



# Grace Abounds!



## Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - January 9, 2026

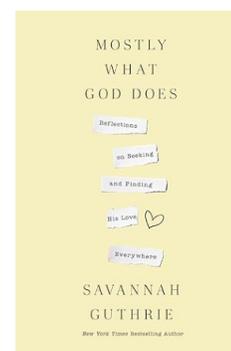
### Upcoming 20s/30s+ Events

Grace Church's 20s/30s+ Group for young adults is hosting two great events this month - and the first one is open to all ages!



There still is space for both events, so sign up soon. And remember that you don't have to be a member of the Grace Church congregation to attend!

- **Saturday, January 17 - Faith Night Skate Night with the Providence Bruins:** starts at 7:05pm. At the game, you'll see the group name on the Jumbotron, kids will receive a free P-Bruins hat, and you can enjoy an hour-long free skate on the rink after the game! (Bring your own skates.) The group will sit together at the game so [click here to purchase tickets for \\$22 each](#). If you'll join us, please email [20s30s@gracepvd.org](mailto:20s30s@gracepvd.org) and add your name to the list **by Thursday, January 11** so we can get more seats assigned if needed.
- **Thursday, January 29 - Book Group:** starts at 6:15pm; meets this week at [Riffraff Bookstore and Bar](#). The book we'll discuss is "[Mostly What God Does](#)" by Savannah Guthrie. "Mostly What God Does" is a heartfelt exploration of faith and spirituality, where Savannah Guthrie shares personal stories and reflections on God's love and presence in everyday life. (Please read Sections 1 & 2 before this meeting.) **RSVP by Thursday, January 15** to Michelle Mach at [20s30s@gracepvd.org](mailto:20s30s@gracepvd.org).



### Choral Compline - January 18

The beautiful service of Compline will be held on Sunday, October 12, 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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## Weekly "Commuter's Bible Study" - Fridays

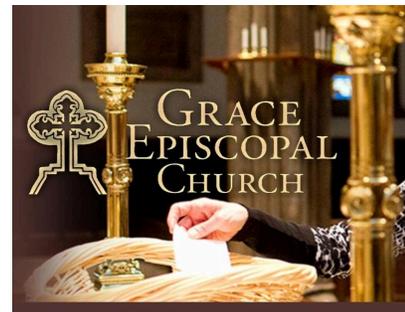
If you've been looking for a way to incorporate a Bible study into your schedule, join us at Grace Church on Fridays at 7am! Each week, we gather to look at the readings for the upcoming Sunday service and discuss how they apply to our lives.

No commitment needed; drop in as you can - bring your coffee and breakfast and join us for the conversation!

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## Stewardship 2026 - We're Almost There!

As of this writing, **127 parish families** have expressed their financial support for the mission and ministries of Grace Church for the coming year. With these new commitments, our total anticipated pledge income for 2026 is **\$382,709.92 - just a little over \$17,000 short of our goal of \$400,000. Thank you!**



If you haven't yet made your pledge - or if you have and you're willing - would you consider bumping up your support a bit over last year's commitment? If each family pledged just 10% more than last year, that would result in an additional **\$40,000!** - funds which could be used to offer more musical events and Youth-Group activities and trips, or to build a feeding ministry and outreach opportunities, or support more local nonprofit partners!

A small increase from each of us could have a HUGE impact on opportunities you can find here at Grace. Please keep that in mind as you consider the amount your family wants to pledge for 2026.

**Remember that there still is time to make your 2026 pledge to Grace!** We know you believe in the work of Grace Church. Will you support it and the many programs you enjoy here? Be sure to submit - **or increase** - your pledge today!

*To make your pledge to Grace for 2026, please complete a pledge card (found at the back of the church) and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the parish office (300 Westminister St, Providence, RI 02903). You also can email the Parish Office at [admin@gracepvd.org](mailto:admin@gracepvd.org) or call (401) 331-3225 and let us know the amount you'd like to pledge. Please indicate on your pledge card if you want offering envelopes so we know to set aside a box for you. Thanks!*

**Thank you to all who have made a pledge – and all who WILL make a pledge – to Grace for the coming year!**

**Thank You for Your  
Support of Pete & Andy's  
Food Pantry! -  
REMOVE TIL LENT?**



We'd like to thank you for your ongoing support of our friends at Pete & Andy's Food Pantry at St. Peter and St. Andrew Episcopal Church.

While your contributions throughout the year have been an ongoing gift to this small local food pantry, Grace Church's overwhelming response to the plight of our neighbors who experienced insecurity with their SNAP benefits recently was a powerful witness of your service in God's name.

Starting in the New Year, we'll continue to share updates regarding specific needs at Pete & Andy's. For now, simply, thank you.



## **Reminder About Parking at Grace**

As we look ahead to a busy season of church services, choir rehearsals, rental events, weddings and wedding receptions, it's a good time to remind all of us about the use of Grace's small parking lot.

- On Sundays, the gate is open and parking is available first-come, first-served - help yourself!
- On weekdays from 6am to 6pm, in addition to our staff parking spaces being unavailable, the ten double/tandem parking spots are rented out to local teachers for use throughout the day. If you come to church during business hours, please do not use those spots.
- On Friday afternoons/evenings, the parents of our choristers and youth group routinely park in our lot while waiting for their children. These families always have priority in the parking lot at those times.
- During private rental events (weddings, wedding receptions, and the like), the parking lot may not be available depending on the needs of the renter. If you have a key fob and will be downtown for an event, you are welcome to use the lot unless it's being used for an event. (In that case, there usually is a sign at the parking gate.)

At all times, we ask that you kindly do not use the spaces marked "staff only" since many of our staff live on the property and those spots are used when they're at home.

## **Shawl Ministry at Grace**

During the Christmas holidays, the Shawl Ministry Team donated eight prayer shawls to patients in the memory-care unit of Darlington Memory Lane in North Providence. Darlington's Activities Director sent this thank-you note:



*"Thank you so much for your generous donations for our residents at Darlington Memory Lane. You helped to make their Christmas merrier and brighter! May God bless you all!"*

Now that the holidays are past, the Shawl Ministry Team will brainstorm ideas for their next projects. Stay tuned to find out where they'll share their talents next! And remember that the Shawl Ministry is open to all - you are invited to join us each Wednesday in the Pavilion from 10am to 11am. New members are always welcome!

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## Worship with Us!

# First Sunday After the Epiphany

## January 11, 2025

### update video, bulletin

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 live-streamed service on YouTube.*

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

**Collect for This Sunday:** *Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. 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!*

**Find Sunday's Readings**

**Find Recent Services**

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



**The Pavilion**  
*at Grace*



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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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