



GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church - November 22, 2024

In-Gathering This Sunday!

This Sunday marks the culmination of our 2025 stewardship campaign. As is customary here, we'll celebrate the occasion with community and fellowship during Coffee Hour, abundant in gratitude for our unique community. For all who are able to prepare something to bring we are thankful.



During the worship service, parishioners who have not yet submitted their pledge cards for 2025 will be invited to bring their pledge cards to the altar. For those who have already pledged, please feel free to participate ceremonially in this in-gathering by placing a blank card. Pledge cards are available in the pews. Thank you for considering a legacy gift to Grace Church...and for making a pledge to support Grace Church in 2025!

Stewardship 2025

Throughout November, we're hearing from parishioners like Carol Lewis about what inspires them to give to Grace and make Grace their church home. *(Click the video link below to hear Carol's testimonial.)*

In addition to making a pledge for this coming year, I invite you to consider making a legacy gift to Grace by remembering the church in your estate planning, thereby joining the 1829 Society - an honorary society of faithful and committed supporters who have established a planned gift to fortify the long-term future of Grace Church. If you have any questions about making such a gift, don't hesitate to ask me or [visit our website](#).

Thanks and blessings,
Jonathan+



Holiday Food Drive

The Outreach Ministry at Grace Church invites all parishioners to kindly consider bringing non-perishable food items to the church in the lead-up to Thanksgiving, and indeed throughout the holiday season. Our donated food will be distributed to families in need through St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church through their "Pete & Andy's Food Pantry and Thrift Store." Both the food pantry and thrift store serve those in need.



All healthy non-perishables are welcome, though particularly sought-after items include: canned vegetables and fruit, stuffing mix, turkey gravy, rice, coffee, oatmeal, healthy breakfast cereals, and especially peanut butter. In addition, many food pantries are especially grateful for condiments and "extras": olive oil, spices, baking mixes (think "birthday cake"), marinades, and other staples we often take for granted.

And if you can throw in a can opener or two, that would be a much-appreciated gift!

As always, baskets are at the back of the church for your donations. And if you can bring in a spare reusable shopping bag or two, those are quite helpful in delivering food and can help Pete & Andy's clients.

Let us strive to gather ample supplies for this year's drive, as the need is truly great.

Pete & Andy's

FOOD PANTRY | THRIFT STORE

Advent 2024 at Grace Church

Once again, Grace Church has a variety of seasonal events and activities to celebrate this annual time of waiting. Join us and others from the Grace community and Choir for as many as you can. And enjoy a blessed Advent!

[Download your schedule here.](#)



Noonday Prayers for the World - Weekdays in Advent

This Advent season, we will “take to the street” and pray for our world! Each weekday, from December 2 to December 20, a member of the Grace staff will lead **Noonday Prayers for the World** on the Westminster Street steps.

Advent is a time for looking inward and outward, and we welcome you and anyone from the city or beyond to join us as we ask God’s blessing on our lives, and the lives of those around us. If the weather is inclement, we will simply step inside to the Narthex.

And remember, on Wednesdays there is a service of Holy Eucharist at Noon, which of course will include our prayers for the world. If you’re downtown, please join us!

Brown University Chorus to Perform Handel's "Messiah" - December 6

Frederick Jodry leads the Brown University Chorus in a performance of Handel’s "Messiah" (Part I) at



Grace Church at 5pm on Friday, December 6. Joining the Chorus for this performance is the Providence Baroque Orchestra.

Tickets: \$25; \$15 seniors; \$5 students. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets. Note that tickets will not be sold at the door; online ticket purchases are mandatory and can be made up until the show begins. Please contact music@brown.edu or call 401-863-3234 for box office questions.

Advent Lessons and Carols - December 8



AN ADVENT PROCESSION OF LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 8
5:00 PM

The Choir of Grace Church will sing music of Marlow, Weir, Vaughan Williams, Edwards, Rachmaninoff, Chilcott, and Thalben-Ball in procession around the candle-lit church. A reception follows in The Pavilion.

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SCAN ME

Organ Update - from Quebec!

Our 6000+ pipes, as well as many other components of the organ, are all safely ensconced at the Casavant factory in Quebec! Between now and Christmas, our organ chambers will remain quiet, awaiting cleaning and painting. That work will begin after the new year. Work will begin in earnest on our organ after the new year as well, including the



planning and building of our new 4-manual (keyboard) console.

Exciting times ahead for sure, and we'll keep you posted all along the way!

Updates to Parish Directory?

We will issue a new Grace Church Parish Directory in the coming weeks; do you have contact information to update? If you've moved or have a new email address, we'd love to know about it! Updates are requested no later than Friday, December 13.

For questions, updates, or if you'd like to be added to the directory, please contact the Parish Office at 401-331-3225 or admin@gracepvd.org. *(Printed directories will be provided only to those whose contact information appears in the directory.)*



Our Shawl Ministry

We are now making hats, scarves and mittens for young children. These will be given to Children's Friend of Providence at Christmas. Please knit or crochet for us at home, or come to our meetings on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Pavilion. Thank you for helping us to

share God's love this holiday season!

For more information, please email Jane Ditmars at janeditmars@gmail.com.

Sunday Morning Worship: Christ the King Sunday November 22, 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 **Christ the King Sunday**, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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

November 22, 2024

Christ the King Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



For the texts of the readings for **Christ the King Sunday**, [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.

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