Britten's Missa Brevis in D for Treble Voices, Op. 63 and a new anthem composed specifically for this service by our Director of Music, Vincent Edwards. A reception will follow in The Pavilion.

LESSONS & CAROLS FOR EPIPHANY: On Sunday, January 8, 2023 the Choir of Grace Church will offer a service of readings and music to mark the visit of the Three Wise Men to the baby Jesus. The service will feature a festive procession of The Three Kings with their gifts. Pieces of chalk will be blessed for all to take home and mark their homes with a blessing for the new year. A reception will follow in The Pavilion.

PARISH PRAYER LIST: Each Sunday we pray during worship for those whose names have been given to the parish office. To submit names for the prayer list, email them to prayers@gracepvd.org. Names are kept on the list for 4 weeks, unless otherwise requested.

FOOD DONATION COLLECTION: 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 especially encouraged are tuna, peanut butter, cereal, diapers & wipes, toilet paper, and paper towels. Thank you for your generosity!

GRACE IS GREEN! Please join us in our efforts to tread lightly upon God's green Earth. Please place unsoiled recyclables and used Orders of Service into the dedicated receptacles throughout the church.

GRACE ABOUNDS ENEWS: If you are not yet receiving our new weekly E-News and announcements via e-mail, and would like to be on our growing list, kindly e-mail admin@gracepvd.org

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