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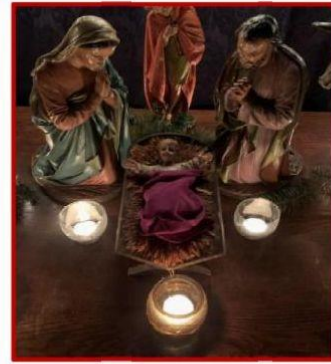
## CHRISTMAS 2023



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### THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: ~ CHRISTMAS EVE ~

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

A Festival of Lessons & Carols for Christmas *with* Choral Eucharist  
5:00 PM

Festal Choral Eucharist *with* String Quartet  
10:00 PM

*Prelude Music begins at 9:30 PM*

### ~ CHRISTMAS DAY ~

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Festal Sung Eucharist *with* Choral Quartet & Christmas Carols  
10:00 AM

### THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Spoken Holy Eucharist  
8:00 AM

Festal Sung Eucharist *with* Christmas Carols  
10:00 AM



# A Message for Christmas 2023

[Click here](#)

to watch Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry's  
2023 Christmas Message.



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## 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.**



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## Special Service for Epiphany

Join us on **Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 11:00 AM**, as we observe the Feast of the Epiphany. The service will be held up in the Chancel near the High Altar. The congregation will sit in the Choir Stalls for this short service that will feature hymns for Epiphanytide. Come help us commemorate the visit of the Three Wise Men to the baby Jesus!



**A SERVICE OF LESSONS &  
CAROLS FOR EPIPHANY  
WITH THE BLESSING OF CHALK  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2024  
4:00 PM**

*The Choir of Grace Church sings music of Everett Titcomb, Healey Willan, Simon Lole, Luca Marenzio, Malcolm Archer, and Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy. The service will feature a festive procession of The Three Kings with their gifts and pieces of chalk will be blessed for all to take home and mark their homes with a blessing for the new year. A reception follows in The Pavilion.*

# Choral Music Video featuring Grace Church

[Click here](#) or on the image below to watch Ensemble Altera (a professional choir made up of singers from Rhode Island and from around the world) perform an arrangement of 'O Holy Night'. The choir recently filmed this video in our beautiful Nave and features two of our Staff Singers (Brad & Olivia Kleyla).



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## Sunday Morning Worship

# The Fourth 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent**, [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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



For the texts of the readings for **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**, [please click here.](#)

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