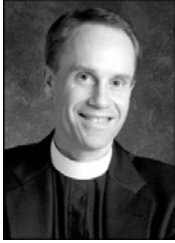


The Weekly Epistle
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 2011
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK



Dear Friends,

I am struggling to find the right adjective to describe this coming Sunday. Unique? Strange? Confusing? Conflicted? None seems to fit. On the one hand we bid a reluctant farewell to summer and embrace the quickening pace of life and all the promises and possibilities that the fall brings. On the other hand, this year the opening Sunday of the fall season directly coincides with the ten-year anniversary of America's most painful day. We will do our best both to celebrate and commemorate.

Regarding the commemoration of 9-11, at the Sunday Forum, Grace Church parishioner Dr. Krystyna Sanderson, who was the official photographer at St. Paul's Chapel in the weeks following the terrorist attacks, will lead the Sunday Forum with a presentation entitled "Light at Ground Zero." The Sunday Forum takes place at 10 am in Tuttle Hall (note the change of location). Then later in the day at 4 pm the combined choirs will sing the requiem mass by Gabriel Fauré in remembrance of those whose lives were taken from them.

Regarding the celebration: a festive fellowship hour awaits in Tuttle Hall following the 11 am service, Sunday School begins, the choirs return to the 11 am service, and the hymns will be stirring.

I am still struggling for the right word. Perhaps no one word will fit. At the end of the day, however, I hope we can call it redemptive, just right, even fun. See you in church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Rector

Schedule of Services

9:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Parish Choir

Nursery care for children ages 0-3

Sunday School for children ages 3-8 at 9:00 am

11:00 am

Morning Prayer, Rite I and Sermon

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Choir of Men and Boys and The Girls' Choir

Nursery care for children ages 0-3

Sunday School for children ages 3-8 during the sermon

4:00 p.m.

Choral Evensong
REQUIEM by Gabriel Fauré
Sung by the combined choirs of Grace Church

6:00 pm
Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chantry
Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

Announcements

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES for children ages 3-8 at both the 9 and 11 am services. **NURSERY CARE RESUMES** for children ages 0-3 during both the 9 and 11 am services. For more information, contact Maura Hooper at (212) 254-2000 x113 or mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org.

SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM Krystyna Sanderson will present a slideshow based on her book *Light at Ground Zero: St. Paul's Chapel after 9/11*. For nine months after September 11, 2001 St. Paul's was a 24/7 relief center, serving as a dormitory, cafeteria, doctor's office and clothing distribution depot, all the while continuing its primary function as a place of worship. During that time over 5,000 people, including Grace Church parishioners, volunteered at St. Paul's, serving police and firefighters, national guard, chaplains, paramedics, construction workers and others laboring at Ground Zero. St. Paul's Chapel became a center of radical hospitality and hope in the midst of devastation.

Krystyna Sanderson is a psychoanalyst at the Blanton-Peale Counseling Center, and a faculty member at the Blanton-Peale Graduate Institute. She holds a Doctorate in Psychology, and is a contributing author of the Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion. Krystyna holds a Master's degree in Fine Art and was the official photographer at St. Paul's Chapel in the months following 9/11. Krystyna has been worshipping at Grace since 1983. She was confirmed here, married here to her husband Colin, and has been active over the years in a great variety of parish ministries.

THE 117TH SEASON OF THE CHOIRS OF GRACE CHURCH BEGINS TODAY AT 11 AM The combined Choir of Men and Boys with the Girls' Choir will sing.

EVENSONG 4 PM Fauré's beautiful REQUIEM will be the principal musical offering at an Evensong in remembrance of those who were lost due to acts of terrorism in New York and Washington D.C. The Combined Grace Church choirs will sing. Held in the Church.

THE 9/11 RIBBONS OF HOPE PROJECT is an interactive, community-created art project designed to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the September 11th attacks by inviting people of all backgrounds, religions, ages and races to tie a ribbon inscribed with a message of hope and healing for New York City. Join the Grace Church community's participation in the Ribbons of Hope Project! Ribbon kits are available at all services through Sunday evening 9/11. We'll put them on the frames at the Battery on Monday morning, September 12. Details are available on the board outside the reception room door. You may also visit the website to learn more: <http://prepareny.ning.com/ribbons>. Contact the Rev. Ted Pardoe at tpardoe@gracechurchnyc.org or 212-254-2000 x121 with questions.

CENTERING PRAYER 5 PM Christian meditation takes place each Sunday in the 3rd Floor Conference Room.

THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

MONDAY-FRIDAY

The church is open 12 noon - 5 pm enter, rest, pray.

TUESDAY

THE DAILY OFFICE OF MORNING PRAYER is celebrated each Tuesday from 7:15 - 8 am in the 3rd floor conference room. Newcomers are always welcome.

BACH AT NOON RESUMES its full schedule on Tuesday, September 13th at 12:20 p.m. Featuring the

keyboard works of Johann Sebastian Bach, these informal meditations take place each Tuesday through Friday from 12:20 to 12:50 pm in the chantry. Music is offered on the 2007 Taylor and Boody Chamber Organ and features Bach's works without pedals. (Depending on schedules, the program may occasionally move into the main church.)

WEDNESDAY

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY resumes Wednesday, September 14th from 10:15am-11:30am in the Reception Room. Please come early (10 am) and share a cup of coffee and conversation. No prior experience as a Bible student is necessary. Welcome to another rich year of study!

BACH AT NOON - 12:20-12:50 pm in the Chantry

HOLY EUCHARIST at 6 pm - Celebrate in the Chantry with hymns and homily.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY at 7 pm - Coming soon.

THURSDAY

BACH AT NOON - 12:20-12:50 pm in the Chantry

FRIDAY

BACH AT NOON - 12:20-12:50 pm in the Chantry

SATURDAY

WEEKEND ORGAN MEDITATIONS These informal meditations feature diverse programs of music celebrating the great repertoire of the organ. Saturdays (and Sundays), from 4-4:45 pm in the church (subject to special programs or services).

COMING SOON

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 18

Join us at the 11 am service, and during coffee hour, as we recognize and celebrate the many good souls who give generously of their time and talents to help make possible all that we do at Grace Church.

FALL GARDEN PARTY - SEPTEMBER 22

Please join us in the Rector's garden on Thursday, September 22nd. Adult parishioners are invited to enjoy fellowship, drinks, and light hors d'oeuvres from 6-8 pm. Admission is free but you must RSVP to gracechurchsvp@gmail.com to be added to the guest list.

FAMILY COMMUNION CLASS - SEPTEMBER 25

At 10:15 am in the Chantry, The Rev. Linda Bartholomew will lead another session of our Family Communion Class. Children will be given the chance to ask their own questions about the sacrament of Communion and learn more about the liturgy. Parents are encouraged to attend. The class is free and newcomers are welcome! Contact Maura Hooper for more information at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org.

NEW 9-12 YEAR OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - STARTS SEPTEMBER 25

Class will take place during the 11am service in the McKittrick Room, located across from the current Sunday School classrooms. The curriculum will employ age-appropriate discussion and activities that foster a deeper understanding of one's personal relationship with God. For more information, please contact Maura Hooper at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org. *(Please note the change of date. Class begins on Sept. 25th, not Sept. 18th.)*

OPEN DOOR VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION/OPEN HOUSE - SEPTEMBER 27

The Open Door Ministry coordinates volunteers who greet visitors, answer questions, and offer walking tours of Grace Church. Volunteers are asked to help just 2 hours per month. Come learn more about our fun and wonderful volunteer opportunities, as we celebrate 1 year since relaunch. Hosted by the Rev. Linda Bartholomew on Tuesday, September 27 at 7pm. RSVP by Friday, September 23rd to Singleton Cox (singleton.cox@gmail.com), or contact her for additional details.

OUTREACH MONDAY - OCTOBER 3

Join us in Tuttle Hall from 6:30-8:00 pm as we share a delicious pot-luck dinner and news of new and exciting outreach opportunities. There will be a special report on our new mission outreach to McDowell County, West Virginia.

HARVEST HOEDOWN - OCTOBER 15

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 15th, 5-8 pm for Grace Church's Harvest Hoedown! All are welcome to join us for dinner, drinks, and square dancing with a professional caller. Tickets are \$20 for adults, free for children 12 and under, and can be purchased starting September 18th at coffee hour or by contacting Maura Hooper at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY - THIS FALL

Get acquainted with a couple of minor prophets - Hosea & Amos - in Small Group Bible study, Wednesday nights at 7 pm this fall. Watch here for the starting date.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) AT GRACE CHURCH - THIS FALL

This fall we wish to launch a parish chapter of the ECW of New York here at Grace Church. The ECW Mission Statement says "the purpose of the Association is to unite women of the Episcopal Diocese of New York in a program of worship, study, service, gifts and fellowship which will deepen and strengthen their own spiritual lives and lead them into service as the Church in the parish, the community, the diocese, the nation and the world". If you are interested in growing into the life of the church through women's fellowship and ministries, please contact Elana Foundos at elanafundos@gmail.com for information.

DID YOU MISS A SERMON?

Click below to read or listen to a sermon

<http://gracechurchnyc.org/online-sermons/>

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