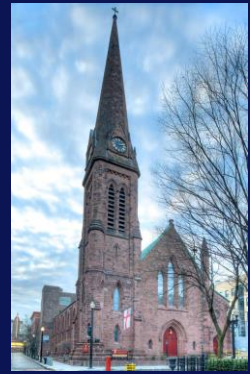


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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

November 23, 2023

Happy Thanksgiving from Grace Church!

*Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise
for all that you have done for us.*



*We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world,
for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.*

*We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.*

*We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best
efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.*

*We thank you also for those disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.*

*Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his Word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying,
through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again,
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.*

*Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and
make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.*

-A General Thanksgiving, Book of Common Prayer, p. 836

**The Clergy and Staff of Grace Church wish you and yours
a blessed and safe Thanksgiving holiday.**

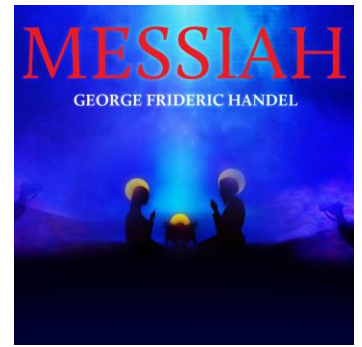
We are thankful for your support of Grace Church in the many forms that takes!

Advent at Grace 2023

Check out the various offerings we have planned for you at Grace Church by picking up an Advent 2023 Brochure from the tables in the rear of the church.



Brown University Chorus Concert: *Handel's Messiah*



On **Friday, December 1 at 8:00 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

The 2023 Nativity Pageant

Our annual Nativity Pageant will be on December 17 at the 10:00 AM service. Our only rehearsal will be at the church on Saturday, December 16 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Please email Vivian at vblais@gracepvd.org if you'd like your child to participate! Children & teens of all ages welcome.



AN INVITATION FROM THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND



God willing,

THE RIGHT REVEREND W. NICHOLAS KNISELY,
XIII Bishop of Rhode Island,
will ordain

JEFFREY CHARLES DRAKE DOUGLAS
to the Sacred Order of Deacons



Your prayers and presence are requested at the service on
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2023
4:00 PM

held at

ST. PETER'S BY-THE-SEA CHURCH
72 CENTRAL STREET
NARRAGANSETT, RHODE ISLAND 02882

Clergy attending the ordination service in person are asked to vest in a cassock, surplice, and red stole.

A reception will follow the service.





AN **ADVENT PROCESSION**
OF **LESSONS & CAROLS**
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
5:00 PM


The Choir of Grace Church will sing music of Philip Ledger, Judith Weir, Vincent Edwards, Stephanie Martin, Otto Goldschmidt, Orlando Gibbons, and others in procession around the candle-lit church. A reception follows in The Pavilion.

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Christmas Poinsettia & Music Dedications

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 collection plate,
or mail to the Church Office by December 19th.

Upcoming Advent & Christmas Outreach

Shawl Ministry is making warm winter items for the Children's Friend organization to be given to families in need in Providence. Could you make a child sized hat, scarf, or pair of mittens to add to our tree? You are invited to knit or crochet with us on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the Pavilion, or you may work at home. Please contact Jane Ditmars at 610-657-5600 for more information. Thank you for helping us to bring God's love to those in need of comfort.



Coffee Hour Donations Needed

Ever wonder where that delicious food at Coffee Hour comes from? From you! Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to bring food to share at Coffee Hour. Homemade or store-bought, fresh fruit or baked goods – whatever you are moved to share! Simply place items on the large rectangular tables in The Pavilion before church. Your fellow parishioners thank you!



Upcoming Christmas Caroling in the Courtyard!

On **Saturday, December 16 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!



Sunday Morning Worship

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: *The Feast of Christ the King*

~ 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.

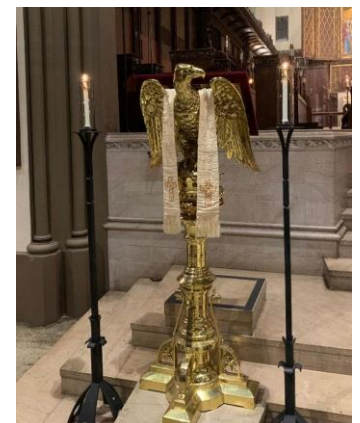
To view the Order of Service for **The Feast of Christ the King**, [CLICK HERE!](#)

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

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: *The Feast of Christ the King*

November 26, 2023

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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 Feast of Christ the King**, [please click here.](#)

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