



Grace Abounds!



Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - May 23, 2025



Grace Church Day - June 1

On Sunday, June 1, we will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension; Ascension Day is 40 days after Christ's resurrection which is May 30 this year.

A church's "feast of title" can be transferred to the nearest Sunday. Churches named "Grace" don't technically have a "feast of title" but historically we have adopted Ascension Day as ours. Our precedent for this practice dates to May 1, 1913, the first Ascension Day with the newly added Chancel designed by Ralph Adams Cram. From *A History of Grace Church*:

"Ascension Day, May 1, saw the active operation of a plan dear to [the rector] Dr. Crowder's heart, namely the observance of that festival as 'Grace Church Day,' comparable to Trinity Sunday or the appropriate Saints' Day for a Church bearing the name of the Trinity or of some saint."

This day is all the more appropriate as the great Triptych above the High Altar is, indeed, a depiction of the Ascension of Christ. Additionally, a panel in the great chancel window above the High Altar and Triptych includes a traditional Ascension image: the feet of Christ just disappearing into the sky above as St. Mary and the Apostles look upwards.

In 2025, we will add to that celebration a re-dedication of our newly restored Chancel Arch mural which depicts Christ in Majesty. Following the service, all are invited to join us for a potluck luncheon in the Pavilion. Please add your name to the sign-up sheets in the Pavilion during coffee hour!

Strong Towns is Coming to Town!

From June 9 to June 11, The Pavilion at Grace will play host to the 2025 Strong Towns National Gathering. Strong Towns is a nonprofit media advocacy organization whose mission is to replace America's post-war pattern of

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development, the [Suburban Experiment](#), with a pattern of development that is financially strong and resilient. They advocate for cities of all sizes to be safe, livable, and inviting - working to elevate local government to be the highest level of collaboration for people working together in a place, not merely the lowest level in a hierarchy of governments.

Their national gathering is focused on a different city each year, and the event offers an opportunity to connect with hundreds of attendees who share a vision, from citizen advocates, to professionals, to local officials. You are invited to attend, then return home excited, emboldened, and equipped—knowing you are an indispensable part of an energetic, unstoppable movement.

All are invited to attend; find more info [here](#). Registration is required, and meetings for the gathering will take place in various locations around downtown.

Note that, during these three days, there will be no parking available in Grace's lot for parishioners or visitors. On Wednesday, June 11, the Shawl Ministry will meet elsewhere and there will be no noon Eucharist.

Upcoming Schedule Changes

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 26, for the Memorial Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 27.

Director of Administration Michele Adamo will be on medical leave starting Friday, June 13. During that time, volunteers will be covering the parish office. Michele expects to return to the office on Monday, June 30.

Sunday School and Youth Group

Sunday School - ends May 25

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 - ends June 13

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.

Worship with Us!

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2024

Most Sunday mornings, Grace Church offers a "live-stream" broadcast of our 10am 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.

Livestreamed Worship: Our Sunday services are live-streamed on the Grace Church YouTube Channel. If you can't join us Sunday morning, visit [our YouTube channel](#) and watch/share at your convenience. (Note that if the recording isn't in [the "Live" listing](#), you may find it in [the "Videos" tab](#).)



Click the video box to join this Sunday's live-streamed service on YouTube.

Click Here to See the Bulletin for This Sunday's Service

Collect for This Sunday: *O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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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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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