

GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

December 29, 2023

Pledging Update

This fall, I invited you all to join me in increasing your pledge to Grace Church by 10%. I'm pleased to say that pledging increased by more than double that! For stewardship 2023 (pledges made last year for the calendar year 2023), we had 117 pledges for a total amount pledged of \$321,520. So far this year we have a total of 113 pledges for \$397,343. Pledges historically continue to arrive into the new year, so we'll likely match last year's number of pledgers. And, of course, the total amount pledged is already significantly higher than last year and will continue to grow, too.



If you haven't yet made a pledge for next year, you could be the one to help us exceed last year's number of pledgers, so don't let the success of this year's campaign give you the impression that your pledge isn't needed!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's stewardship campaign such a success!

Christmas blessings,
Jonathan+

A Message for Christmas 2023

[Click here](#)

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



Thank you Nativity Pageant 2023!



**A massive 'THANK YOU!' to all the participants in this year's
Nativity Pageant that was held on December 17th!
A special show of gratitude to the parents and helpers as well!**

Holiday Closures


The Parish Offices will be closed on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 2024 and will re-open on January 2. **The Wednesday Eucharist will resume on January 3.**



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!

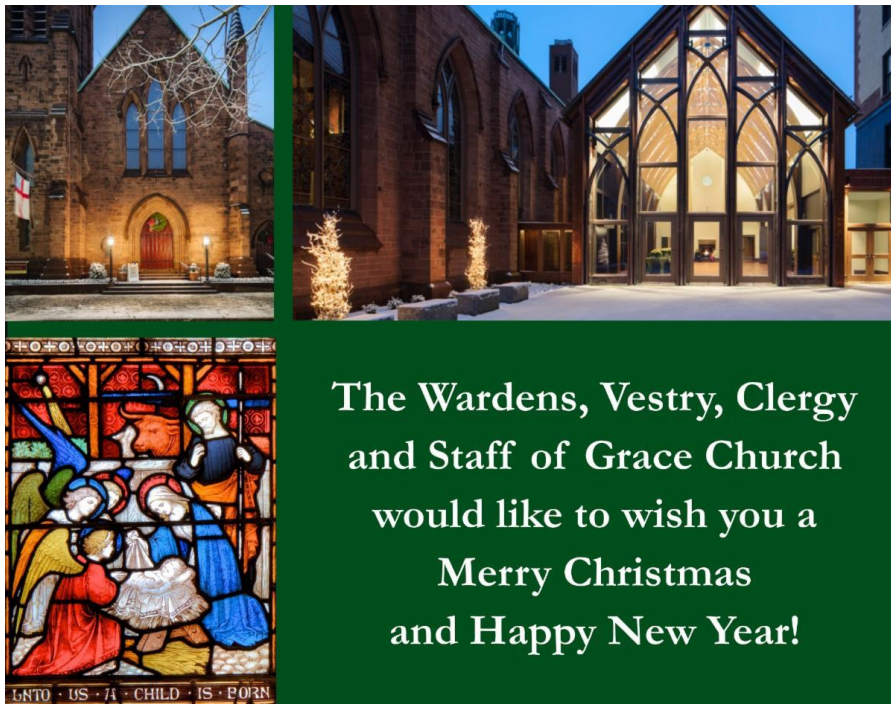




**A SERVICE OF LESSONS &
CAROLS FOR EPIPHANY**
WITH THE **BLESSING OF CHALK**
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2024
4:00 PM

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.





The Wardens, Vestry, Clergy
and Staff of Grace Church
would like to wish you a
Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!



CHORAL COMPLINE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH

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



FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERT

MUSIC OF
BUCK MCDANIEL & NICO MUHLY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH
12:00 NOON

*New York City-based conductor, composer, organist, and pianist
Buck McDaniel plays selections of his own works and those by
Rhode Island native and former Grace Church chorister,
Nico Muhly.*

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 First Sunday after Christmas**

~ 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 First Sunday after Christmas**,
[CLICK HERE!](#)

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

The First Sunday after Christmas **December 31, 2023**

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 First Sunday after Christmas**, [please click here](#).

[Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).

