

GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church _ _ _ August 16, 2024

Preaching Priest Parishioners

With the departure of our associate rector, the Rev. Hartwell Hylton, a few folks have asked if we'll be getting a new associate rector soon. In a sense, we'll be getting a lot of them! Beginning next month, four of our priest-parishioners at Grace – the Revs. Jennifer West, Mike Coburn, and Cathy & David Boyd – will be serving at the altar and in the pulpit on a rotating basis. Each Sunday morning in church, there will be two priests up front – a celebrant and a preacher – one of whom will be yours truly and the other will be one of our priest-parishioners.

- **Jennifer West** has been at Grace with her husband, Ben, for more than a decade and previously served as the associate rector at Grace, along with other parishes, both in Rhode Island and elsewhere.
- **Mike Coburn** and his wife, Carol, and their son, Joseph, joined us at Grace three years ago, upon Mike's retirement as the rector of the Church of the Ascension in Cranston.
- **Dave and Cathy Boyd** came to Grace around the same time, having moved to the area from Williamsburg, VA, where Cathy served as rector of St. Martin's Church. Her husband, Dave, retired as rector of St. David's Church in Austin, TX. Their son lives in downtown Providence and worships at Grace, and since he just became a father, Cathy and Dave are now grandparents!

I want to thank these four priest-parishioners for their help in leading Sunday worship here at Grace. I'm excited to be able to serve at God's altar with them! Grace is also blessed to have amongst us three more priest-parishioners who have been at Grace for years: the Revs. Paul Twelves, Daryl Stahl, and Lavonne Seifert. They have all preached at Grace in years past and served various parishes over the course of their careers, including Lavonne Seifert serving as associate rector of Grace several years ago. I give thanks to God for all of them!

Blessings,

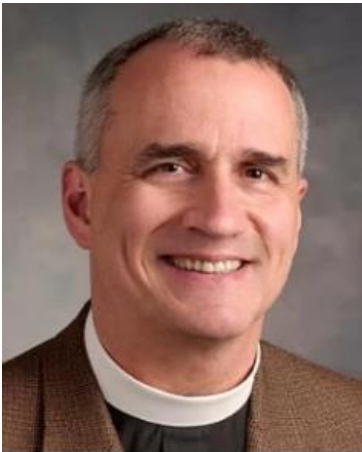
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Rev. Jennifer West



Rev. Mike Coburn



Rev. David Boyd



Rev. Catherine Boyd

Last Call: School Supplies for Kids

This week marks the end of our drive for school supplies at Grace Church. Please bring donations on Sunday, or drop them at the parish office (8am-4pm) through Wednesday, August 21. All supplies will be shared with our friends at St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Providence who will organize and distribute them later this month.



The Diocese Needs Volunteers

Are you interested in serving on a diocesan committee? There are several committees that are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in learning more, email Michele Adamo in

the parish office at madamo@gracepvd.org, and she can send you more information on the various committees and ministries of the diocese.

Thanks!
Jonathan.

Our Shawl Ministry

Each holiday season, the Christmas at Sea knitting ministry presents bags of gifts to thousands of crew members on ocean going cargo ships and boats. This is a program of the Seamen's Institute, which has roots in the Episcopal Church, and it is now in its 125th year of service to the maritime community. Handmade hats and scarves are included in each bag. We invite you to knit or crochet for this project. Please email Jane Ditmars at janeditmars@gmail.com if you would like to have the patterns.



Thank you for helping us to bring God's love to those in need of comfort!

Summer Choir

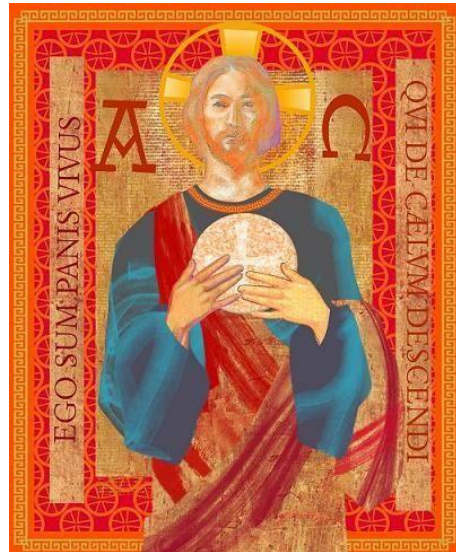
During the summer months we will enjoy the leadership of our Summer Choir! Summer Choir is open to anyone who sings with the Grace Church Choir, or anyone who would like to try singing in the choir. We meet in the Choir Room at 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings, rehearse the hymns, psalm, and a simple anthem or two. You don't need to give previous notice, but if you would like to try Summer Choir, please email Vince Edwards for more information. Feel free to sing one Sunday, or every Sunday! Please note: We may not vest once the weather turns hot, so please wear our summer choir 'uniform' - white blouse or shirt, black (or very dark) shorts, pants or skirt and dark-ish shoes.



**Sunday Morning Worship:
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 2024**

Most Sunday Mornings, Grace Church offers a 'live-stream' broadcast of our Sunday morning 10:00 AM Eucharist service. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sundays to participate in the worship life at Grace. (*Live-streaming will resume in September.*)

~ **Sunday Morning YouTube Link** ~
(to return in September)



When available, this service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the link provided above to watch. The service also will 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 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, please [CLICK HERE!](#)

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

**August 18, 2024
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**, [please click here.](#)


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The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel through worship, proclamation and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.