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**Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church - October 25, 2024**



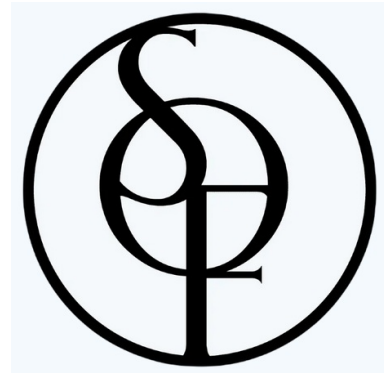
## Observing All Saints Day

Join us at 10am on Sunday, November 3, for a Choral Eucharist with Holy Baptism for The Feast of All Saints. We hope you will be with us to commemorate this important Feast Day in the life of the church!

**Photos for All Saints':** It is a tradition at Grace Church for our community to bring photos of departed loved ones which are placed on the High Altar. All are welcome to bring a framed photo of a loved one to be part of the memorial for this feast day.

## Sott' Acqua: A Tale of Two Cities Underwater

You are invited to "Sott' Acqua: A Tale of Two Cities Underwater" - this year's Splendor of Florence festival, to be held here November 9-17. The festival shares the story of life-changing floods that took place here in 1954 and in Florence just 12 years later, in 1966.



Join us here at Grace Church and select venues around Providence for a series of programs and events that highlight the floods that inundated both our own city and Florence, Italy in the mid-20th century. The festival also will share the resulting recognition of the fragility of the world around us, the power of community awareness, and the restoration of cultural treasures. Looking forward, visitors will see how both cities are confronting climate change through mitigation, protection, and preservation.

[Click here to learn more](#) about the many activities at this year's festival. We hope to see you at some of them!



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## Hurricane Relief - The Need Continues

We continue to see stories of the destruction and extreme need left in the wake of Hurricane Helene in western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee. Communities still are assessing loss, trying to salvage what they can, and plan for the future. Schools haven't reopened yet, and are pushing to do so by October 28 - nearly three weeks after Helene made landfall.



Help still is needed; can you show your support? Visit [Episcopal Relief and Development's website](#) now and make your contribution directly. Thank you for your continued generosity during this terribly difficult time.



## Winter Coats for Refugees

Winter coats are needed for our brothers and sisters, the new refugee arrivals to our state. Often coming from far warmer climates, fall and winter may be new - as is the need for winter coats! Help us welcome them with something to warm them: a coat! Any size, adult or child, new

or gently used, would be welcome.

We'll fill our bins at coffee hour for three Sundays - 10/20, 10/27, and 11/3 (All Saints Sunday) - and bring them to our friends at Dorcas International to share as needed for new arrivals. Thanks for being a part of this important Gospel work.

Questions? See Mike Coburn.



## **Organ Project Update - Making a Move!**

Yesterday, another 53-ft trailer arrived from Canada – this time to LOAD most of our huge pipe organ and take it to the Casavant factory/shop in Quebec. On Wednesday of next week, a smaller truck will arrive to take the remainder of the organ. Then the scaffolding will come down, and the church returns to normal. And then . . . we WAIT! And while we wait, we will be doing some important fundraising to help complete the project.

We have a number of tasks ahead of us to prepare for the August 2026 re-installation, but we will start on those in the new year. Thanks to everyone for their patience while we have undertaken perhaps the largest and most extensive organ refurbishment/renovation/expansion in Rhode Island's history!



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## Our Shawl Ministry

Thanks to all who completed the items which are being blessed this Sunday morning! The shawls will be given to Colette Cook for distribution at an Ignatian Spiritual Retreat for women who are recovering from homelessness and addiction. Hats and scarves are being sent to the Seaman's Church Institute to be given to Mariners in the Christmas at Sea Program.

Please join us in the Pavilion on Wednesdays from 10-11 am to knit and crochet for needy local children. Shawl Ministry brings God's love to those in need of comfort. For more information, please email Jane Ditmars at [janeditmars@gmail.com](mailto:janeditmars@gmail.com).



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## Sunday Morning Worship:

# The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost October 27, 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 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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

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## October 27, 2024 The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**, [please click here](#).

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