



# GRACE ABOUNDS



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**Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church - February 28, 2025**

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## **Ash Wednesday and Lent - Next Week**

The Lenten season starts soon with Ash Wednesday next week, on March 5. Make plans now to join us for one of our Ash Wednesday services:

- A spoken Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at Grace's regular noontime service.
- A Choral Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at 7pm.



Each week, beginning Friday, March 7, join us at noon for the short liturgy of The Way of the Cross (also called "Stations of the Cross"). During this lunchtime service, participants walk to 14 stations posted throughout the church commemorating Christ's journey to Mount Calvary and his death on the Cross.

To learn about the unique paintings at each of these 14 stations - made by New York City artist Gwyneth Leech - [please click here](#).

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**Parish Directory  
2025**

## **Get Your Parish Directory!**

If you didn't get your Parish Directory last Sunday at the Annual Meeting, you'll have another chance this Sunday!

Diane Stamp will be at a table in the Pavilion during coffee hour and will be happy to provide you with one. (Note that directories are available to those whose contact information is included.) If you're not in this issue and would like to be included in the next one, Diane also will have membership forms you can complete.

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## Choral Compline - March 9

The beautiful service of Compline will be held next Sunday, March 9, 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!

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## Thursday Lenten Eucharist and Supper - Starts March 13

You are invited to join us on Thursdays in Lent - from March 13 through April 10 - for a Lenten Eucharist and Supper.

Our supper on March 13 will be provided by Grace's 20s/30s+ Group (many thanks to them!); they also invite you to bring sweets and/or salads to share. On the other Thursdays, we'll look for volunteers to help provide the meal.

We've received a donation of delicious soups from Blount Fine Foods, which can be used on those evenings as well. (Thanks to Holly and Michael Gray for collecting that donation from Blount!)

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## Hallway Floor Repaired

If you've traveled the hallway behind the High Altar, between the Chafee Room and the Vestry, you might noticed that the floor nearest the Chafee Room seemed to be sagging and breaking apart.

This damage was the result of years' worth of flooding that was caused by the water issues in the basement. After those issues were addressed, we turned our attention to this floor. The same vendor who did such a wonderful job on the Pavilion floor has spent this week replacing and refinishing the hallway floor - with smashing results! In the coming weeks, this same vendor will be addressing the floor in the bathroom next to the Chafee Room.

Be sure to take a look when you're next in the church.



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## **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](mailto: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](mailto:youthgroup@gracepvd.org).

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## **Activist William Barber - Canceled for Tomorrow**

For personal reasons, Bishop William Barber II has had to cancel his speaking engagement at the 18th Darrell West Lecture on Religion and Politics which was to be held tomorrow, March 1, at 6:30 pm at Central Congregational Church in Providence.

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## **Our Mural Restoration - Almost Done!**

We are almost there! On Tuesday of this coming week, Gianfranco and his team will add the final touches to our chancel arch mural. The scaffolding will remain for one more week so that we can do some cleaning of the woodwork surrounding the mural.

When you arrive for church on March 16 (or on March 13 if you come for the Thursday Eucharist) you will enter a scaffold-free zone, and the mural will be fully visible! (You'll see the below image on the front of this Sunday's leaflet.)



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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:



# The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

March 2, 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 Last Sunday After the Epiphany**, please [click here](#).

**Collect for This Sunday:** *O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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](#).

**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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**Planning a Special Event? Rent The Pavilion at Grace!**

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