

The Weekly Epistle  
Grace Church School Sunday  
The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King  
November 20, 2011  
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK



Dear Friends,

Not long ago I was having a conversation with a bright, young member of Grace Church who is active in a number of parish programs. He's been around for a few years, and is definitely not a newcomer. I don't remember how the subject of Grace Church School came up, but it did. As we talked I found it fascinating that the young man was only vaguely aware that "there's a school over there." At the same time, I know that various members of the school community share a similar level of awareness that yes, indeed, "there's a church over there."

On the one hand, the fact that certain segments of the church and school communities are only vaguely aware of each other's presence is a perfectly natural thing. The two communities are here at different times during the week. The church and the school have different missions. The church's mission is to connect you with God. The school's mission is to educate its students. To be sure, the two missions overlap, but they are not a complete overlay. So it's entirely possible to be part of one community and have little awareness of the other. On the other hand, we share not only a rich history, but certain staff members, and various critical pieces of the physical plant. So we do well to be aware of each other and work together for each other's good.

All of this comes to bear every year on a day we call Grace Church School Sunday. Please read below to learn how the morning will unfold. George Davison, the Head of GCS, and Hugo Mahibir, Head of the soon-to-open High School project will talk about the new venture at the Sunday Forum at 10 am. Dr. Sam Wheeler, longtime Head of the Religion and Ethics Department at GCS, and beloved of countless students over the years, will be the preacher. At the Offertory, the combined choirs and chorister alumni will join in William Parry's magnificent anthem, I Was Glad (yes, that was the processional at the royal wedding in Westminster Abbey last April). Following the service a festive reception awaits in Tuttle Hall.

See you Sunday.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Rector



## Schedule of Services

9:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Wood

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: Dr. Samuel B. Wheeler

Music: Alumni of the Choirs with 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*

6:00 pm

Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Wood

Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

## Announcements

### 2012 ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

#### NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

And let us also thank everyone so far who has made a financial pledge to the work of the Lord through Grace Church for the year 2012. In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, and to empower the ministries of the church for our own and future generations, please make your commitment to a financial gift for the coming year. *If you did not receive your annual pledge package in the mail, or if you have any questions about pledging, please contact Brian Hagan, Director of Development, at [bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org) or 212-254-2000 x119. To read the 2012 Annual Campaign brochure and/or make your pledge now, click [HERE](#).*

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20

**GRACE CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAY** Today we welcome the wider community of the Grace Church campus as we uphold and celebrate the common history, ministry, and mission of Grace Church and Grace Church School. At the 10 am Sunday Forum George Davison, Head of GCS, and Hugo Mahibir, Head of the soon-to-open GCS High School division will speak about the new project. At 11 am the combined Choir of Men and Boys and the Girls' Choir will sing, and will be joined by chorister alums for the Offertory Anthem. The preacher will be Dr. Samuel B. Wheeler, longtime Head of the Religion and Ethics department at GCS. The service will be followed by a festive reception in Tuttle Hall.

**SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - THE GRACE CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL** with George Davison, Head, Grace Church School, and Hugo Mahibir, Head, High School Division, Grace Church School. In September 2012, the inaugural class will enter Grace Church School's new High School located nearby on Cooper Square. George Davison and Hugo Mahibir will outline the plans for the program and campus and describe how the high school will creatively express and expand the school's rich tradition as "a place where children and adults can find deeper meaning, and lasting value together and where imagination, contemplation, and

learning enlarge our minds and open our hearts." *Today's presentation is part of our fall Sunday Forum series, "The Church and the City," which is looking at how the church manifests itself in the city both physically and metaphorically. Each presentation will include time for questions and answers and takes place in Tuttle Hall with coffee and refreshments.*

### COMING SOON

**NOV 23, 24 - THANKSGIVING SERVICES IN THE CHANTRY** are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 6 pm and Thursday, Nov. 24 at 11 am. The Rev. Ted Pardoe will be the preacher for both services, which will include the Holy Eucharist and hymns.

**NOV 27 - SUNDAY FORUM** is on recess today, and will resume next week.

**NOV 27 - ADVENT WREATH MAKING** On the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27 after the 9 and 11 am services, all are welcome to make Advent wreaths in Tuttle Hall. Following the 6pm service, wreath making will take place in the Honor Room. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. If you wish to help, contact Maura Hooper at [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org). (Please note there is a minimum suggested donation of \$15 per wreath.)

**NOV 27 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AGES 9-12** takes place on the 4th Sunday of every month during the 11 am service in the McKittrick Room, located across from the current Sunday School classrooms. For more information, please contact Maura Hooper at [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org).

**NOV 27 - GUEST PREACHER AT 6 PM** The Rev. Mary Catherine Young, the Episcopal Chaplain for [Downtown Campus Ministry](#) will be our preacher at the 6 pm Eucharist.

**NOV 27 - 20s30s 4TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP** In place of our 4th Sunday dinner following the 6pm service, we will make advent wreaths. Please see the Advent Wreath Making announcement (above) for details.

**DEC 1, 2, 3 - THE CHORAL SOCIETY'S CHRISTMAS CONCERTS** A festive program featuring Randall Thompson's "Peaceable Kingdom," works by Gabrieli, Bernstein, Pärt and Billings, and audience carol sing will take place this year at the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, 145 W 46th St. on Thursday, Dec 1 (8 pm), Friday, Dec 2 (8 pm), and Saturday, Dec 3 (3 pm). Tickets are \$25, available through Nov 30 at [www.thechoralsociety.org](http://www.thechoralsociety.org).

**DEC 2 - 20s30s INTER-PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY** Join 20s30s from Episcopal churches in Manhattan and Brooklyn for a festive evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and caroling on Friday Dec 2nd from 7:30-9:30 pm at Church of the Ascension on 11th Street at 5th Ave. Admission to the party is a children's toy or financial contribution towards our Christmas toy drive. RSVP to Maura Hooper at [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org).

**DEC 4 - SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANS' SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: AN INTRODUCTION** Economist and theologian Susan Lee will address contemporary Christian social responsibility, asking "What can we learn from the intersection of economics, politics, and Christian ethics about Christians' responsibility in a time of high unemployment and high government deficits?"

**DEC 4 - AN ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** with works by Byrd, Gibbons, Palestrina, Tallis and others. Sung by The Adult Choir at 4 pm in the Church.

**JAN 13-15 ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT** at Holy Cross Monastery. Save the date!

### PARISH NEWS

**FEASIBILITY STUDY** - At their November meeting the Vestry heard a report from Kristine Miller of Horizons Stewardship regarding the study conducted earlier this fall, consisting of 33 in-person interviews and 105 households who responded to the online survey. In general, the parish shows very strong support for the interior restoration, and understands it to be a faithful response to God's calling to Grace Church at this time. Respondents also expressed a desire for more information and clarity about the timeline. In response, the Vestry voted unanimously to accept Horizons' recommendation to proceed with a capital campaign in early 2012, with a goal of funding as much of the project as possible without having to borrow any more than necessary from the endowment. More info to come.

**THE RESTORATION PHASE 3 - NOV. 2011 UPDATE** The project of removal and restoration of nine stained glass windows in the chancel and sanctuary area is proceeding according to schedule. The scaffolding should recede back to the communion rail giving us enough space to celebrate Christmas, and then disappear entirely well before Easter 2012 (Alleluia!). For further details and a wealth of new pictures taken from views only the scaffolding will allow, click [HERE](#). TO HELP place your check made out to "Saving Grace" in the collection plate or in the mail to Grace Church. You may also give online [HERE](#) (Scroll down to SAVING GRACE). We are deeply grateful for your gifts to the current and future families of Grace Church.

**THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT IS UNDERWAY!** We've got an amazing cast of 86 pageanteers and returning alums! Thanks to all the brave singers who participated in pageant interviews. If you are a parishioner who is interested in volunteering, we want you! Sign up at the pageant bulletin board or email Maura at [mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org).

**GO PROJECT HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERING** [GO](#) is looking for volunteers to help with its annual Holiday Party for the GO families-a wonderful project for adults and children to work on together. If you can help ahead of time with preparation (assembling goodie bags and arts and crafts projects, etc.) or at the holiday party itself (Sat, 12/17 from 9:30-12:30 pm), please contact Olivia at [onunez@goprojectnyc.org](mailto:onunez@goprojectnyc.org).

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## DID YOU MISS A SERMON?

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