

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

December 16, 2022

## Nativity Pageant This Sunday!

The 2022 Nativity Pageant will be on December 18 at the 10AM service. There is one more rehearsal on Saturday, December 17 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. 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](mailto:vtrutzl@gracepvd.org).



## Christmas Caroling in the Courtyard Tomorrow!

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!



## The Seven Great “O” Antiphons of Advent & Choral Compline

Sunday, December 18 at 8:00 PM

The men of the Grace Church Schola will chant The Seven Great “O” Antiphons of Advent. A portion of the evening psalms that correspond to the appointed dates of each Antiphon, will be read in between each Antiphon to guide your prayers and meditations. Choral Compline follows immediately after the seventh Antiphon. Doors open at 7:30 PM.



## Just in time for Christmas!



The Grace Church Choristers are offering a limited number of sterling silver necklaces created by our own Fred White. The necklace is an artistic representation of the window above the fireplace in the Pavilion and the center stone of the Labyrinth. A minimum donation of \$120 (the retail cost), is requested and 100% of the proceeds will go to support the Chorister trip to the UK this August. Check them out at our table in The Pavilion during coffee hour, or directly contact Ann Huyck (401-573-9802, [anniehuyck@gmail.com](mailto:anniehuyck@gmail.com)) to purchase! Cash or check please!

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## Greening of the Church!

### Calling Santa's Elves – Christmas Decorating help needed!

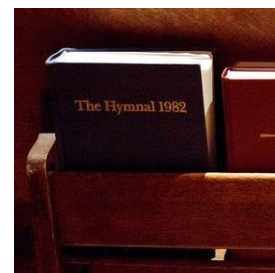


We need some help decorating the church for Christmas! If you could spare an hour or two, we have lots of specific jobs for folks to do. **We will be meeting at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 22 in the church.** Diane Stamp, our Flower Guild Coordinator, will be here to supervise and keep us all in line! If you would like to help, speak to Diane after church, contact her by email: [deestamp@gmail.com](mailto:deestamp@gmail.com) or just show up on Thursday! It will be a fun and festive time, and we're grateful for your help!

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## Advent Forum

**During Coffee Hour this coming Sunday, following the 10 a.m. service** the Revs. Cathy and David Boyd (recently retired priests and parishioners of Grace Church) will lead a discussion on the theology of Advent hymns. So grab a coffee in the Pavilion and head over to the Chafee Room for an opportunity to delve a bit deeper into the Advent season!



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## 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](mailto:janeditmars@gmail.com).**

Thank you for helping us to bring God's love to those in need of comfort.

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# Holiday Gift and Food Drive

Help Grace Church support the families of our neighbors 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 Dedication Submissions

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.



### CHRISTMAS 2022

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### THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: ~ CHRISTMAS EVE ~

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

**Spoken Holy Eucharist**  
8:00 AM

**Festal Sung Eucharist with Christmas Carols**  
10:00 AM



# Sunday Morning Worship: The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 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](#) 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent,**  
[CLICK HERE!](#)

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

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## December 18, 2022 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For the texts of the readings for **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**, [please click here.](#)

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