



Grace *Abounds!*



Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - May 8, 2026



Celebrating Jonathan Huyck - Updates!

We look forward to your joining us for a celebration of the ministry of Fr. Jonathan Huyck who recently ended his tenure at Grace Church. During this time, we'll share our gratitude and appreciation for all Jonathan has done here at Grace over the past 15 years.

Also at the reception, there will be an opportunity to record a video message to him which we'll edit into a longer piece he can enjoy at home, so start thinking about what "Jonathan story" you want to share in that video.

To help us celebrate, can you bring a treat to share at the reception? Please note that all items should be ready-to-serve "finger food" - simple items that can be served and eaten without utensils to make it easy for everyone to enjoy the day and minimize cleanup. Good options are brownies, cookies, petit fours, small cupcakes, and the like. If items need to be cut, please do so before you drop them off. (Kindly do not bring pies, frosted cakes, or desserts that have to be scooped.) You can drop off your items with Diane Stamp when you arrive.

We will gather in The Pavilion on Sunday, May 17, from 3pm to 5pm for our celebration; Jonathan himself 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.

Note that, for this afternoon, you will have access to the parking lots we use for Sunday services: at 346 Westminster Street and 357 Westminster Street. Thanks to Down City Parking for helping make this possible!

Third Thursday Concert Series - Last One til Fall!

You are invited to join us at 12pm on 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!

Director of Music Vince Edwards continues to chronicle Grace's massive organ restoration project in his blog, [The Pipes Are Calling](#). If you haven't yet visited it, be sure to stop by and catch up on what has happened and what will be happening soon!

The current (rough) timeline is that immediately after Grace Church Day on Sunday, June 28, the scaffolding installation will begin in the church. It'll be erected in the Chancel area first, then will progress toward the back gallery. Once the Chancel portion of the scaffolding is complete, a team of painters will begin the weeks-long work of painting the walls of the Chancel before the organ is returned and installed later in the summer.

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!

What Happens at Vestry Meetings?

Have you ever wondered about the topics discussed and decisions made at Vestry meetings? You can find out!



Each month, we send approved meeting minutes to any parishioner who wants them, and during this time of transition they may be of particular interest.

If you'd like to have your name added to the distribution list, please contact the parish office (admin@gracepvd.org).

Reminder About Parking on Sundays - Updated!

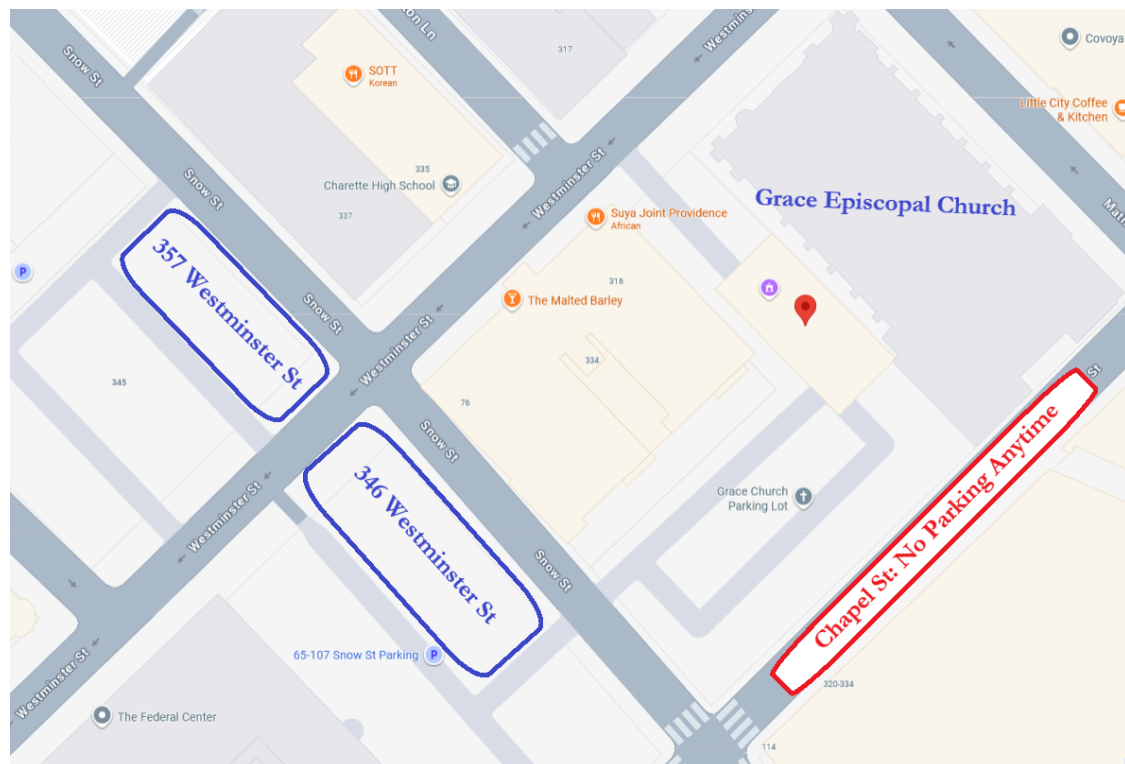
Please remember that, on Sundays, our Grace Church lot is available on a first come-first served basis. We also rent **TWO** parking lots for Sunday mornings: the Down City lots at 346 Westminster St (attached to the federal building across Snow St from our lot) and at 357 Westminster Street at the corner of Snow and Westminster Sts. Both lots are marked on the updated map below.

Parishioners and visitors are free to use those lots until 12pm on Sundays.

And of course, metered parking in Providence is free on Sundays!

We ask that you **not** park on Chapel Street on Sundays. There is no parking allowed on that street at any time, and doing so creates an extreme hardship for our neighbors and the businesses around us. (Police do sometimes ticket cars parked there illegally.)

Thank you for your assistance!





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!

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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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The Pavilion
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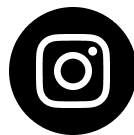


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The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel through worship, proclamation and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and

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