

GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

December 8, 2023



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.

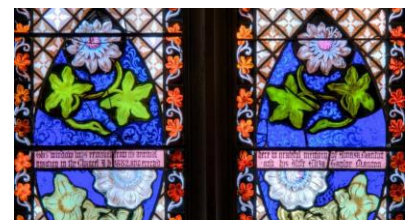
Advent at Grace 2023

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.



Parish Directory and Pledge Envelopes

At coffee hour the next two Sundays, those who requested pledge envelopes can retrieve them at a table in the Pavilion. At the same time and place, we'll have a draft copy of the 2024 parish directory that you can check to see if we have your entry correct. Thanks in advance for stopping by the table!



Grace Church
Parish Directory

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.

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 yblais@gracepvd.org if you'd like your child to participate! Children & teens of all ages welcome.



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 19**

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.



Holiday Gift and Food Drive

Help Grace Church support the families of our neighbours 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.



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!



THE SEVEN GREAT "O" ANTIPHONS OF ADVENT & CHORAL COMPLINE

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2023
BEGINNING AT 8:00 PM**

The men of the Grace Church Schola will chant The Seven Great "O" Antiphons of Advent. Psalms will be read in between each Antiphon to guide your prayers and meditations. Choral Compline follows immediately with hundreds of candles and fragrant incense. Doors open at 7:30 PM.



Aija Rēķe, Violin



Taisiya Sokolova, Viola

FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERT BACH, MOZART, & SIBELIUS: MUSIC FOR VIOLIN & VIOLA

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 21ST
12:00 NOON**

Boston-based string duo, Aija Rēķe, and Taisiya Sokolova. Aija and Taisiya will offer solo and collaborative works for Violin and Viola by J.S. Bach, Wolfgang A. Mozart, and Jean Sibelius.

THIRD THURSDAYS @ TWELVE (NOON): A CONCERT SERIES

Free, diverse, 45-minute concerts for the enjoyment of the city of Providence and its visitors!

Please feel free to stay for the entire concert or for five minutes - whatever works best for your schedule!





Winter Solstice Service

**Come Join the Episcopal Deacons in
honoring the shortest day of the year.
Please bring a chair and blankets- hot
chocolate will be provided**

Thursday, December 21

4:30 pm

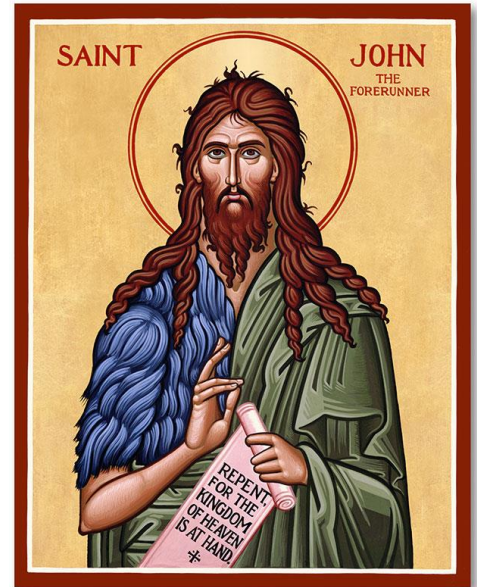
**St. John's Cathedral Cemetery
275 N Main St, Providence, RI
02903**

Any questions
please contact
the Venerable
Grace Swinski at
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gmail.com

Sunday Morning Worship **The Second Sunday of Advent**

~ 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 Second Sunday of Advent**,
[CLICK HERE!](#)

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

The Second Sunday of Advent **December 10, 2023**

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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