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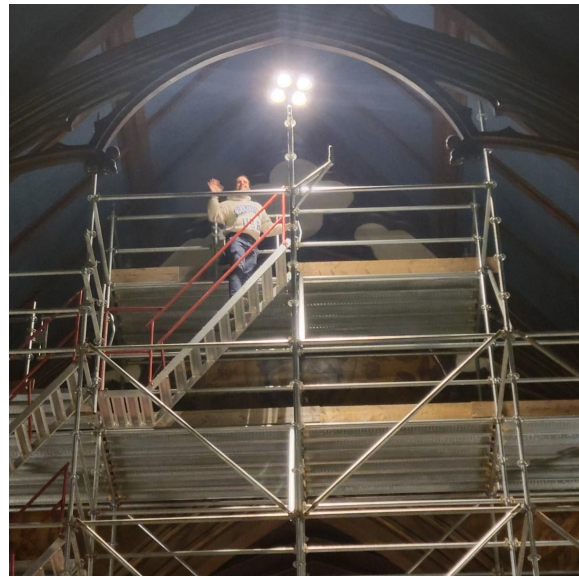


Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church - January 10, 2025

Scaffolding Sprouts in Grace!

Well, we enjoyed our October scaffolding so much that we've added January scaffolding! These are exciting times at Grace, as we prepare for the c.1892 chancel arch mural to be restored.

Extensive scaffolding went up this week, and on Monday, Gianfranco Pocobene and his team of restorers begin their work of restoration. If you're in Providence during Open Doors (11am-2pm) when the church is open to visitors, stop by to check out the progress!



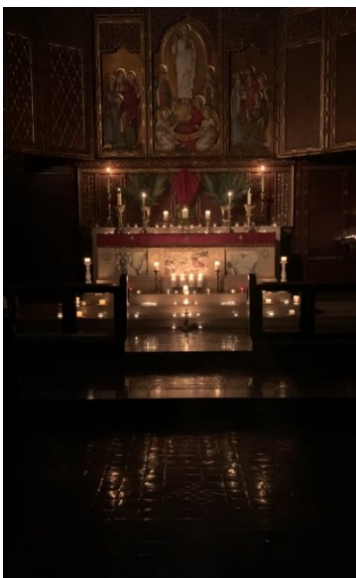
We are planning a re-dedication of the mural on Sunday, March 2 at the 10am service. Plan to be with us that day!



Compline - January 19

Join the women of the Grace Church Schola at 8pm on Sunday, January 19, for a transcendent service of Compline. Chant, candlelight, and fragrant incense combine for a peaceful and prayerful half-hour.

The doors open at 7:30 pm and parking is available in our lot.



Shawl Ministry - We're Back!

Grace Church's Shawl Ministry invites you

to join us in the Pavilion every Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 am. We knit and crochet together each week to make shawls, blankets, hats, scarves and mittens to donate to the community. Come and bring your ideas for new projects for the new year!

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



Third Thursday Concert Canceled

Unfortunately, we will need to cancel our Third Thursday at Noon concert this month - originally scheduled for January 16 - due to the restoration work on the mural. Please be sure to join us on February 20 for a program of music for Oboe and Piano, featuring Cheryl Bishkoff and Vince Edwards.

"Religious Life Sunday" - January 26

The General Convention of The Episcopal Church approved resolution 2022-B004, "Foundation of Religious Life Sunday," to be held each year on the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany. This observance focuses our efforts to tell all Episcopalians and Anglicans about our monastic and Christian Communities and what we offer the church.



Are you longing for spiritual companionship and for resources to help on your spiritual journey? Are you seeking to deepen your relationship with God and to center your life on Christ?

We believe that religious life has something to offer everyone!

As monks and nuns, sisters and brothers in religious life, we are trained and formed by traditions and practices that foster spiritual growth and discernment. The communities that we build among ourselves spill over in love as we offer hospitality to all in Christ's name. We teach about prayer, lead retreats, give spiritual direction, give guidance in writing and living a rule of life, make presentations about the spiritual journey, and provide spiritual friendship. We are also eager to welcome new members to enter into our life and to carry forward our ministries and traditions.

To learn more about religious orders and Christian communities in the Episcopal tradition, visit <https://www.religiouslifesunday.net/>.

Parish Office Closed January 20

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 20, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. We will return on Tuesday.

Sunday Worship:

First Sunday After the Epiphany

January 12, 2024

Most Sunday mornings, Grace Church offers a "live-stream" broadcast of our 10:00 AM service of Holy Eucharist. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sundays to participate in our worship life at Grace.



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Livestreamed Worship: 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.

Order of Service: To view a downloadable version of the Order of Service for the **First Sunday After the Epiphany**, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Collect for This Sunday: *Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

Readings: For the texts of the readings for Sunday worship, [please click here](#).

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*Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together,
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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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