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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDÉTE

~ CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE II

DECEMBER 11TH, 2022 10:00 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. Thank you!



VOLUNTARY

Veni, Emmanuel

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

THE INTROIT

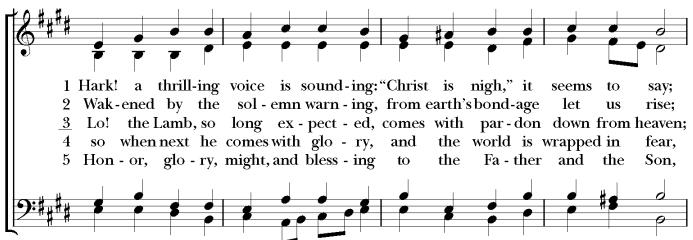
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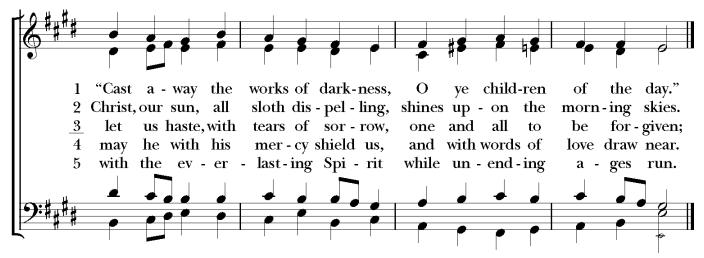
Stir up thy strength, O Lord and come: To reign over thy people Israel.

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, 59





Words: Latin, ca. 6th century; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt. Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889) Descant: Alan Gray (1855-1935)

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.

The Sunday School Children (ages 4-12) gather at the foot of the Advent Wreath during the Kyrie.

KYRIE ELEISON

Sung by the Choir

LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Setting: Communion Service in A-flat, Jack Herman Ossewaarde (1918-2004)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

TIR UP YOUR POWER, O LORD, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As three Candles in the Advent Wreath are lighted by a child from the Grace Church Sunday School, the Choir sings,

ADVENT III: JOHN THE BAPTIST

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever!

Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light.

May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him

who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

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

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 35:1-10

THE WILDERNESS AND THE DRY LAND SHALL BE GLAD, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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





- 4 Happy are they who have the God of /Jacob for their /help! * whose /hope is in the /LORD their /God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and /all that is /in them; * who /keeps his /promise for /ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to /those who are op/pressed, * and /food to /those who /hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the /eyes of the /blind; * the LORD lifts up /those who are /bowed /down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD /cares for the /stranger; * he sustains the orphan and widow, but /frustrates the /way of the /wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall /reign for /ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all gene/rations. /Halle/lujah!

Single Anglican Chant by Sir George Alexander MacFarren (1813-1887)

THE EPISTLE READING

James 5:7-10

Reader A reading from the Letter of James

BEATIENT, THEREFORE, BELOVED, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

Please stand and join in singing the Sequence Hymn on the following page.





Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751) 1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816);

Music: Richmond, melody by Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816); harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised, 1950; Descant: Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

HEN JOHN HEARD IN PRISON what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense

at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Jennifer West

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,

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

Patiently awaiting the coming of the Lord, let us pray with joy, for the Lord is near.

We pray that this church, convicted by sound teaching and by the compassion of unconditional love, proclaim to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear!"

God of hope, hear our prayer.

We pray that sorrow and sighing may flee the earth, as songs of gladness announce the welcomed return of peace.

God of hope, hear our prayer.

We pray that those weakened by life's burdens may find hope in the care they receive from others, and that refugees and exiles may one day return to enjoy the blessings of peace and justice.

God of hope, hear our prayer.

We pray this morning for: Kim Wood, Laurie DiBattista, the family of Peter Kuhn, Dave Reedy, Janet Tougas, Rusty Beatty, Amie, Gordon Martin, Gail Kenney, Selina Olawoye, and Laura. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

God of hope, hear our prayer.

We pray that the dead may come to Zion singing for joy in the hope and expectation of eternal life.

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

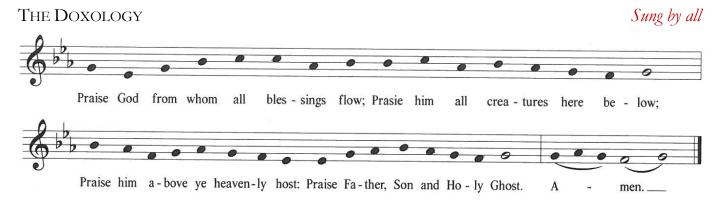
AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

Cum audisset Joannes
in vinculis opera Christi,
mittens duos de discipulis suis ait illi:
Tu es qui venturus es?
An alium expectamus?
Et respondens Jesus ait illis:
Euntes renunciate Joanni
quae audistis et vidistis:
Caeci vident, claudi ambulant,
surdi audiunt, mortui resurgunt
pauperes evangelizantur.

When John heard, while in prison,
about the works of Christ,
he sent two of his disciples, and they asked him,
"Art thou he that should come?
Or do we look for another?"
Jesus answered and said unto them,
Go and shew John again
those things which ye do hear and see:
The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk,
and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up,
and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.

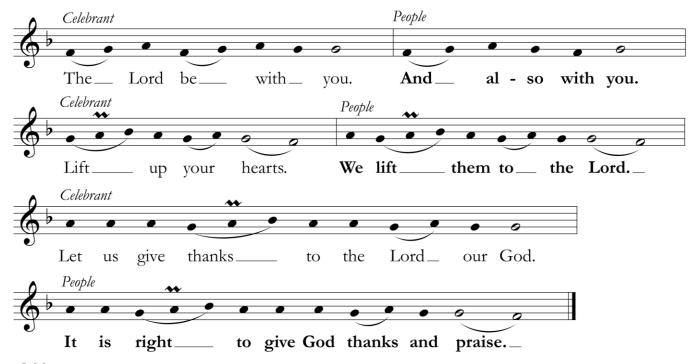
Words: Matthew 11:2-5 Music: Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

Please stand, as you are able, to sing the Doxology as the Offering is brought forward.



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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Celebrant

It 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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

BLESSED IS HE that cometh in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest.

Setting: Communion Service in A-flat, Jack Herman Ossewaarde (1918-2004)

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

The 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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

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 left of the Eagle Lectern, 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.

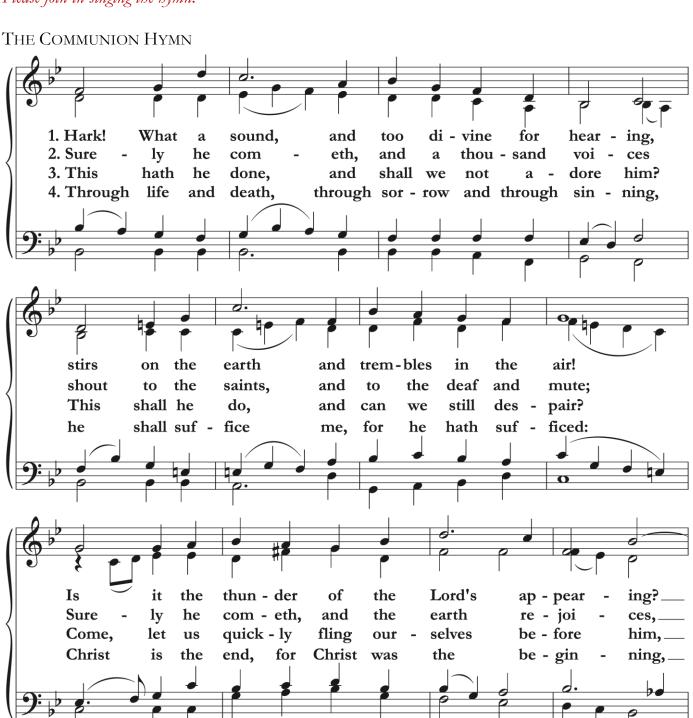
If you would prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest when you come to the Altar.

AGNUS DEI Sung by the Choir

- O LAMB OF GOD, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Setting: Communion Service in A-flat, J. Ossewaarde

Please join in singing the hymn.





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

We stand and say together

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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,

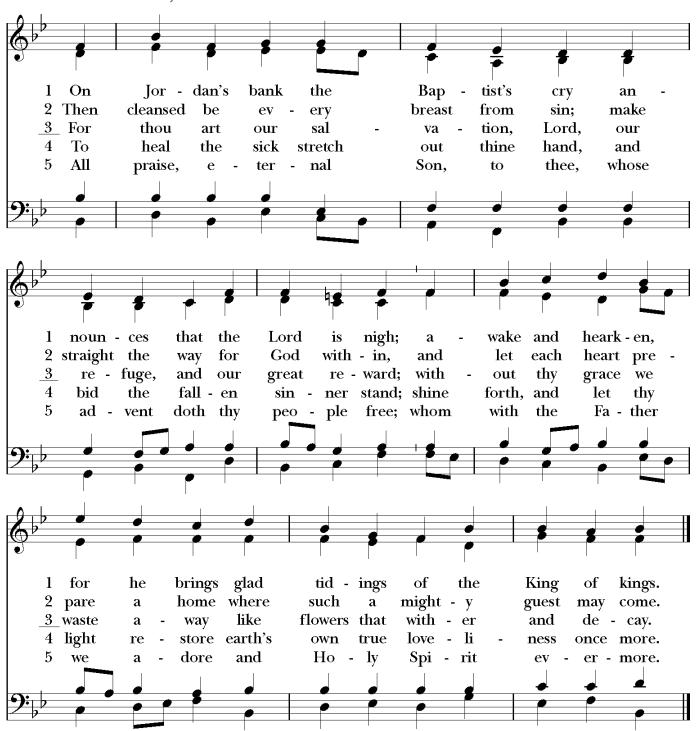
now and for ever. Amen.

AN ADVENT BLESSING

AY YOU, WHO REJOICE IN THE FIRST ADVENT of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

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





Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: Winchester New, melody from Musicalisches Hand-Buch, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt. harm. for Stanza 5 T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953); Descant: Vincent Edwards (b. 1968)

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck
Preacher: The Reverend Jennifer West
Crucifer: Cindy Stephanopoulos
Lectors: Briella Weimer, Ryan Dellinger
Intercessor: Adrienne Southgate
Minister of Communion: Lori Brown
Greeters: Lisa Doucet & Lisa Gerlach
Ushers: Duncan Cook, Michael D'Alesandre
Altar Guild: Frank Ward, Andrew Shapiro-Zysk
Audio/Visual: Clinton Crocker
Coffee Hour Servers: Melody Ennis, Laurie & Joe DiBattista

Cover art: Crocuses blooming in the desert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THURSDAYS @ NOON CONCERTS: On Thursday, December 15 at 12 Noon, Peter Krasinski, House Organist of the Providence Performing Arts Center and Organist at First Church of Christ, Scientist in Providence will offer a free, 30-minute organ recital. His program will feature movements from The Nutcracker Suite by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. We hope you join us for this unique musical offering!

AN ADVENT PROCESSION OF LESSONS & CAROLS TODAY! Join us this afternoon 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 & 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.

HATS, SCARVES & MITTENS: The Shawl Ministry of Grace Church is making hats, scarves and mittens to be given to local children in need. They will be donated to the Children's Friend organization in Providence. Please consider making an item for this outreach project. They will be displayed on a Christmas tree in the Pavilion, and the items will be delivered to Children's Friend on December 19. If you do not knit or crochet, you may purchase hats, scarves or mittens for the children. For more information, please contact Jane Ditmars at 610-657-5600, or janeditmars@gmail.com. Thank you for helping us to bring God's love to those in need of comfort.

DECEMBER STEWARDSHIP NOTES: As we head into this final month of 2022, we invite any parishioners who have not yet done so to submit a pledge card for the coming year. Pledge cards can be found in the pews and at the back of the church. Thank you for supporting Grace! And speaking of year-end, this is a great time to ensure that your 2022 pledge is on track for completion. If anyone would like to inquire about the status of their pledge for the current year, please contact Vivian Trutzl in the office at vtrutzl@gracepvd.org or by phone at 401-331-3225. Lastly, if you have requested pledge envelopes for 2023, they will be available for pick-up in the Pavilion after church today.

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!



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.





CHRISTMAS 2022

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THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:

~ CHRISTMAS EVE ~

Saturday, December 24th, 2022

A Festival of Lessons & Carols for Christmas with Choral Eucharist 5:00 PM

Festal Choral Eucharist with String Quartet 10:00 PM

Prelude Music begins at 9:30 PM

~ CHRISTMAS DAY ~

Sunday, December 25th, 2022
Festal Sung Eucharist with Choral Quartet & Christmas Carols
10:00 AM

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

Sunday, January 1st, 2023 Spoken Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM

Festal Sung Eucharist with Christmas Carols 10:00 AM





LEADERSHIP AT GRACE CHURCH

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