

GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church - November 8, 2024

Letter from Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe on the U.S. Presidential Election



Dear People of God in The Episcopal Church,
Early this morning, we learned that President Trump has been elected to another term as president of the United States. I pray that he will govern wisely and justly.

Regardless of our political allegiances, we must remember that God has called us in The Episcopal Church to seek and serve Christ in all persons. No matter the party in power, we are one church, and we will continue to fulfill our baptismal covenant by proclaiming in word and example the Good News of God in Christ, striving for justice and peace among all people, and protecting the dignity of every human being.

We commit to working with the new administration to advance policies that follow the teachings of Jesus by supporting the most vulnerable among us. Through [Episcopal Migration Ministries](#), we abide by God's command to welcome the stranger, and since 1988, we have resettled more than 100,000 refugees through a bipartisan program with a strong record of success. We urge President Trump and members of Congress to exercise compassion toward the immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees we serve and to know that, at every turn, we will stand for the dignity and human rights of all of God's people.

We are Christians who support the dignity, safety, and equality of women and LGBTQ+ people as an expression of our faith. I pray that President Trump and his administration will do the same.

In the coming months, I ask us all to be agents of peace and reconciliation in our communities, both in person and online. As people of faith, we can work and pray for peace and unity among God's people whether we are joyful, hurting, or afraid.

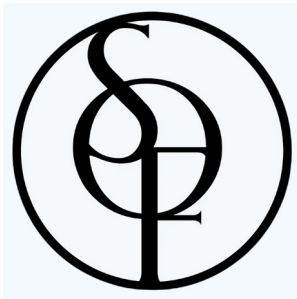
Especially now, when we know of [efforts by domestic terrorists and foreign adversaries](#) to undermine our trust in institutions and in one another, we can combat the misinformation and fear by which the Enemy seeks to divide us from one another. I give thanks for all the ministries in dioceses and congregations across the church that are tangible expressions of our belief in a God of compassion and mercy. In every season, this is the work that God has set before us.

Youth Outing - This Sunday!

All Grace Church youth (grades 7-12) are invited to join us for a field trip happening this Sunday, November 10, at the Botanical Gardens at the Roger Williams Park Zoo. This outing will allow time to explore the gardens and spend some time with other youth; there also will be opportunities to journal and/or draw.



For more info, contact Director of Children and Youth Ministries Charlene Williams (cwilliams@gracepvd.org).



Splendor of Florence - Opens This Saturday

This Sunday's coffee hour will take place amid the photo exhibit that anchors this year's Splendor of Florence festival, "Sott' Acqua: A Tale of Two Cities Underwater" to be held in The Pavilion from November 9 to November 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.

Can't wait til Sunday? Stop by on Saturday to view the photos - and bring your little ones to meet some sea creatures! Save the Bay will be in the courtyard (in a heated tent) from 11am to 3pm with a Touch Tank for kids of all ages to explore. Visitors will be able to interact with horseshoe crabs, spider crabs, periwinkle snails and more! (The Touch Tank also will be available 11am-3pm on Monday, November 11.)

The exhibit and the Touch Tank experience are free and open to the public.

All festival events take place here at Grace Church and at select venues around Providence, and will include a series of programs that highlight the floods which 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!



Warming Refugees

THANK YOU....to everyone who contributed to the Refugee Coat Drive in recent weeks! Forty coats were delivered this past week: kids' coats to the Hasbro Children's Hospital Refugee program and adult ones to Dorcas International's Refugee program. You can be assured that someone this winter, whose background may not have included snow and freezing temperatures, will be a little bit warmer because of you!



If you forgot to bring your donation, there still is time! Bring it this week and we'll pass it along. Thanks!



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:
The Twenty-Fifth
Sunday after
Pentecost

November 10, 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-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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

November 10, 2024 The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**, please [click here](#).

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