



Grace Abounds!



Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - May 29, 2026

Pride Volunteers Needed!

As summer approaches, so too does LGBTQ+ Pride Month!. We are excited for Grace Church to once again join our neighbors to celebrate RI PrideFest on **Saturday, June 20**. We are seeking volunteers to represent Grace at our booth, where you will have an opportunity to share information about our welcoming church community.



And this year, each volunteer will receive a **FREE** Grace-logo'd t-shirt in a rainbow color of your choice! (If not volunteering, you can purchase a shirt for \$20 from the parish office.)

Please see the printed sign-up sheet in The Pavilion to select a volunteer shift. And **email Sterl Carpenter** at sterlwilliamcarpenter@gmail.com for any questions, or to sign-up for a shift remotely.

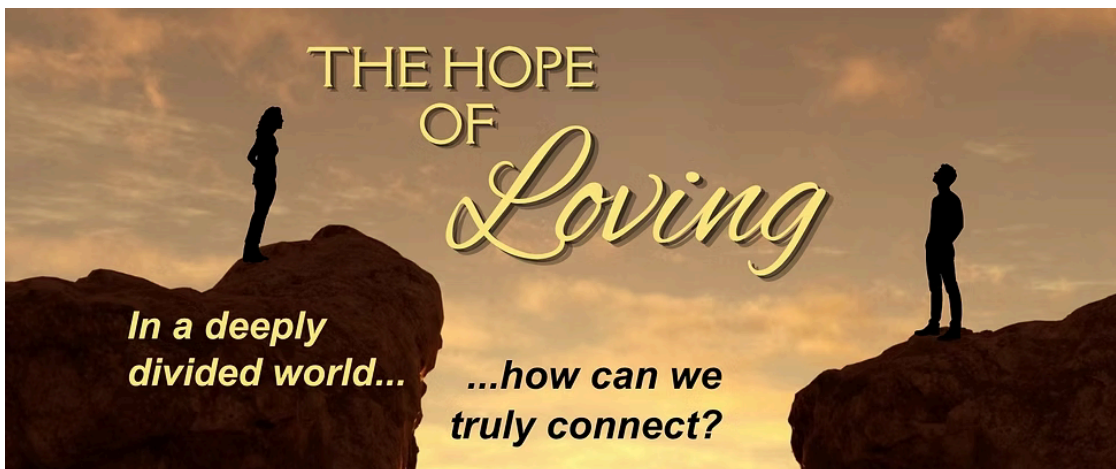
All are welcome to join us in saying “*The Episcopal Church Welcomes You*” at Pride!

Providence Singers at Grace - Sunday!

Join the Providence Singers at 3pm this Sunday for **The Hope of Loving**, a program of uplifting music that explores the many ways we seek peace, love, and true connections.

The 80-voice choir will be accompanied by string quartet, piano, and percussion. The music includes a stunning arrangement of "Amazing Grace" and the gospel-inspired "All of Us," the final movement of *Considering Matthew Shepard*.

Tickets are available through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). (Parishioners are invited to use the code **Grace** to receive a \$5 discount per ticket!) Tickets also are available at the door. For more information, visit [ProvidenceSingers.org](https://www.providencesingers.org) or email info@providencesingers.org.



Celebrating the Life of Ray Finelli

We will have a celebration of life on Sunday, June 7, for longtime Grace Church member Ray Finelli who died on March 7, 2025. The service will begin at 2:30pm in the church, with a reception to follow in the Pavilion; all are warmly welcome to attend.

[Click here](#) for more on Ray's life - he lived to be 103!

Clergy Transition Presentation - Coming June 21

On Sunday, June 21, Canon Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew - Canon to the Ordinary for the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island - will be with us! She will preach at that morning's service, then will join us at coffee hour to present an overview of the clergy transition process.



Canon Dena serves as Bishop Knisely's Chief of Staff and assists him with the management, oversight, and operations of the Diocese, and in the support of clergy and congregations.

She earned a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School, as well as a Master of Theology and a Doctor of Ministry from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Canon Dena served congregations in the Dioceses of Atlanta, Los Angeles, Michigan, Ohio, and Central New York prior to being called to Rhode Island in August 2019.

She is married to the Rev. Dr. David Cleaver-Bartholomew, and they have two adult daughters: Audrey is a lawyer in Boston, and Lydia works for an independent school in the Atlanta, Georgia area.

As part of the presentation on June 21, Canon Dena will discuss what happens next and what we can expect in the months to come. There also will an opportunity to ask questions, so **save the date, and join us for this important discussion!**



The Pipes Are Calling!

In [this week's blog post](#), Director of Music Vince Edwards shares a pic from Casavant showing one of our longer pipes that's being refurbished in their workshop. He also includes photos taken when this pipe and its oversized siblings were removed from one of the wooden organ cases in the Chancel - impressive!

As of today, we're almost exactly three months from the date when these - and many more! - pipes are due back from Canada. Exciting!



We're experiencing a few significant transitions here at Grace right now, and the return of our refurbished organ is a huge step forward in one of those - marking a new era in our impactful and robust music program.

Vince will continue to chronicle Grace's massive organ restoration project in his blog, [The Pipes Are Calling](#). We invite you to follow along for more updates 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!

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!

Worship with Us!

Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

Most Sunday mornings, Grace Church live-streams our 10am service of Holy Eucharist on YouTube. 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.

Live-streamed 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](#).)

Note: The link for this Sunday's livestream wasn't available at the time of publication. Please look for that link in the email you receive Sunday morning with details for our worship service.

[Click Here to See the Bulletin for This Sunday's Service](#)

Collect for This Sunday: *Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, 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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