

# GRACE ABOUNDS



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**Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church - January 24, 2025**

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## **Sunday School and Youth Group Resume!**

Sunday School and Youth Group start up again this week.

- Sunday School (age 4 – Grade 6) meets during the Sunday morning service and starts this weekend. For more information or for questions, please email [sundayschool@gracepvd.org](mailto:sundayschool@gracepvd.org).
- Starting tonight, Youth Group (Grades 7-12) meets Fridays from 7pm to 8pm. For more information or for questions, please email [youthgroup@gracepvd.org](mailto:youthgroup@gracepvd.org).

Feel free to call the parish office at 331-3225 with any questions.

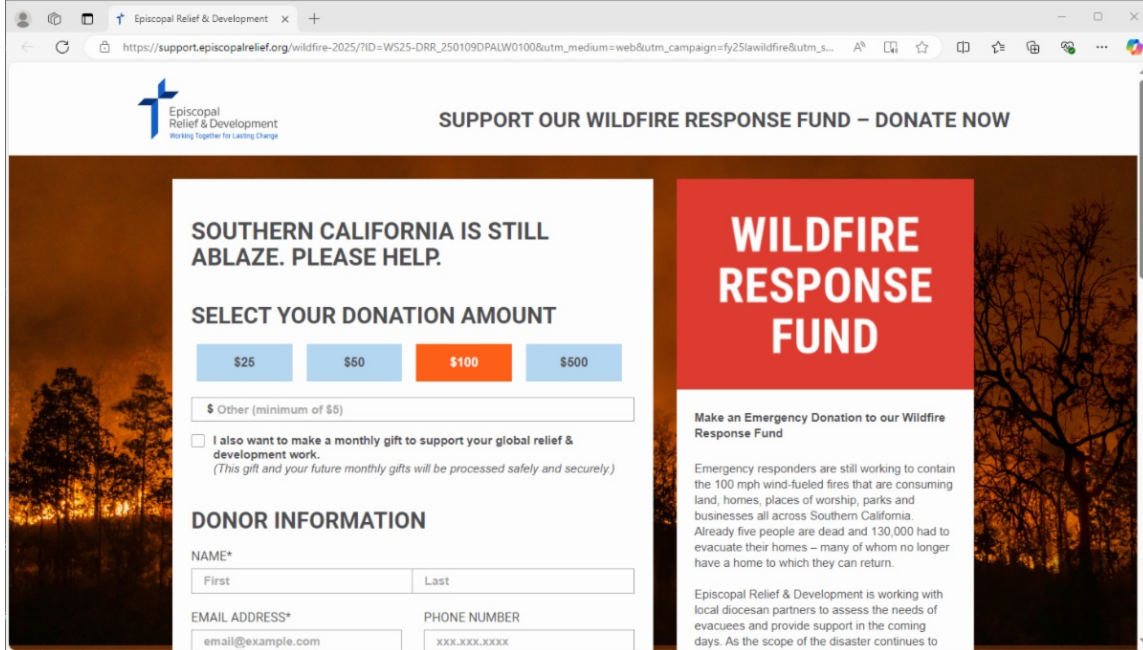
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## **Helping Our Friends in California**

Emergency responders are still working to contain the 100 mph wind-fueled fires that are consuming land, homes, places of worship, parks and businesses all across Southern California. Already many people have lost their lives and more than 100,000 have had to evacuate their homes – many of whom no longer have a home to which they can return.

Included in the list of buildings destroyed is [Saint Mark's Episcopal Church and School in Altadena](#), and parish school buildings and two rectories belonging to [St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pacific Palisades](#).

Episcopal Relief & Development is working with local diocesan partners to assess the needs of evacuees and provide support in the coming days. As the scope of the disaster continues to unfold, we need your help. Please click the picture below and make an urgent gift to our Wildfire Response Fund now..



## "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/>.

## A Three-Choir Evensong - Coming Soon!

# A THREE-CHOIRS FESTIVAL

## CHORAL EVENSONG



*Dr. Rose receiving his OBE (Order of the British Empire) from Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II*

*Led by Dr. Barry Rose, OBE  
Formerly of Guildford Cathedral,  
St. Paul's Cathedral, London;  
and St. Alban's Abbey*

*Featuring the choirs of Grace Church, Providence;  
St. Luke's, East Greenwich; and St. Paul's, Fairfield, CT.*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 AT 4 PM**  
**Grace Church ~ 300 Westminster Street ~ Providence**

*All are welcome! A reception follows in The Pavilion at Grace.*



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## **Our Mural Restoration - What a Difference!**

The work on our Chancel arch mural continues! Gianfranco Pocobene and his team are making progress, both in cleaning and restoration. There is evidence of “restoration” work from years ago, including overpainting the original colors. Our team will repaint in those places to bring back the original color scheme.

The photo here shows the face of Christ in Majesty at the very top of the mural, with a “clean” left side – what a difference!





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## **Shawl Ministry - Join Us!**

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](mailto:janeditmars@gmail.com)!

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**Sunday Worship:**

**Third Sunday**

# After the Epiphany

January 26, 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.

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



**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 **Third Sunday After the Epiphany**, please [CLICK HERE](#).

**Collect for This Sunday:** *Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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

**More About the Episcopal Church:** [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. [Click here](#) for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island.

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

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Readings

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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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