

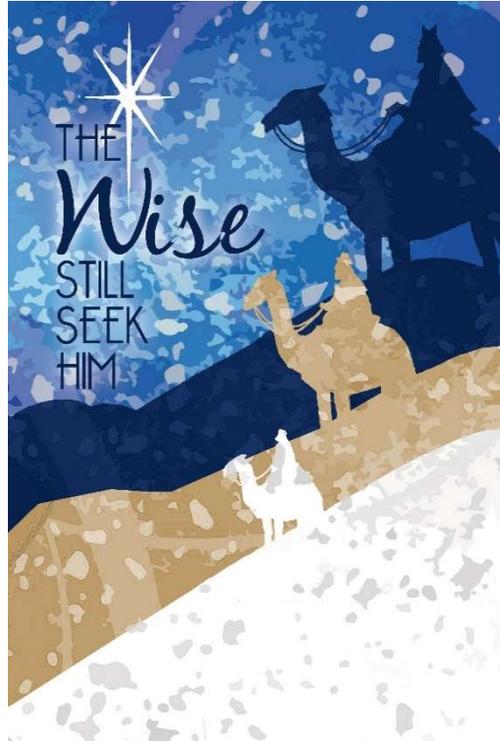


# Grace Notes

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*We saw his star  
in the east and  
have come to  
worship him.”*  
*Mt 2:2*

Epiphany Sunday  
January 9<sup>th</sup>

Worship with Grace  
8 & 10 am



Submit your articles or schedules by the Sunday on or before the 20th of the month prior to issue month.

**JANUARY 30**

Grace Church Annual Meeting  
At 11 AM

***Looking Back, Planning Ahead***

# WARRANT

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Know all persons by these present  
that the Annual Meeting of  
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
NORWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS  
will be held on

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

The purpose of the meeting shall be to receive the Reports of the Officers and Organizations of the Parish; to elect Officers and Delegates for the terms specified for their offices as stated in the By-Laws of the Parish; and to conduct such other business as may lawfully come before this meeting. All baptized persons, sixteen (16) years of age or older, who acknowledge in writing the authority of the By-Laws of the Parish and who declares his or her intention to aid in maintaining public worship therein by regular attendance at such worship and who are contributors of record, are entitled to voice and vote.

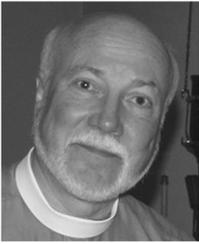
Katherine Wharton  
Senior Warden

David Button  
Junior Warden

### **Time for Reports for Annual Meeting DEADLINE – January 9**

All church officers, vestrypersons, committee chairs, and coordinators are kindly asked to submit a report to the church office no later than **Sunday, January 9**. Reports are vital to the historical records of our church. Please kindly turn in any reports to the church office via email. Any questions, call the church office. Those who have already submitted thank you.

The Grace Church Annual Meeting will occur on January 30 following the ONE 9:30 a.m. service.



**FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK**

Office hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 to noon.

Rector by appointment

In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter  
Long ago.

*Christina Rossetti, 1872, 1<sup>st</sup> stanza  
The Hymnal 1982; Hymn 112*

Christina Rossetti seems to have described our winter of 2022 a hundred and fifty years before it happened: Christmas and Epiphany are over, the lights and ornaments are stowed away. It's going to be a long, hard winter in the shadow of COVID Omicron variant.

However, God can do something about this—for as the Angel Gabriel declared to Mary in Nazareth: “For nothing will be impossible with God.” So let's respond to God's call to gather together **again** this cold winter and share the warm story of Jesus. Let's watch the newest rendition of the story of Jesus told in a unique way called *The Chosen*.

*A charismatic fisherman drowning in debt. A troubled woman wrestling with real demons. A gifted publican ostracized by his family and his people. A religious leader struggling with his beliefs. In this ground-breaking first season of *The Chosen* see how Jesus reaches each of these and more as He works His first miracles and embarks on His ministry to change the world. See Him through the eyes of those who met Him. *The Chosen* is the #1 crowd-funded media project in entertainment history and the first multi-season show about the life of Jesus Christ and His disciples. Created and distributed outside of the Hollywood system, *The Chosen* is rated a 9.9 on IMDB — that's a higher score than scores of mega hit shows.... It shares a similar 99% Audience Approval score on Rotten Tomatoes. Critics are touting the series as smart, original, and moving. (*The Chosen* is the first media project in history to ever be released globally on its own app, which has been downloaded and streamed in over 150 countries worldwide.) (From the Amazon.com review)*

*On Amazon Prime, Season 1 has reviews from over 4200 viewers giving it an average of FIVE star ratings.*

So come again and join your friends in Grace Church, as well as parishioners at my wife Sarah's parish Trinity Episcopal Church Rockland, my EFM students from Quincy to Little Rock Arkansas, and any friends\* you would like to invite to watch all eight episodes of Season 2 of *The Chosen* on Wednesday nights at 7 PM on Zoom beginning February 9.

You can preview Season 2 now on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/ZIDItb-FN94>

Last year, we enjoyed the series and had some excellent discussions. You don't need to have watched Season 1 to get immersed in Season 2, but if you would like to “catch up,” there are two sets of Season 1 DVDs in the parish library to be borrowed.

We will begin on February 9<sup>th</sup> since the eight weekly episodes will take us right up to Holy Week in April and prepare us to journey through Holy Week on April 6<sup>th</sup> (we will take one week off on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for Ash Wednesday services).

*(Continue on page 4)*



## *In Prayer*

God, you are always doing “a new thing” (Isaiah 43:19) in the world and in my life. On the cusp of this new year, open my heart to your good plans.



*Please pray for...*

- Those grieving and recovering to rebuild their lives following the numerous tornadoes that ripped through the south and Midwest last month;
- Those suffering from COVID infection as well as those whose lives and livelihoods have been badly hurt by the virus and our attempts to contain it;
- Our Vestry and Wardens as they prepare for Annual Meeting;
- Our confirmands as they continue studies;
- Those on our parish prayer list: A.J., Jose, Olivia, Juliana, Tim, Carolyn Escher, Arlene Gemba, Shane Gibson, Tara Guschov, Barbara Hagberg, Betsy Hornbuckle, James Jarrell, Madeleine King, Matt Mackinnon, Roberta McCormack, Madeleine Merifield, Carol Misner, Kevin Most, Ellen Paulsen, Melanie Paulson, Allen Peeler, Ralph Regner, Carol Ringler, Manny Sanchez, Geoffrey & Valerie Stone, Pat Sullivan, Joseph Warren, John Whitcomb, Pauline Wilhite and Ann; Trish & John Wood, and for those being prayed for on the Grace Church Prayer Line.

*(Rector’s Desk continues from page 3)*

Our current plan is to open the evening with a short prayer or gathering song or hymn that someone can volunteer to offer. We will then watch the movie on Zoom (the episodes range from 50 to 30 minutes), and then have a short time to discuss what we found to **A** (Amaze us), **B** (Bother us), **C** (Confuse us) or **D** (Delight us). We will end the evening with a short prayer or gathering song or hymn that someone can again volunteer to offer. Each evening should end around 8:30. The address for our Wednesday evening meetings is given below.\*\*\*

What can I give Him,  
 Poor as I am?  
 If I were a Shepherd  
 I would bring a lamb;  
 If I were a Wise Man  
 I would do my part,  
 Yet what I can I give Him,  
 Give my heart.

Christina Rossetti, 1872, 4<sup>th</sup> stanza Hymn 112

This Winter and Lent perhaps the way you can best offer Him your heart is to join with others again safely in this COVID time to learn more about Jesus and those he choose to follow him. And then to wonder and discuss with friends and friends-to-be this “bleak mid-winter” of 2022.

Won’t you join us?

\*\*\* The Zoom address to tune in each Wednesday is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84616833344?pwd=VDg5b0cveW5DNNGJXem1LYno0UWlQUt09>

*Father John*

## Offering Envelopes

2022 offering envelopes are available to be picked up. They can be found on the media table by the offices. If you can swing by in the morning (Mon-Thurs 9-12) during regular office hours you would be helping the church save \$ on postage. It would also be appreciated if someone could hand deliver a box or two. All active parish members are assigned a number. If you haven't used envelopes before, it helps save time when volunteers are counting.

## Sue Cannon Memorial Scholarship Raffle

**Tickets Available after services beginning January 9; Drawing: January 30**

Every Year we celebrate the life of our friend Sue Cannon who was an active member of Grace Church and our Senior Warden. To honor her memory, we have started a Scholarship Fund for a graduating High School Senior from our Parish. Tickets now on sale during coffee hour for the 50/50 raffle. Happy Holidays and New Year to all!! *Deb Morton*

## Young at Heart Lunch, January 19



A lively discussion and fellowship for the over 60-set, this luncheon get together meets once a month at noon. To streamline planning, please let Fr. John know you are coming by Sunday prior. Everyone is kindly asked to bring a lunch. Dessert will be supplied by host of the month and a homemade soup will be offered by your favorite secretary.

## Cookie Walk

Thank you to all the wonderful bakers who provided delicious confections for the annual Cookie Walk last month. Your cookies (and cakes) were beautiful as well as delicious and were enjoyed by all who purchased them. The fundraiser tallied \$575 thanks to all who purchased the delicious treats to support Grace Church.

### Prayer During COVID-19



*Father, we seek Your wisdom daily. Be with people making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, countries, and the wider world. We pray that they communicate clearly, truthfully, and calmly — with each other and with the public — and that their messages are received and heeded. May truth and empathy be the touchstones of people setting policies for our protection.*

## Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle burns continuously 24 hours a day, 365 days a year representing the presence of the Lord. All are welcome to make an offering in memory of a loved one. Please call Patty in the church office. She can let you know what dates are available and take the information for your memorial. Donation checks can be made payable to St. Faith's Altar Guild. Suggested donation \$6.00.



## Healing Ministry at Grace Church Norwood in the Time of COVID-19

During this period of safe distancing due to the Corona Virus, Healing Prayers are being offered by phone. You can call any of our Healing Ministers any time: Cathy Noble (781-344-1237), Deb Morton (781-769-4044), Sue Breen (508-404-9887), or Carol Maloof (617-584-2219).

### Grace Notes Deadline, January 16

All parish members are invited to share with their parish family. Vestry members are encouraged to share. Please be sure to have your submittals to the church on time.



#### JANUARY READINGS

- 2 Christmas 2  
Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a  
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23  
Psalm 84
- 9 Epiphany Sunday  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12  
Psalm 72:1-7,10-14
- 16 Epiphany 2  
Isaiah 43:1-7  
Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
Psalm 29
- 23 Epiphany 3  
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21  
Psalm 19
- 30 Epiphany 4  
Jeremiah 1:4-10  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Luke 4:21-30  
Psalm 71:1-6

#### JANUARY



#### Happy Anniversary

Ken & Maureen Drew (1/19)

#### Happy Birthday

Mike Regner  
Linda Peeler  
Stephen Falcone  
Luke DeMarco  
Kirk Mathews  
Andrew Maloof  
Peter Loescher  
Daniel Falcone  
Dorothy Sabourin  
Pierce Baguma  
Nicholas Grant  
Isabelle Grant  
Michael Falcone

# JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 CHRISTMAS 1 No 8am service 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	27 7:00 AM AA Meeting	28 7:00 AM AA Meeting	29 7:00 AM AA Meeting	30 7:00 AM AA Meeting	31 7:00 AM AA Meeting	1 New Year's Day 9:00 AM Food Pantry
2 CHRISTMAS 2 Pantry Sunday No 8am service 10:00 AM Lessons & Carols Service w/Holy Eucharist	3 7:00 AM AA Meeting	4 7:00 AM AA Meeting	5 7:00 AM AA Meeting	6 Epiphany 7:00 AM AA Meeting	7 7:00 AM AA Meeting	8 9:00 AM Food Pantry
9 EPIPHANY SUNDAY Get your 50/50 Raffle Tickets! 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	10 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	11 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	12 7:00 AM AA Meeting	13 7:00 AM AA Meeting	14 7:00 AM AA Meeting	15 9:00 AM Food Pantry
16 EPIPHANY 2 Get your 50/50 Raffle Tickets! Grace Notes Deadline 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	17 Martin L. King, Jr. Day 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	18 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	19 7:00 AM AA Meeting 12:00 PM Young @ Heart Lunch	20 7:00 AM AA Meeting	21 7:00 AM AA Meeting	22 9:00 AM Food Pantry
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30 One service today: Note Time EPIPHANY 4 Get your 50/50 Raffle Tickets! Sue Cannon Raffle Drawing Today 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM ANNUAL MEETING	31 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	1 7:00 AM AA Meeting 7:00 PM EFM Class	2 7:00 AM AA Meeting	3 7:00 AM AA Meeting	4 7:00 AM AA Meeting	5 Vestry Retreat 9:00 AM Food Pantry

**STAFF**

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Paula King, Music Director  
Patricia Begin, Parish Secretary  
Roy McHoul, Sexton

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