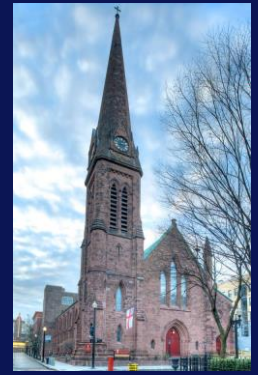


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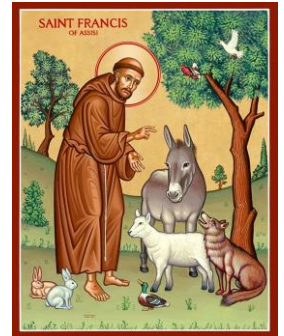


Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

October 6, 2023

## 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.



## Grace Church Financial Presentation

At the kick-off of this year's stewardship season, Finance and Investment Committee Co-chair Marc Schrank will offer a financial presentation after Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 15. He'll explain how Grace Church finances its operations, and how the funds you contribute to Grace Church are spent. This is the first such presentation since the pandemic, and we hope many of you will stay after Coffee Hour on the 15th for this important presentation on how the Grace Church budget works.



## CHORAL EVENSONG

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

4:00 PM



*The Choir & Choristers of Grace Church sings music of Herbert Brewer,  
Bernard Rose, Eric Thiman, Charles Wood, and others.  
A reception follows in The Pavilion.*



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# CHORAL COMPLINE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 PM

*Doors open at 7:30 PM*

30-minutes of Gregorian Chant & unaccompanied Renaissance Polyphony  
*sung amongst hundreds of candles and fragrant incense*



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## Grace Church Floral Ministry

Do you love flowers, enjoy meeting new people or getting reacquainted with folks you already know? Wish you could join a group who wants to exhibit their love and inner talent for floral arranging? Well, now you can!

We are in the process of creating a Grace Church Floral Ministry which will enable you to do just that - create beautiful arrangements certain to enrich our Sunday worship experience as well as adorn our Coffee Hour buffet table! We are hoping to recruit 8 people enabling us to have 4 teams of 2 who volunteer their time and talent. There are still details to work out ie in terms of frequency of altar flowers and memorial donations but we're thinking a team of 8 might be on a 6 week rotation.

To learn more, please see Diane Stamp after Church beginning Sunday, October 8th or email Diane at [flowers@gracepvd.org](mailto:flowers@gracepvd.org).





## Shawl Ministry

Would you like to help to make winter hats, scarves and mittens for the needy in our community? Shawl Ministry invites you to join us to knit or crochet in the Pavilion of Grace Church every Wednesday from 10:00-11:00 am. If you prefer to work at home, we welcome any completed items which you can bring in! They will be donated to Children's Friend of Providence and to the local homeless population.

For more information, please contact Jane Ditmars at 610-657-5600, or email [janeditmars@gmail.com](mailto:janeditmars@gmail.com).



## Vestry Meeting Minutes

Any parishioner at Grace is welcome to 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 [squinn@gracepvd.org](mailto:squinn@gracepvd.org) and ask 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 starts on Tuesday with the first three chapters of Nadia Bolz-Weber's "Accidental Saints". Please email Vivian at [vblais@gracepvd.org](mailto:vblais@gracepvd.org) with questions.



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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**The Nineteenth 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 [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.

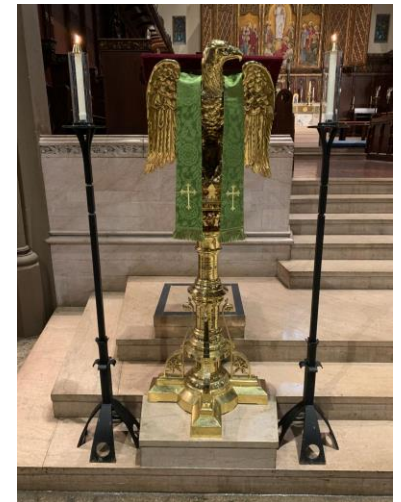
To view the Order of Service for **The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**,  
**[CLICK HERE!](#)**

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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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**The Nineteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**  
**October 8, 2023**



Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**,  
**[please click here.](#)**

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