

GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

December 15, 2023

The 2023 Nativity Pageant

Our annual Nativity Pageant will be held this coming Sunday, 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 followed by Hot Cocoa and Christmas Caroling in the Courtyard. Please email Vivian at vblais@gracepvd.org if you'd like your child to participate! Children & teens of all ages welcome.



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.



CAROLING IN THE COURTYARD!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
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! Come join the cheerful holiday atmosphere!

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.**

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.



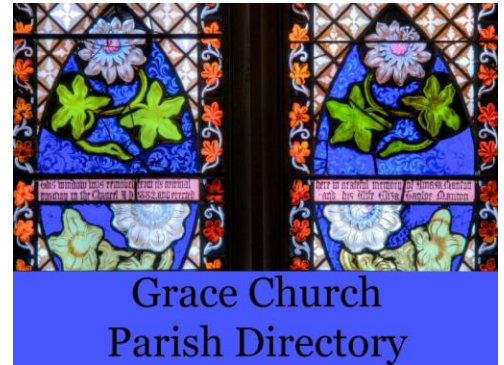
Holiday Gift and Food Drive

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.



Grace Church Parish Directory ...with pictures!

We're currently putting together the 2024 Parish Directory. If you have contact info updates, please email them to the parish office at squinn@gracepvd.org. Also, we encourage parishioners to include photos in their directory listing. You can either email a photo to the parish office or have your photo taken **this Sunday, December 17** next to the office, which is next to the entrance into the building from the parking lot.



Holiday Closures

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2023 and will re-open on December 27. They will also be closed on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 2024 and will re-open on January 2. There will be no Wednesday Noon Eucharist on December 27. The Wednesday Eucharist will resume on January 3.



**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!



Sunday Morning Worship **The Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete**

~ 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.

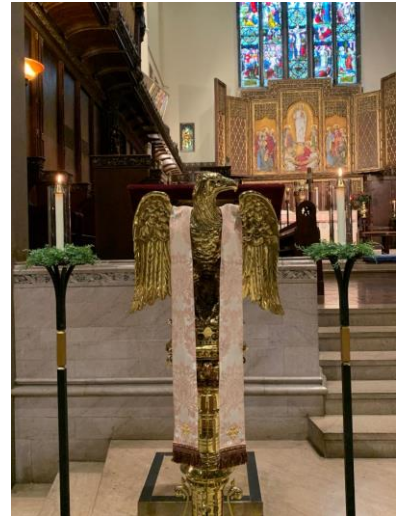
To view the Order of Service for **The Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete**,
[CLICK HERE!](#)

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

The Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete December 17, 2023

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**,
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