

Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - October 17, 2025

A Message from the Rector

Friends,

As most of you know, I was diagnosed five years ago with Parkinson's Disease. In the years since, I have been taking the standard Parkinson's medicine. Though I experience the symptoms commonly associated with Parkinson's, the meds have made it possible for me to live and work without too much disruption, for which I am grateful.

Six months ago, I was invited to take part in a clinical trial for a new Parkinson's treatment at Massachusetts General Hospital. As part of the trial, I will undergo surgery on Thursday. The surgeon tells me most study participants go home the day after the surgery, and I'll plan to take the next few days at home. When I return, don't be surprised to see some stitches in the back of my head. They're there for a good cause!

Thanks to all of you who have prayed for me through these years. May this treatment (and others in progress) prove effective and offer hope to many.

Blessings to you all,

Jonathan+

Stewardship Season Kicks Off Sunday!

This week, we launch our 2026 Stewardship campaign - a time when we prayerfully give thanks for the blessings of God's providence in our lives and consider sharing those gifts with others through our spiritual home, Grace Church.



Earlier this week, members of our vestry gathered as a group and added personal notes to the stewardship letters mailed out to our parishioners. If you didn't receive one, copies of the letter (and pledge cards) are on the table at the back of the church.

During the coming weeks, we'll hear from the people of Grace about what inspires them to give to Grace and make Grace their church home. Our Stewardship campaign will end with Ingathering Sunday on November 23 when we'll dedicate to God's care all the pledges we've received.

Thanks and blessings, Jonathan+

Collegium Ancora Concert - This Sunday!



Please join us this Sunday afternoon at 4pm for a Collegium Ancora concert celebrating the 400th anniversary of composer Orlando Gibbons.

Experience the rich beauty of Renaissance choral music with a program featuring Gibbons' finest works alongside pieces by his contemporaries and musical friends.

Come and be transported by timeless harmonies, intricate counterpoint, and the enduring spirit of early English choral tradition. A rare musical tribute not to be missed!

Tickets are \$20 and are available at the door, or by clicking the flyer at left. We hope to see you Sunday afternoon!

Observing All Saints Day

Join us at 10am on Sunday, November 2, for a Choral Eucharist with Holy Baptism for The Feast of All Saints. We hope you will be with us to commemorate this important Feast Day in the life of the church!

Photos for All Saints': It is a tradition at Grace Church for our community to bring photos of departed loved ones which are placed on the High Altar. All are welcome to bring a framed photo of a loved one to be part of the memorial for this feast day.



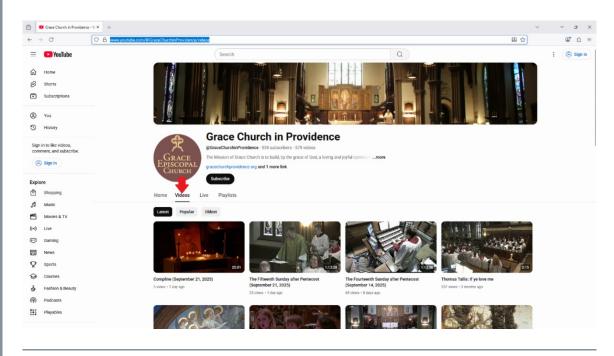
Updates on Grace's Live-Streaming

For those who enjoy our live-streamed services, you may have noticed that we've been unable to broadcast live in a few weeks. We apologize for the inconvenience.

We've been working with our vendor to understand the issue and, as of this writing, are working diligently with them to effect a solution.

Until then, please enjoy the recordings of our services on <u>Grace's YouTube page under the "Videos" tab</u>. Recorded services are available here within 24 hours.

If you have questions, please contact the parish office at 401-331-3225 or admin@gracepvd.org.





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Shawl Ministry at Grace

Shawl Ministry continues to knit and crochet prayer shawls for those in need of comfort. We are also currently making hats and scarves for The Seamen's Church Institute to be given to the mariners in their "Christmas at Sea" program. Please join us each Wednesday in the Pavilion from 10am to 11am. New members are

Worship with Us! Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 19, 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 <u>our YouTube channel</u> and watch/share at your convenience. (Note that if the recording isn't in <u>the "Live" listing</u>, you may find it in <u>the "Videos" tab.</u>) - *Per the note above, this option is on hold while we resolve a streaming issue. Please stay tuned for updates. Thank you for your patience!*

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Collect for This Sunday: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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, <u>please click here</u>.

More About the Episcopal Church: <u>Click here</u> for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. <u>Click here</u> 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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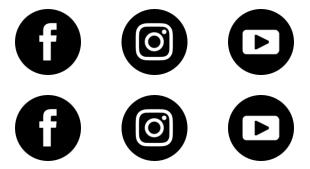


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The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel through worship, proclamation and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.

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