



GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church - January 3, 2025

Apartment Setup for Refugees - Monday!



Grace Church has a longstanding partnership with Dorcas International - the agency responsible for settling 90% of the refugees who come to call Rhode Island their home. Many of these new residents come from refugee camps where they've lived for years with few, if any, of the possessions and mementos we all cherish.

As part of our partnership with Dorcas, we are forming a team to prepare an apartment for a new family of refugees on Monday, January 6 - can you join us? This spiritually powerful work involves all aspects of making the stranger welcome, so we need folks who can do all sorts of things - from loading in items to scrubbing sinks and tubs to vacuuming. We

also need people to make beds, wash and put away dishes, organize closets with towels and linens, and generally help create a home for refugees who may not have had a home for many years.

If you can help, please contact Mike Coburn or Holly Gray, or call the Parish Office so we can put you in touch with them.

Lessons and Carols for Epiphany - Sunday!



A SERVICE OF
**LESSONS &
CAROLS**
FOR **EPIPHANY**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

4:00 PM

The Choir of Grace Church sings music of Everett Titcomb, Healey Willan, Simon Lole, Luca Marenzio, Malcolm Archer, and Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy. The service will feature a festive procession of The Three Kings. A reception follows in The Pavilion.



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Mural Restoration Work Begins Monday

Our once-in-a-lifetime mural restoration project will start in earnest on Monday, January 6, when the scaffolding is installed at the chancel entrance; the restoration artists will begin their work the following week.

The entire project will be completed and scaffolding removed in early March so, as you visit the church over the coming weeks, you will be able to witness firsthand the incredible transformation of our mural featuring Christ the Savior. A fitting way to prepare for this year's Easter season!



Changes for the New Year - Update

As you know, we are in the process of transferring our donor-management system at Grace Church from Servant Keeper to Realm.

We did learn one update over the holiday break: recurring payments that had been set up in Servant Keeper will **not** transfer to Realm automatically. Meaning that, if you set up an automatic payment for your pledge or to support the Music program or Organ Fund via a credit card or bank account, we will need you to re-enter that transaction in Realm.

Our apologies for the inconvenience.

Those affected will receive an email with more information. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Parish Office at 401-331-3225 or admin@gracepvd.org.

Sunday Worship:

Second Sunday After Christmas

January 5, 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 **Second Sunday After Christmas**, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Collect for This Sunday: *O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for*

ever and ever. Amen.

Readings: For the texts of the readings for Sunday worship, [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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