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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

Sunday School Curriculum

Starting this year, Grace Church Sunday School is using Illustrated Ministry's Mini Revolutions curriculum. Having enjoyed sections of IM's Compassion Camp this summer, the children have transitioned

back into lectionary-based lessons while their adults are in worship. This program is scalable for age and group size, which makes it perfect for the ever-changing needs of our community. During Sunday School, children enjoy Bible story videos with pause-and-discuss questions, crafting activities, games, and time spent together with their friends in Christ! To join us, children may either wait in the back of the nave or exit their pew while the group processes shortly after the service begins. Email <u>vblais@gracepvd.org</u> with questions.

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Any parishioner at Grace is welcome the receive an email each month with the minutes from the vestry meeting of the previous month. If you'd like to receive these emails, simply write to our parish administrator, Sara Quinn, at <u>squinn@gracepvd.org</u> and asked to be added to the distribution list.



Updated Giving Platform

Grace Church is excited to announce that Vanco, our eGiving provider, has updated the online giving platform that we use to make it simple for parishioners to make one-time gifts, set up recurring donations to our church, and to participate in our ministries. When you log into your online giving

account, you'll notice the change immediately! Nothing about our online giving page will change except the look, and ease of use. You can still adjust existing donations, set up new gifts, and update personal information from the new site. Please stop by the church office or call us if you have questions about the change or if you need assistance making any changes to your account.



20s/30s at Grace

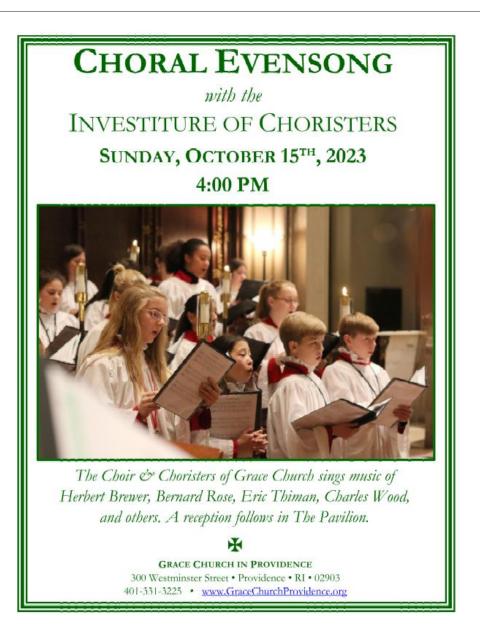
The 20s/30s+ group starts two opportunities to grow in fellowship in the coming weeks. The 20s/30s+ Bible Study will meet biweekly on Saturdays at 9:30am in the Chaffee Room; our next meeting is October 7. We'll be reading and discussing the Gospel of John in the coming months. In addition, the 20s/30s+ Book Club is starts on Tuesday with the first three chapters of Nadia Bolz-Weber's "Accidental Saints". Please email Vivian at <u>vblais@gracepvd.org</u> with questions.



Upcoming Blessing of the Animals

On **Sunday, October 8**, we invite you to bring your pets to church so that they might receive a blessing from the clergy at the 10:00 AM service. This is to commemorate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, whose feast day falls on October 4. Grace Church welcomes everyone and their pets: dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, fish, turtles, and toy pets. The only requirement is that animals must be properly restrained, leashed or caged.





Sunday Morning Worship The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

~ Sunday Morning YouTube Link ~ Click here!



This service will be live-streamed to the **Grace Church YouTube Channel**. Please use the link provided above to watch. The service will also be archived on the <u>Grace Church website</u> 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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, CLICK HERE!

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

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24, 2023



Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For the texts of the readings for **The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**, <u>please click here.</u>

<u>Click here</u> for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, <u>please click here</u>.