



# Grace Abounds!



Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - February 13, 2026



## Grace Church Annual Meeting - This Sunday

The 197th Annual Meeting of the Parish will take place in The Pavilion immediately following the 10am service this Sunday, February 15 (during Coffee Hour). We'll gather to hear reports from parish leaders and to elect vestry members.

The Vestry Nominating Committee (comprised of Pat Trosclair, Joel Goloskie, Erika Hernandez, Margrete Jean-Louis, and Adrienne Southgate) will present the following slate for the Vestry:

- For a second, three-year term – **Laurie DiBattista, Pat Trosclair.**
- To complete the remaining two years of Clinton Crocker's first term – **Ed Morgan.**
- To complete the remaining two years of Nick Halar's second term – **Willa Bodman.**
- For a first, three-year term – **Lee Chafee, John-Albert Moseley.**
- For Diocesan Convention Delegate and Alternate – to be appointed by the Vestry. *(Remember that any member in good standing is eligible to be a Convention Delegate, so please consider taking on this interesting and important service - with a very limited time commitment!)*

Be sure to visit the table in the Pavilion to pick up your printed copy of the 2025 Annual Report, then stop by the refreshments table to grab some coffee and treats! This Sunday, refreshments will be provided by the church, so our bakers can take the week off.

## Photo Shoot - This Sunday

If your family still needs a picture for the Grace Church Parish Directory, this Sunday is the last day this season that member Doug Ditmars will be taking family photos during Coffee Hour. Please find him outside the parish office before or after the annual meeting. Many thanks to Doug for providing this convenient way to add more photos to our directory!



We'll aim to add all photos in time to produce a new, updated parish directory for members to pick up next Sunday, February 22.

And if you can't make it for any of those times, please email a photo of your family to the parish office at [admin@gracepyd.org](mailto:admin@gracepyd.org). All submissions are due **no later than Monday, February 16**.

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## Thank You for Your Support of Grace Church!

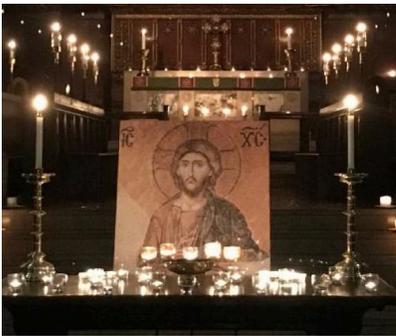
On behalf of our Rector, The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck, the Clergy, and our Vestry, we extend our gratitude to you for your pledge to Grace Church. Grace's approaching 200th anniversary in 2029 demonstrates the steadfastness born from generations upon generations of faithful stewardship. Thank you for doing your part.

Pledge income enables Grace to offer a thriving presence to the many who seek the peace of God. **Thriving** in the name of Jesus Christ is the key ingredient in the sauce that attracts many. Pledge income not only keeps us going, but also allows us to strengthen our foundation as a place of worship and welcome for future generations.

As many are left to wrestle with how to make a difference in a society fraught with challenges never anticipated, please know that your pledge makes a difference by offering a welcoming space of solace and spiritual nourishment.

We hope to see you at our Annual Meeting this Sunday as we celebrate the grace that is Grace.

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### Choral Compline - This Sunday

The beautiful service of Compline will be held this Sunday 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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### Third Thursday Concert - Next Thursday

You are invited to join us at noon next Thursday, February 19, for our next installment of the "Third Thursdays" concert series!

Our dear friend, Oboist Cheryl Bishkoff makes her annual return to this lunchtime concert series, playing classic works for oboe. Described as "a musician of incredible artistry" (Richmond News Leader), Bishkoff is universally recognized for her inspiring musicality, uniquely glorious sound and charismatic performing style. She is principal oboe of the Rhode Island Philharmonic and Adjunct Artist in Music in Brown University's Department of Music.

Our Director of Music Vince Edwards and Associate Director of Music Noah Klein will accompany Cheryl on the piano.

We hope you can join us for this free event!

*The Third Thursdays @ Twelve (Noon) Concert Series began in September 2015 and serves as a form of outreach to the greater metropolitan area of Providence by providing a free, high-quality, musical experience for the community and any visitors to the city. Over the past few years these concerts have featured a variety of musicians, not only from the local Providence and New England area, but also from around the country. **We strive to provide diverse programs of music, free of charge for the enjoyment of anyone who walks through our doors.***



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## Ash Wednesday Next Week - A Roster of Lenten Services

The Lenten season starts next week with Ash Wednesday, on February 18. Make plans now to join us for one of our Ash Wednesday services:

- A spoken Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at Grace's regular noontime service.
- A Choral Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at 7pm; Bishop Knisely will be here to preach and celebrate with us at this service.



Each week, beginning Friday, February 20, join us at noon for the short liturgy of The Way of the Cross (also called "Stations of the Cross"). During this lunchtime service, participants walk to 14 stations posted throughout the church commemorating Christ's journey to Mount Calvary and his death on the Cross.

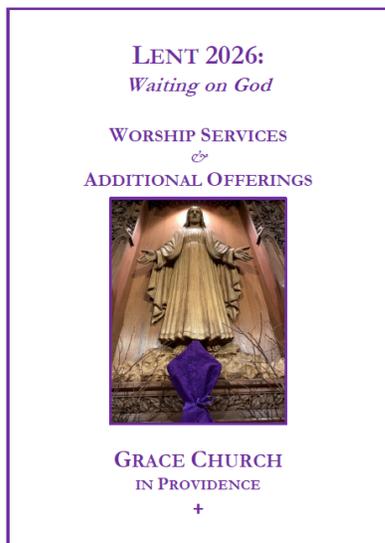
To learn about the unique paintings at each of these 14 stations - made by New York City artist Gwyneth Leech - [please click here](#).

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## Lenten Activities at Grace Church

Grace Church will host a number of activities for Lent 2026, including :

- **Waiting for God:** Waiting, an integral part of a healthy spiritual life, may seem impossible in a hyper-connected world! *Waiting for God* seeks to explore the process of waiting from a Biblical perspective. Facilitated by the Rev. Jennifer Kezirian West, all are welcome to join as you can. Mondays February 23, March 2, March 9, and March 16 at 5:00pm via Zoom (Meeting ID: 886 9953 0531 - Passcode: 1829).
- **"Giving It Up – Daily Bible Readings from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day":** This book, written by The Rev. Maggi Dawn, "shows how Lent can be a time for exploring a different kind of 'giving up,' one that can transform our lives."



Copies are available for purchase (\$12) from the parish office as you are able. *If you need financial assistance, please contact Mother Jennifer or the Parish Office.*

- **Household Goods Drive for Pete & Andy's:** Our neighbors at Pete & Andy's Food Pantry have advised that the other side of their ministry – a thrift shop for those served by the food pantry – could use some support. To that end, we are inviting you to donate to our **Household Goods Drive** throughout Lent! Scour your house, your closets, your hidden nooks and crannies and bring in gently used household goods. These can be blankets, bedding, towels, dishware, pots and pans, utensils, and the like. They also would welcome toilet paper and feminine-hygiene products – neither of which are

covered by SNAP benefits.

To see the full list of Lenten activities here at Grace, pick up a copy at church or [download it here](#).

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## Weekly Thursday Lenten Eucharist and Supper - Starts February 26

You are invited to join us on select Thursdays in Lent - from February 26 through March 26 - for a Lenten Eucharist and Supper. The Eucharist starts at 6pm and supper will follow in the Pavilion.

Our supper on March 12 will be provided by Grace's 20s/30s+ Group (many thanks to them!); of course, feel free to bring sweets and/or salads to share that evening.

On the other Thursdays, we'll need volunteers to help provide the meal. **Please look for the sign-up sheets in the Pavilion and add your name for one or more dates!**

This year, we've received another donation of delicious soups from Blount Fine Foods, which can be used on those evenings as well, so come in and try them.

We hope you can join us!



## Sharing Our Parking Lot This Saturday

Our new neighbor - Jephry Floral Studio at 326 Westminster St - will be using our parking lot during the day this Saturday, February 14 (Valentine's Day) for their customers picking up flowers. If you plan to park here for any reason, please be aware

that the gate will be up from 9am to 5pm and there will be more traffic than usual.

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## **Museum Concert of St. John's Passion - March 1**

Save the date and join us for an extraordinary performance of Bach's "St. John Passion" here at Grace Church on Sunday, March 1. Presented by Schola Cantorum and the Providence Baroque Orchestra, the performance will feature Andrew Bearden Brown (Evangelist) and Daniel Lee (Leader).

This event is sponsored by Museum Concerts, an organization that presents concerts performed by nationally and internationally acclaimed musicians on period instruments, with repertoire from the Medieval through the early Romantic eras. Established in 1966, Museum Concerts of Rhode Island is the premier continuously performing Early Music organization in the country.

### ***About This Performance:***

Bach's Passions were written for the Good Friday Services of the two principal churches in Leipzig early in Bach's tenure, and were revised and performed numerous times in Bach's life. This collaborative concert brings together two of the favorite ensembles of Museum Concerts, and features the rising young Tenor, Andrew Bearden Brown, who made his debut as Evangelist with these groups in 2020.

The concert starts at 3:30pm. Tickets and info are available at [www.museumconcerts.org](http://www.museumconcerts.org).



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## **Office Closed for Holiday**

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 16, for Presidents' Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, February 17.

If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please email our Interim Priest-in-Charge Rev. Jennifer Kezirian West ([jwest@gracePVD.org](mailto:jwest@gracePVD.org)) or call 401-331-3225 and

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## Help Wanted at Grace Church!

Grace Church is searching for a full-time Property Manager to oversee the mechanical and structural aspects of our building, and take care of some duties previously done by our church sexton. Do you know someone who may fit the bill?

[Click here](#) to find details about the position and compensation. Thanks for helping us spread the word!

*Note that Grace Church's policy is not to hire church members or their family members.*

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## Weekly "Commuter's Bible Study" - Fridays

Have you ever noticed something in the scripture readings on Sunday morning and wished you could talk to someone about your observation? You're in luck!

Our Friday-morning Bible study does exactly that. Join us each week at 7am and delve into the readings for the upcoming Sunday service.

No observation too weird, no question too silly. And no commitment needed; drop in as you can - bring your coffee and join us for the conversation!

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## Shawl Ministry at Grace

The Shawl Ministry Team invites all knitters and crocheters - those who are members of Grace Church and those who aren't - to join us each Wednesday in the Pavilion from 10am to 11am. Currently, we are making crafts for veterans. New members are always welcome!



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# Worship with Us!

## Last Sunday After the Epiphany

# February 15, 2026

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:** *O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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](#).

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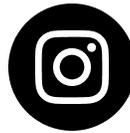
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*The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel through worship, proclamation and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.*

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