



GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church - February 14, 2025

Annual Meeting - February 23

The 196th Annual Meeting of the Parish will take place in The Pavilion immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, February 23 (during Coffee Hour). We'll gather to hear reports from parish leaders and to elect vestry members.



The Vestry Nominating Committee (comprised of Carissa Mills, Sue Hall, Melody Ennis, Ryan Weimer, and Pat Trosclair) will present the following slate for the Vestry:

- For a second, three-year term – **Joel Goloskie & Nick Halar.**
- For a first, three-year term – **Margrete Jean-Louis & Ken Reeves.**
- For Diocesan Convention Delegate and Alternate – **Robert Bennett & Michael D'Alesandre.**

Printed copies of the 2024 Annual Report will be available at the meeting.

Table Movers Needed Saturday

The floor work in the Pavilion has been completed and we'll return the tables and chairs to their accustomed places tomorrow, Saturday, February 15. Can you stop by at 10am to help us?

If so, we'd appreciate a hand!

Compline This Sunday!

The beautiful service of Compline will be held this Sunday at 8pm. Doors open at 7:30pm, and parking is available in our lot. This mesmerizing service lasts less

than half an hour, and features Gregorian chant, hundreds of candles, and fragrant incense.

Please consider joining us, and invite a friend – it’s a great way to introduce folks to Grace Church!



Organ Campaign

Since the pipe organ was removed from the church in the fall, it may seem like there’s no organ news to report, but there is much activity behind the scenes!

While we won’t see the organ itself for another year and a half, the Capital Campaign Committee, chaired by parishioner Doug Allen, has been working since the fall to map out a strategy to raise the funds needed to bring the organ project to fruition. As many

of you know, we received an anonymous gift last year that allowed us to green light the project, and this year we will be turning to the parish at large to help fund the balance of the project.

Committee members Jeff (Williams) Walsh, Mary Watkins, Doug, and I are working now on the “silent phase” of the campaign in advance of a public launch in the spring. So, one way or another, you can expect to hear from the campaign committee over the coming months to ask for your support for this exciting new chapter in the music ministry of Grace Church.

If you have any questions, feel free contact Doug or me anytime.

In Christ,
Jonathan+!

Outreach Ministry for Refugees - Update

Grace’s ministry of welcome to newly arriving refugees, which included cleaning and setting up apartments and providing necessities, unfortunately has been suspended in light of the President’s decision to shut down the Refugee Resettlement program in our country.

Beyond the tragedy which this represents for millions around the world it directly challenges the life and work of local Refugee Resettlement agencies. Our friends at Dorcas International Institute, with whom we have worked closely, have significantly reduced staff but continue to provide services for Immigration and Citizenship, Interpretation, and English Language Learning.

They are in need of classroom aides for ELL and would welcome new volunteers. Contact Emily Crandell (ecrandell@diiri.org) if you are able to help or for further details.

Here at Grace we will continue to be open to ministry opportunities on behalf of the refugee and immigrant communities.

Holly Gray and Mike Coburn

Sunday School and Youth Group

Sunday School

Sunday School (age 4 – Grade 6) meets during the Sunday morning service (other than the 2nd Sunday of the month, when kids attend the main service with their families). The children and teachers process from the church to the Sunday School rooms after the opening prayer. Kids can gather in the northwest corner of the church with the Sunday School teachers or sit with their families and join in the procession as it goes by. Questions? Call the parish office at 331-3225 or email sundayschool@gracepvd.org.

Youth Group

Youth Group (Grades 7-12) meets from 7 to 8 p.m. on Fridays. Teens can come to the Youth Group room at 7p.m., or come for pizza first in the choir room (Cronhimer Hall) at 6:30p.m. Questions? Feel free to call the parish office at 331-3225 or email youthgroup@gracepvd.org.

Third Thursdays at Noon - February 20

Our "Third Thursdays at Noon" series continues on Thursday, February 20, with a performance by oboist Cheryl Bishkoff, accompanied by Noah Klein and Vince Edwards. Works of Boni, Balfe, Rota, Barlow, and Alyssa Morris will be featured. Of particular interest is Morris's "Four Personalities based on the Hartmann Personality Test." Composed in 2008, these colorful and jazzy pieces "paint" each of the four colors: white, yellow, blue, and red.

Oboist Cheryl Priebe Bishkoff, described as "a musician of incredible artistry" (Richmond News Leader), is universally recognized for her inspiring musicality, uniquely glorious sound and charismatic performing style. She is principal oboe of the Rhode Island Philharmonic and is Adjunct Artist in Music in Brown University's Department of Music.





Activist William Barber to Speak in Providence!

Rev. William Barber II

*“William Barber is the closest person we have to
Martin Luther King, Jr., in our midst.”* – Dr. Cornel West



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March 1
6:30 pm**

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Our Mural Restoration - More Angels!

The work on the chancel arch mural continues apace! Gianfranco and his artisans Corinna and Travis have begun the painstaking work of repainting areas that were damaged beyond restoration. This involves the very creative process of mixing paints to achieve the original colors, which we have discovered date from the chancel redecoration of 1882.

In this picture, two large angels are having their halos touched up to reclaim their 144-year-old lemony-yellow hue. In addition the “skin” of the angels is being brought back to life by cleaning and repainting. Also of note in this photo – one angel looking down in humble adoration, and one looking up in awe! Stay tuned for more updates!



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!

Sunday Worship:

The Sixth Sunday



After the Epiphany

February 16, 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 [The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany](#), please [click here](#).

Collect for This Sunday: *O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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](#).

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

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**This Sunday's
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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