

GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

December 9, 2022

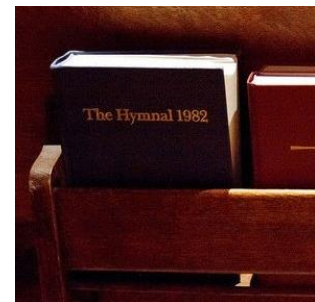
An Advent Procession of Lessons & Carols this Sunday afternoon!

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.



Advent Forum

During Coffee Hour the next two Sundays of Advent (Dec. 11 & 18), following the 10 a.m. service the Revs. Cathy and David Boyd (recently retired priests and parishioners of Grace Church) will lead discussions on the theology of Advent hymns. So grab a coffee in the Pavilion and head over to the Chaffee Room for an opportunity to delve a bit deeper into the Advent season!



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.

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 this Sunday **December 11.**

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.



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.

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!



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.



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



Last Thursdays @ Noon Concert of 2022!

Peter Krasinski, *Organ* Thursday, December 15 at 12 Noon

Next Thursday we will welcome Peter Krasinski, House Organist of the Providence Performing Arts Center and Organist of First Church of Christ, Scientist in Providence, will play a free organ recital of music which will include selections from The Nutcracker by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky transcribed for organ. We hope you join us for this unique musical offering!




*This is the final Thursdays @ Noon Concert of 2022!
The series will resume on February 2, 2023.*

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.

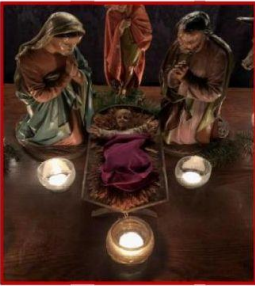


CHRISTMAS 2022

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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



Sunday Morning Worship:
The Third Sunday of Advent:
Gaudéte
December 11, 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 Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudéte](#),
[CLICK HERE!](#)

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

December 11, 2022
The Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudéte

STIR 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.**

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

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