

# GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

September 27, 2024

## Celebrating St. Michael This Sunday!

September 29 is the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels in our Episcopal (Anglican) calendar. While this particular feast day doesn't usually take precedence over the prescribed Sunday lections, since it falls on September 29 this year, it seems quite appropriate to observe the feast with the appropriate lessons, hymns, and anthems.

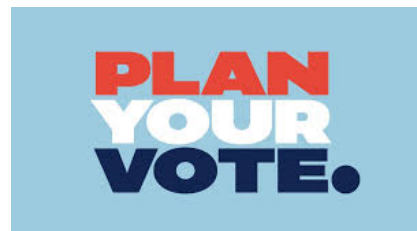
- At Grace, we'll observe the feast in the morning with the marvelous hymn "Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels" as our processional hymn, and the choir will sing Richard Dering's 16<sup>th</sup> c. anthem "Factum est silentium," which dramatically portrays the battle between Michael the Archangel and the dragon (representing evil.)
- For Evensong at 4 PM, we'll celebrate with Calvin Hampton's rarely heard masterpiece "There was war in heaven," composed in 1975. This powerful anthem has only been recorded once, and is seldom sung. Like Dering's anthem, the drama of the battle in the Hampton setting is equally stirring.



Please join us for one or both of these great services!

## Voter Registration Drive Continues This Sunday!

Immediately following the service this Sunday, meet with volunteers who will be waiting during coffee hour to help you check your voter registration, update it, register for the first time, or apply for a mail-in ballot.



Just bring a piece of identification (a passport or driver's license is best) and enjoy a

cup of coffee while making sure you are ready to vote in the general election on November 5th!

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## The Organ Project Begins!

What an exciting time here at Grace Church! On Monday morning, September 30, E.F. O'Donnell and Sons and Veterans Scaffold, Inc will arrive at Grace and begin the complex process of erecting scaffolding, both in the chancel and in the rear of the nave, over and around the gallery. All of this is being done so that the organ company, Casavant Freres, can

arrive on October 7 and begin the painstaking process of removing nearly the entire organ.

Approximately 6,000 pipes and various other components will be taken via truck to Saint-Hyacinth, Quebec, for restoration and refurbishment over the next two years. In addition, many new pipes will be built to be part of what will be a stupendous musical instrument!

Please be patient over the coming weeks as the church will look a little different! And remember – you have to break eggs to make an omelet!

*NB: Sunday services will proceed as usual during these weeks.*

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## Thanks for Your Generosity

At last Sunday's blood drive, six people donated blood - several of whom were walk-ins from outside the church. Since one donation can help as many as three patients, these generous gifts can help as many as 18 people!



## Our Shawl Ministry

This group continues to meet each Wednesday from 10:00 -11:00 am in the Pavilion at Grace. New knitters and crocheters are welcome any time!

We are currently making shawls for an Ignatian Spiritual Retreat which will be held in November. Our shawls will be given with prayer cards to women who are recovering from addiction and homelessness. Please help us to share God's love with those in need of comfort.

For more information, please email Jane Ditmars at [janeditmars@gmail.com](mailto:janeditmars@gmail.com).

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## Training Choir Update!



The Training Choir is for children pre-K through Grade 1 or 2, and is geared towards helping young singers prepare to be a Grace Church Chorister. We meet on Fridays from 5 to 5:30 PM, just before Chorister Rehearsal. THIS YEAR, we will be offering a brief 20-minute rehearsal option on Sundays, immediately following the 10 AM service.

Children will meet with Mr. E or Mr. Klein in the church by the piano and begin some basic music and singing skills. And of course, children are welcome to come on Sunday AND Friday if they wish!

If you're interested in either rehearsal, please email Director of Music Vince Edwards at [vedwards@gracepvd.org](mailto:vedwards@gracepvd.org).

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**Sunday Morning  
Worship:**  
**The Nineteenth  
Sunday after  
Pentecost  
September 29, 2024**

**On 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.



~ **[Click Here to Join This Sunday's Service on YouTube](#)** ~

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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**, please [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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**September 29, 2024**



# The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



For the texts of the readings for **The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**, [please click here.](#)

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