



Grace Abounds!



Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - May 15, 2026



Farewell to Fr. Jonathan This Sunday - Join Us!

This Sunday afternoon from 3pm to 5pm, we'll gather to celebrate the ministry of Fr. Jonathan Huyck who recently ended his tenure at Grace Church. Can you join us? With our community, we'll share our gratitude and appreciation for all Jonathan has done here at Grace over the past 15 years...and we'd love to have you here!

Things to know:

- For this afternoon, we'll have access to the parking lots we usually use for Sunday services: at 346 Westminster Street and 357 Westminster Street. Thanks to Down City Parking for helping make this possible!
- During the reception, you'll have an opportunity to record a video message to Jonathan which we'll edit into a longer piece he can enjoy at home, so start thinking about what you want to share in that video.
- If you've signed up to bring a treat to share, please remember that all items should be ready-to-serve "finger food" - simple items (like brownies, cookies, petit fours, small cupcakes) that can be served and eaten without utensils. That will make it easier for everyone to enjoy the day and minimize cleanup. (If items need to be cut, please do so before you drop them off.) When you arrive, please hand your items to Diane Stamp.
- **New Update:** When Jonathan packed up his office, he left several boxes of books and materials, with the request that they be made available for whoever wanted them. Those items will be on a table in the Pavilion for all takers!

Jonathan will take the microphone at 4pm to share his thoughts. Please stop by to wish him well and share in our parish-wide recognition of Jonathan's impact on our church!

Compline - This Sunday

The beautiful service of Compline will be held this Sunday, May 17, 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!



Third Thursday Concert Series - Next Week

You are invited to join us at 12pm next Thursday, May 21, for the final installment of our (free!) Third Thursdays concert series. This month's performance is entitled "Fanfares for the Founders" and features pianist D.J.

Cleavinger.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, D.J. Cleavinger grew up in an array of artistic activities: piano and voice study, leading roles in musical theatre productions, studio art classes - earning three gold key awards in the National Scholastic Competition, and various genres of choral singing through churches, schools, and the Cincinnati May Festival Youth Chorus. He completed his Bachelor of Music in 2021 at Miami University of Ohio, and his Master of Music from Boston University in 2025 under Prof. Pavel Nersessian.

Leading up to USA's 250th anniversary, pianist D.J. Cleavinger presents *Fanfare for the Founders*, an all-American recital of familiar and forgotten works by Amy Beach, Leonard Bernstein, Charles Ives, and more! The program also features Aaron Copland's unpublished Piano Sonata in G Major - a work full of joy, romance, and wit.

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.

The Pipes Are Calling!

This week, Director of Music Vince Edwards blogged more updates featuring photos from Casavant's workshop - see some of the 6,000+ new/refurbed pipes, the starting pieces of a new bench, and early stages of the new keyboards that soon will be in our church!



As Vince chronicles Grace's massive organ restoration project in his blog, [The Pipes Are Calling](#), we hope you will follow along to catch up on what has happened and find out what will be happening soon! Stay tuned for more updates in the coming weeks as Vince continues documenting - in words and pictures - every aspect of the project and its progress.

Thank you for sharing this journey with us, and subscribe to this blog to follow the action in real time. Visit [thepipesarecalling.blog](#) - and be sure to share the link with friends!

Results of the Cemetery Spruce-Up

On Saturday, May 2, roughly a dozen Grace parishioners spent a sunny morning in our Cemetery - raking leaves, picking up sticks, and learning about the deep history of our historic outdoor space. Moreover, our team enjoyed making new friendships with many people from the Trinity Square neighborhood, the MET School, and elsewhere.

As spring sets in and the wildflowers and native grasses bloom, the Cemetery becomes a sea of color, offering nine acres of open and wooded vistas in the heart of an otherwise urban neighborhood. Grace is blessed to be able to revitalize this space for our Trinity Square neighbors, and we've begun opening the Cemetery to the community on certain Saturdays during the clement weather.

Please don't hesitate to speak with our Senior Warden Joel Goloskie about ways to contribute to this oh-so-rewarding ministry.



No Nursery Care This Sunday

Please be aware that our nursery staff cannot be at church this Sunday so there will be no nursery care available. And remember that children of all ages always are welcome at the service!



Shawl Ministry at Grace

The Shawl Ministry team is hard at work making baby hats for newborns at Providence hospitals.

Interested in lending a hand? Join us each Wednesday at 10am when we gather in the Pavilion and use God's gifts in service to others. Or, if you can't join us at that time,

knit/crochet at home and drop off your creations to the parish office during the week (8am-4pm, M-F) or bring them with you on Sunday. Thank you for your help!

Coffee Hour Treats Needed on Sundays

Each week, we gather after our service to spend time with our Grace friends and family, and to welcome newcomers to our community. And one important aspect of that gathering is the food - and for that we need your help!



Each Sunday, we will provide coffee and tea, and we ask you to consider bringing your favorite treat or baked good (made or purchased) to share at coffee hour. Kindly drop off your contribution in the Pavilion before the service. And thank you!.

Staff Schedules

Several staff will be taking days off later this month:

- **Rev. Jennifer Kezirian West** will be out of town from Thursday, May 21, through Sunday, May 24. If you have a pastoral need during that time, please email her at jwest@gracepvd.org or call the parish office at 401-331-3225, press 6, and leave a message. She will contact you as soon as she can.
- **Events Manager Jennifer Mojak** will be out of town Saturday, May 23, through Monday, May 25. If you have an event-related question, please email her at jmojak@gracepvd.org or leave a message on her voicemail at 401-757-0344; she will respond to messages after she returns.
- **Director of Administration Michele Adamo** will be out of town Friday, May 22, through Tuesday, May 26. If you have a question for her, please email madamo@gracepvd.org or call the parish office at 401-331-3225 and leave a message; she will respond after she returns.

Worship with Us!

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

Readings: For the texts of the readings for Sunday worship, [please click here](#).

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