



Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - November 26, 2025

~ Thanksgiving Edition ~

Toy & Pajama Drive Starts Sunday

Once again, Grace Church will collect Christmas gifts for children served by [Children's Friend](#)! This year, we've expanded our drive to include both toys and pajamas for children of all sizes - from infants through teens.



Please bring your gifts to church starting this Sunday; we will accept donations through Monday, December 15. Our Giving Tree is set up at the back of the church so you can watch the pile grow week by week as you attend church!

We also need a couple of folks to deliver the gifts to Children's Friend on Tuesday, December 16, so if you can lend a hand with that service, please contact the parish office at 401-331-3225. And thank you for your support!

Founded in 1834, Children's Friend has, for nearly 200 years, advocated for and supported children who have been abused and abandoned. They have expanded their mission, now focusing on "elevating, empowering, and strengthening children and families — and preparing them to succeed in all facets of life."



Stewardship Campaign for 2026

Thank you to all who have already submitted their pledges for 2026 as part of our Stewardship Campaign! We're excited that so many have made a commitment to support the mission and ministries of Grace Church for the coming year.

If you forgot your pledge card last weekend or were unable to attend the service, please be sure to drop it off this Sunday in the offering plate or mail it to the parish office (300 Westminister St, Providence, RI 02903). And extra pledge cards still are available at the back of the church if you need one.

Note: Please indicate on your pledge card if you want offering envelopes so we know to set aside a box for you. Thanks!

Poinsettias and Music for Christmas

We hope you're looking forward to the uplifting music and beautiful poinsettia display you'll experience at Grace Church during the Advent and Christmas seasons!



To lend your own support toward those programs and help make them possible, please use the "Christmas Poinsettias and Music" dedication cards found in the pews, on the back table near the Baptismal Font, and in the Narthex literature rack.

Please complete the form (legibly!) and note your dedications, then place the card and your payment in a light-green "Flower Guild" envelope and drop it in the offering plate or at the Parish Office by December 20.



"Commuter's Bible Study" Starts December 5!

Are you looking for a Bible study but have trouble fitting it into your busy work schedule? We may have a solution!

Starting next Friday, December 5, Grace Church will host a 7am weekly Bible study. Each week, we'll look at the readings for the upcoming Sunday service and discuss how they apply to our lives today.

All are welcome to drop in as you can; bring your coffee and breakfast and join us for the conversation!

Sharing Stories of Grace's Generosity

Over the past several weeks, those of us who work at Grace Church have had a front-row seat to some acts of extraordinary generosity for our friends and neighbors served by Pete & Andy's Food Pantry.

Here are just a few:



- When the parish office opened on November 17, we were surprised to see a huge pile of donated items (photo above) for Pete & Andy's Food Pantry. It was completely unexpected...AND this collection **doubled** the amount we delivered that week!
- In the Sunday collection on November 16, one family donated \$1,000 in Walmart gift cards - remarkable! (You'll recall that the week prior, a family donated \$600 in Walmart gift cards.) These gifts are especially welcome as we come to Thanksgiving and families begin planning Christmas for their children.
- Last week, a member stopped by the parish office to drop off a grocery donation for Pete & Andy's...then gave us the "emergency cash" tucked in her wallet. A humbling gesture that will mean so much to those in need!

It's a privilege to witness how generously you continue to give during this stressful time for so many of our neighbors. **On their behalf, thank you.**

As we near the end of the year, our work continues. **Please bring your contributions of food and gift cards this Sunday.**

- Purchase some extra dry goods at the store and dig through your pantry to see what you can spare, and bring those items to church on Sunday. (Due to the chance for breakage, glass containers are not preferred.) All donations will be turned over to Pete & Andy's Food Pantry for them to share with our friends and neighbors in Providence.
- And if you'd like to donate a gift card or two, Rev. Maryalyce Sullivan at Sts. Peter and Andrew advises that cards for Walmart or Price Rite - both of which are in their neighborhood - are very helpful! (Please put gift-card donations in an envelope with your name on it if you'd like that donation reflected on your giving statement.)

Parish Office Closed for Holiday

The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will re-open on Monday, December 1.

If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please email our Interim Priest-in-Charge Rev. Jennifer Kezirian West at jwest@gracepvd.org or call the parish office at 401-331-3225.



The Christmas Pageant Is Coming!

At the service on Sunday, December 21, we will celebrate our Christmas Pageant! If your child is interested in participating, please add your name to the sign-up sheet during coffee hour or email sundayschool@gracepvd.org.

The final rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 20, from 1pm to 3pm after which, we'll adjourn to the Courtyard for cocoa and caroling!

Caroling in the Courtyard!

All are invited to join us at 3pm on Saturday, December 20 in the Pavilion Courtyard for caroling, hot chocolate, and general Christmas merriment! All ages (and singing abilities!) are welcome.

This is a great time to invite your friends and family to experience the spirit of Grace Church!



Shawl Ministry at Grace

Shawl Ministry already has decorated our Giving Tree with dozens of handmade hats, scarves and mittens for local children in need, and they continue their loving work to provide warm accessories for families who need them. (All of the items on our Giving Tree will be given to Children's Friend of Providence.)

Please join us each Wednesday in the Pavilion from 10am to 11am. New members are always welcome!

Worship with Us!

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 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: *Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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,
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