



Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - September 12, 2025

Back in the Church This Sunday!

We're excited that, after a summer worshipping in the Pavilion, this Sunday marks our return to worship in Grace Church! This Sunday also will be our first time live-streaming the service since July 5, so we're thrilled to invite our "virtual parish" to join us once again.

And to round out our worship experience in the church, the Grace Choir - more than 40 strong now! - will once again provide a powerful accompaniment to our service. We look forward to seeing you this Sunday!



Grace Church Ministry Fair 2025

Parish Ministry Fair - Sunday

Immediately following worship this Sunday, all are invited to join us for our annual Parish Ministry Fair in the Pavilion. The Ministry Fair is a great way to learn more about the many ways you and your family can get involved with Grace Church - including everything from signing up your children for Nursery

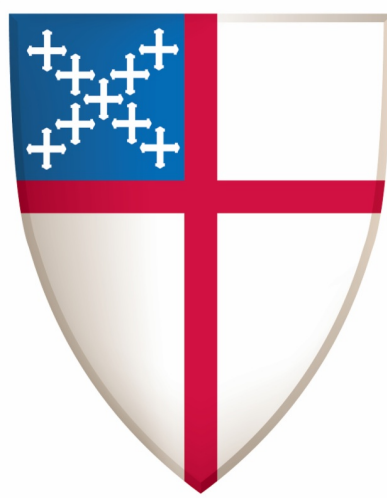
Care and Sunday School, to exploring the many tasks that surround our Sunday worship services, to learning more about serving on Vestry or volunteering for a cleanup at the Grace Cemetery!

Each ministry will have a display and experienced members to tell you more about it, so come with an open heart and open mind, and join us!

From the Rector

In light of the assassination of Charlie Kirk on

Wednesday by an unknown assailant, I wanted to share with our parish portions of the open letter from the Rt. Rev. Phyllis A. Spiegel, the Episcopal bishop of Utah (where the crime took place).



“Our prayers are with Mr. Kirk’s family and friends as the shock of this news settles upon them. We hold in our prayers the victims of emotional trauma who were present at today’s event and the entire Utah Valley University community. We give thanks and ask for protection for all law enforcement and first responders. Christ stands with the victims of violence and challenges us to build a society rooted in compassion, dignity, and justice. As people of faith we believe Jesus Christ calls us to confront injustice and ideological differences with integrity and truth but never through the use of physical force or intimidation. Violence is an unacceptable response to disagreement. We often say that we will pray for the victims and their families, and pray we must. But our faith demands more from us. We must guard the hatred in our hearts and on our lips; it is hatred and righteous indignation that leads to violence. Jesus said plainly, ‘it is that which is on our lips and in our hearts that defiles us.’ As followers of Jesus Christ, we hear again his commandment: ‘Love one another as I have loved you’ (John 13:34). In this love our prayers were not ever intended as passive vessels, but active. We are called not only to intercede for those affected but also to stand together against violence.”

If you would like to read the letter in its entirety, it can be found by [clicking here](#).

May our society turn from violence, and may God comfort the family of Mr. Kirk and all those affected by violence of any kind.

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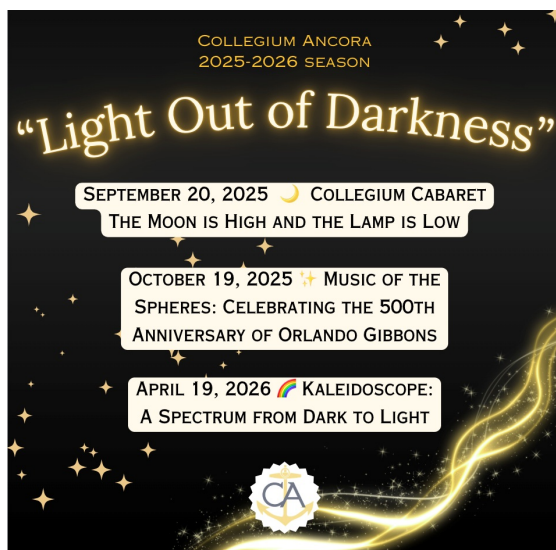
Collegium Ancora's Cabaret Fundraiser - Get Tickets Now!



Get your tickets now! Collegium Ancora’s annual Cabaret Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, September 20. “The Moon is High and the Lamp is Low” will feature songs about darkness and light, from both the Broadway stage and the American songbook. Wine and cheese and a silent auction begin at 6 PM, and the show follows at 7 PM. Tickets are \$35 each; 2 for \$60; and a table of 10 is \$300.

Tickets are available at www.collegiumancora.org or by scanning the QR code below. You can also see Vince Edwards at Coffee Hour on Sundays through September 14.

The Cabaret Fundraiser kicks off the 2025-26 season, which includes performances on October 19, 2025 and April 19, 2026; see more about them below.



Rowing with Grace - Updated!

After the service on Sunday, September 21, you are invited to join us at 12pm for a fun outing on the Seekonk River! While we've had massive interest by those seeking to learn to row; there still is plenty of room for spectators to cheer...and spots may open up on the water. Narragansett Boat Club (NBC) coaches will guide us in beginner-friendly eight-seat barges, with a chance for a short race at the end. Afterward, enjoy drinks and light fare at the NBC - on Providence's best cocktail deck!

Sign up using the QR code to help us plan. That day, we'll meet on the right/south side of the NBC dock at 2 River Drive in Providence; parking is available along the river side of the road. We'll start right at noon, so please be prompt. If you have questions or need to contact someone that day, please email 20s30s@gracepvd.org.

This event is part of a contribution to the American Parkinson Disease Association of Rhode Island + is gifted to Grace. Some have asked how to support APDA-RI, which is not needed to participate, but can be done by [clicking here](#).

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Compline and Evensong Return!

Two beautiful evening services make their return to Grace in September.

First, **Compline** will be sung on **Sunday, September 21** (NOT September 14) at 8 PM. This is a lovely service of chant, candlelight, and incense. Doors open at 7:30.

On Sunday, September 28, the full choir sings Choral Evensong at 4 PM. We will celebrate the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Music will include Calvin Hampton's epic "There was war in heaven" and Herbert Howells' sublime setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis written for St. Paul's Cathedral, London. A reception follows Evensong.



Cemetery Saturday - October 4

On Saturday, October 4, from 9am to noon, Grace Church will be supporting the annual **Care for The Square** spruce-up event in Trinity Square, which is anchored by the increasingly-beautiful Grace Church Cemetery. We hope many smiling faces from Grace Church will make an appearance, so come out if you can and see the progress we've made in renovating our nine-acre historic gem.

Senior Warden Joel Goloskie will lead a short guided tour, including the stately gravestone of Bishop John Henshaw, who also served as rector of Grace Church and led the construction of the beautiful church

building we enjoy to this day.

The Cemetery is located at 10 Elmwood Avenue, just a few minutes' drive from Grace Church.

Altar Flowers for Sundays

Parishioners are welcome to give flowers for the altar on Sundays in celebration of an occasion, or in honor of - or in memory of - loved ones. When you sponsor flowers for a given week, we'll recognize your occasion in that Sunday's bulletin.



The cost of two arrangements is \$300. To schedule a flower donation, please use a green "Flower Donation" envelope (found at the back of the church) or contact the parish office at 401-331-3225 or admin@gracepvd.org.

Music at Grace 2025-2026

By now, we hope you've received a copy of this year's "Music at Grace" booklet outlining the music



MUSIC AT GRACE 2025 – 2026



to be presented this year at Grace Church - it's a great year of music ahead!

In the booklet, you'll find the full program of music to be used during our worship services through the end of May, as well as:

- Detailed information about organ and choral music for our Sunday Eucharists
- The schedule for our Choral Compline and Choral Evensong services.
- Details about our Advent Lessons and Carols service.
- Dates for the three performances of our choral ensemble Collegium Ancora.
- All Holy Week and Easter services, including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil.

This booklet offers a snapshot of the music you'll hear from our amazing Choir and Choristers, so plan ahead to join us for all of it! And we urge you to consider offering financial support for our music program. It's an invaluable part of worship here at Grace, and your gifts help make it possible!

"Music at Grace" Schedule: Three Corrections

There are two corrections necessary to the "Music at Grace 2025-2026" booklet you received by mail:

- This month's Compline service will not take place at 8pm on Sunday, September 14. Due to a scheduling conflict, **the service actually will take place the following week, on Sunday, September 21.**
- The Choral Compline service for April 19 was left out of the listing on page 11, but **it will take place at 8pm** that day.
- The 2026 Choral Compline services listed on page 13 of the booklet should be January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, and May 17 (**not May 3**).

Worship with Us!

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 14, 2025

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, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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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proclamation and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and
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