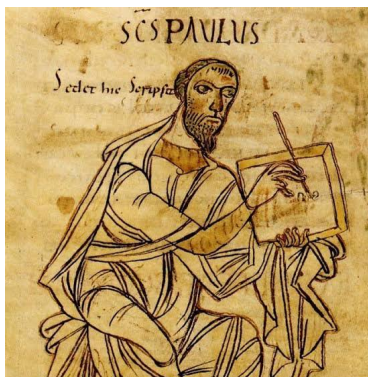




Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - July 17, 2026



God Is Still Speaking!

At the end of a scripture reading on Sunday, the lector says, "Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people." God speaks to a community of faith as we listen to bible readings collectively and wrestle through the preacher for their meaning. We are meant to wonder how God is directing Grace through this time of transition.

It is my mission to nudge Episcopal churches to take Bible reading more seriously, and one way to do that is to read the passages before Sunday morning so you can listen to them carefully without reading them. Please try this week. [Here is the passage](#) from Paul's letter to the Romans on which I'll be preaching. What does this mean for Grace: "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God"? Get those words into your bones before Sunday, and I'll see you there.

Timothy Safford

Ballet Performance in The Pavilion - This Weekend!

There still is time to purchase your tickets for the upcoming inaugural performance of Renaissance Ballet Collective (RBC) here in the Pavilion!

Grace Church member Nina Yoshida-Webster is a company dancer with Ballet RI who founded this nonprofit organization to preserve classical story ballets for future generations.

We're excited that RBC's first performance will take place in The Pavilion at Grace today and tomorrow, July 17 and 18. Ticket prices are pay-as-you-wish (minimum \$20). Use the QR code below or [click here](#) for more details.



RENAISSANCE
— BALLET COLLECTIVE —

Presents:

Naissance

The Pavilion at Grace
300 Westminster St
Providence, RI 02903

Naissance is RBC's inaugural performance featuring excerpts from **Cavalry Halt** and **Harlequinade**, choreographed by Marius Petipa, as well as selections from **Walpurgisnacht**, from Charles Gounod's opera, **Faust**.

 Friday, July 17 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 18 at 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are pay-what-you-can with a minimum contribution of \$20.

<https://www.renaissanceballetcollective.org/>  @renaissanceballetcollective

On the Road with Noah!

[Last week's blog post in "The Pipes Are Calling"](#) recounts Associate Director of Music Noah Klein's recent visit to Casavant Freres in Quebec. Noah and his companions enjoyed a personal tour of the Casavant facility and an up-close peek at some of the components that soon will be part of our instrument here in Providence.



Be sure to take a look at the many pictures in this post, and stay tuned for more updates as Director of Music Vince Edwards carefully documents this once-in-a-lifetime experience restoring Grace's organ!

[Read previous articles here,](#) and watch for news in the days and weeks to come!

Getting Ready for a New Parish Directory...

We will issue an updated Grace Church directory in September. So that we have the most accurate information in it, please make sure we have your current contact info (address, home and cell phones, and email address).

*Updated
Parish
Directory!*



And we'd love to have a current photo of your family as well! Please send your favorite family pic as a .jpg or .png to the parish office at admin@gracepvd.org. If you don't have a current one, we'll have photo sessions during coffee hour this Sunday and next Sunday, July 19 and 26 (and maybe next month as well) so bring your family and we'll take care of the rest!

Check Out Our Nursery!

If you have a child aged 4 and under and need nursery care during the church service, Grace has that option! Our Nursery staff includes two skilled and certified caregivers who provide a safe, secure, clean environment for your young one to stay during the service. Dropoff is available starting at 8:30am on Sundays; pickup must be by 12:30pm. Please ask an usher for directions.

The word 'Nursery' is written in large, colorful, 3D block letters. Each letter has a different color: 'N' is red, 'u' is orange, 'r' is yellow, 's' is green, 'e' is blue, 'r' is dark blue, and 'y' is purple. The letters have a slight shadow underneath them.

Shawl Ministry at Grace

Our Shawl Ministry team now is creating custom cold-weather gear for the Seaman's Institute; would you like to lend your talents to the cause? You're welcome to join the fun! Shawl Ministry meets each Wednesday at 10:00 am in the Pavilion. All are invited!



Questions? Please contact Jane Ditmars at shawls@gracepvd.org.

Worship with Us!

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

July 19, 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](#).)



Please click the image above to join our live-streamed service on Sunday.

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

Collect for This Sunday: *Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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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**Planning a Special Event?
Rent 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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