

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

December 2, 2022

## Spotlight: Welcome Kim Chitic!

Last month we welcomed Kimberly (Kim) Chitic in the Parish Office as our new Parish Administrator. So if you call the church or stop by the office off the Pavilion entrance, you will be greeted by her friendly voice and person! Don't hesitate to introduce yourself as she is getting to know our parishioners.



Kim Chitic is a native of Providence and is a graduate of the Community College of Rhode Island, having earned an Associate's degree in General Arts. She comes to Grace Church having the experience of working as an administrative assistant. Kim wants to continue to grow and finish college, earning a Bachelor's degree in Science. Her hobby is traveling and when not working she enjoys spending time with her family. Kim loves to help others who are in need and is always open to new experiences.

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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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## 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](mailto: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 this Sunday and next - **December 4 and December 11.**

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## An Advent Procession of Lessons & Carols

Join us on **Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 PM** for a festive liturgy on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as “Gaudete” 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.



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## Advent 2022 at Grace

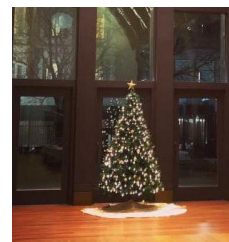
Check out the various offerings we have planned for you at Grace Church by picking up an Advent 2022 Brochure from the tables in the rear of the church.



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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.



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## 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.**

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## 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!



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## 20s/30s 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](mailto:oxfordoarsman@gmail.com)



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## 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](mailto:vtrutzl@gracepvd.org).



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## Brown University Chorus Concert: Handel's 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](https://tickets.brown.edu/arts)





## Thursdays @ Noon Concerts

### Robert Lehman, *Organ* Thursday, December 8 at 12 Noon



Next Thursday we will welcome Robert Lehman, Interim Organist & Choirmaster of our neighbouring parish, St. Stephen's in Providence, will play a free organ recital of music by J.S. Bach, Gerald Near, Sigfrid Karg-Elert, Jean Langlais, and Claude Balbastre. We hope you join us for this unique musical offering!

To view the complete line-up of performers scheduled for December 2022, [please click here!](#)

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## Sunday Morning Worship: The Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 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 Second Sunday of Advent**,  
[CLICK HERE!](#)

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## December 4, 2022 The Second Sunday of Advent



Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

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