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## GRACE CHURCH

### in New York City



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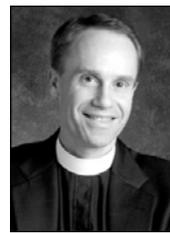
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## Sunday, October 21, 2012

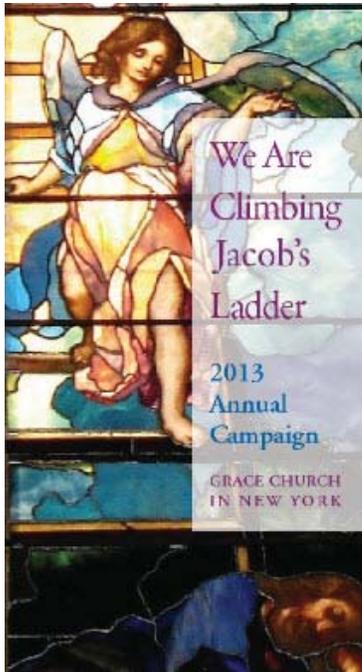
The 21st Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

What does it mean to be a member of the church?

Many of you know that my father was also an Episcopal priest and rector of a church. When I was growing up the parish he served had one other full-time employee: the secretary. I remember well the clunky office equipment she would use to produce parish wide mailings and Sunday bulletins. One of the contraptions was called the Addressograph machine. What this device did was self explanatory; it addressed hundreds of envelopes and newsletters automatically so that no one would be faced with the time consuming chore of writing out or typing in each one individually. To accomplish its task, the Addressograph machine required that each family's name and address be engraved on a metal plate about the size of a credit card. One day the secretary let me examine some of the metal plates. They were seemingly indestructible things that she kept on file in a specially made cabinet. She explained that she wouldn't go to the trouble to make a metal plate for someone until he or she had made an annual pledge. Membership in the parish meant that you had committed yourself financially to the work of the church, and you had a metal plate in the parish office to back it up.



**Pledge Sunday is the day** we ask all Grace Church members and friends to make a financial pledge to the work of the Lord through Grace Church for the year 2013. Pledge materials are in the mail, and you may also [make a pledge online](#) today - and pay later!

Here at 10th and Broadway, **God has planted a ladder between heaven and earth.** Our vibrant parish family, stunning architecture, glorious music, and tradition of reaching out to the least and the last in society enable us to draw near to God.

In thanksgiving, **we urge everyone** to commit to a financial gift for the coming year.

*REMEMBER that pledges made today do not need to be paid today. You can take all of 2013 to fulfill your pledge.*

## **NOV 17 - GRACE CHURCH SATURDAY @THE GO PROJECT!**

The idea for the [GO Project](#) was born over 40 years ago when a Grace Church parishioner and a Grace Church School parent together were struck by the academic challenges faced by the

Gone are the days of manual type writers and Addressograph machines, at least at Grace Church. Today we use computers and copiers and for the now infrequent conventional mailing: address labels. So we do not have engraved metal plates in the parish office as tangible proof of anyone's membership. The nearest equivalent might be a pledge card, filled out anew and signed each year by those who choose to say, "I belong here. This is my church."

If all has gone according to plan, you should have received at home this week information about the ministries of Grace Church, including a pledge card and the invitation to fill it out with a financial commitment for 2013 and sign it. The Vestry and I are hoping that everyone who received a pledge card will take some time this week to pray over it, complete it, and then place it in the offering plate on Sunday. Also, at all three services this Sunday pledge cards will be available in the pews.

Everyone can make a pledge. The size of it is not the critical factor, and you can take all of 2013 to fulfill the commitment you make. Thank you in advance for being members of the church, which is the eyes and ears and hands and feet of Christ in the world.

See you in church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Rector

## **TOMORROW NIGHT - DON'T MISS IT!**

*Buy your tickets [online now!](#)*

*(click GIVE, click DONATE, under CONTRIBUTION INFO, select 'special appeals', in COMMENTS, type "Hoedown"!*

neighborhood's less-fortunate students and the availability of classroom space in Grace Church School on Saturdays and during the summer.

Through their determination, the **GO Project launched its first program with 15 students** and two teachers in donated space at Grace Church School. Today, GO is a comprehensive program that serves nearly 500 at-risk but joyful students, and their families, in four locations including Grace Church and Grace Church School.

**On Saturday, Nov. 17 we will celebrate and raise awareness** of our ongoing relationship by inviting Grace Church families to a volunteer day at the GO Project's Saturday session at GC School. For more information, or to sign up, please contact [Olivia Nunez](#) at the GO Project. You may also contact the [Rev. Stephen Holton](#) for more info.

## CALLING ALL ALUMNI OF THE GRACE CHURCH CHOIRS!

Two special Sundays are approaching - we need you! Nov 18th is Grace Church School Sunday. Come join the current choirs and help offer the anthems at the 11 am service. On Dec 16th we invite Alumni of the Girls' Choir to come home and sing Britten's A CEREMONY OF CAROLS with us again at 4 pm. For more information, see <http://music.gracechurchnyc.org/alumni/> or contact Patrick Allen at [pallen@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:pallen@gracechurchnyc.org).

*Sign up now for a great discount!*

## C.S. LEWIS' THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS

Nov. 16 at 8 pm  
Nov. 18 at 3 pm

"CLEVER and SATIRICAL!" --*The New York Times*

"A PROFOUND EXPERIENCE!" --*Christianity Today*

Returning to NYC next month for only 5 performances, this theatrical production is presented by Fellowship for the Performing Arts, whose mission is "To produce theatre from a Christian worldview that engages a diverse audience." A talk-back about the

Grace Church in New York invites you to a

# HARVEST HOEDOWN

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 20**  
**5:00pm—8:00pm**  
**Tuttle Hall**

*Join us for an evening of square dancing, dinner,  
and fun for all ages!*  
*Country attire encouraged.*

**TICKETS:**  
**Adults: \$20 / Students: \$10**  
**Kids 12 & under: \$5**

**TICKETS now available!**  
Purchase them at Sunday morning 9am & 11am  
coffee hours or by emailing Melissa Spindler at  
**[mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org)**  
Or reach her by phone at  
**(212) 254-2000 x.113**  
Tickets are available at the door, but you must RSVP to let us  
know to expect you.

**This Sunday, October 21st**  
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

**9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Music: The Parish Choir

**11 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite I**  
Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Music: The Choir of Men and Boys

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

**TODAY IS PLEDGE SUNDAY!**  
(Details in sidebar on the left.)

**THE NEW GRACE CHURCH MOBILE APP!**  
Using your smartphone browser, go to [www.gracechurchnyc.org](http://www.gracechurchnyc.org) and the new mobile app will automatically open! It's a fast and easy way to check service times, catch up on any

play with lead actor Max Mclean follows each performance!

With a purchase of 10 or more, tickets are discounted to \$42 (with no service fees). To participate in this great group event, at a great price, **please contact Elana at [elanafoundos@gmail.com](mailto:elanafoundos@gmail.com) by Sunday, Oct. 21st at the latest**, and indicate whether you would like to attend on Friday, Nov. 16 at 8 pm or Sunday, Nov. 18 at 3 pm.

More info: [www.ScrewtapeOnStage.com](http://www.ScrewtapeOnStage.com)

missed sermons, and keep up to date with events at Grace.

**THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - THE CHURCH AND STATE SERIES continues with POLITICAL THEORY AND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH** with Robert Bruce Mullin, Professor of History and World Mission and Professor of Modern Anglican Studies, General Theological Seminary. Prof. Mullin will focus on how the historical and current organizational structures of the Episcopal Church are reflections of political theory, and how, in this election year, such ties can illuminate and strengthen our understanding of our lay and clergy leadership. Next week, 10/28: FAITH & FREEDOM film discussion.

**NEWCOMER CLASS CONTINUES 12:30 PM** - *It's not too late to join!* Everyone new to Grace Church in the past year is encouraged to attend a newcomer class on Sundays, Oct 14, 21, 28 at 12:30 pm in the Reception Room. Come to learn more about the history of Grace Church, life at Grace today, and how to connect with other parishioners and ministry opportunities. A light lunch is served. *Today (Oct 21) we will discuss the history and worship of the Episcopal Church.*

**THANKSGIVING PIES TO BENEFIT THE CHOIR 'SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND' - ORDER NOW!** The Choir 'Special Projects Fund' supports projects such as last summer's concert tour of the Czech Republic and Austria - and you can help by ordering delicious pies for your Thanksgiving feast! Stop by the "pie box" in the parish house hallway to pick up order forms, and then later drop them off with your payment. Or you may order online at [www.gracechurchnyc.org](http://www.gracechurchnyc.org) (Click 'Give', then 'Donate,' select Contribution Category 'Holiday Pies' and type your order selections under 'Comments.')

You may also find order forms and information at <http://music.gracechurchnyc.org/>.

We offer DELIVERY to your home or office for orders of 10 pies or more. Here is a perfect way to say "thank you" to a hostess, teacher, nanny, tutor or loved one, while \$10 from every purchase goes directly to the Special Projects Fund! THANK YOU for all your prayers and support! *Order deadline: Tues. 11/13, Pickup day: Tues. 11/20.*

## Coming Soon

**NOV 4 - ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY** During the services on Nov 4 we'll remember all those connected with Grace Church who have died but still remain on the hearts and minds of their loved ones. To include a

name on this year's list, please *send the name and the service you plan to attend (9 am, 11 am, or 6 pm)*, to Jennifer Metz at [jmetz@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmetz@gracechurchnyc.org) by Tuesday, Oct 30. To keep the list manageable, we'll only read the name at the service you specify.

**NOV 4 - ALL USHERS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND** a brief meeting (45 minutes) to plan the season ahead, exchange ideas and celebrate this important ministry of hospitality and welcome. A light lunch will follow. 12.30pm in the Reception Room. Contact [sholton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:sholton@gracechurchnyc.org) for more information.

**NOV 4 - CHORAL EVENSONG 4PM** The Adult Choir will offer Choral Evensong featuring the REQUIEM of Alfred *Desenclos* as the primary musical meditation. The Evening Canticles will be those set by *T. Tertius Noble* in a minor and the Prayers those set by *William Byrd*.

**NOV 5 - OUTREACH MONDAY-** Come to a potluck supper from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Reception Room (Parish House, 802 Broadway). We'll work on a volunteer day with the GO Project, discuss homeless ministries in our neighborhood, and plan for Advent clothing drives.

**NOV 6 - CHRISTMAS PAGEANT INTERVIEWS!** All children aged 5 and older are welcome to participate in the pageant. Only those interested in singing a solo, duet, or in a trio need to sign up for an interview. To schedule your child for an interview on Nov. 6th from 2-6 pm, contact Melissa at [mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org).

**NOV 18 - GRACE CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAY** We'll celebrate the common history and mission shared by Grace Church and Grace Church School. At 10 am George Davison, Hugo Mahabir, and Sarah Wood will give a Sunday Forum report on the inaugural class of the new High School. At the 11 am service, music will be offered by the Alumni of the Choirs with The Choir of Men and Boys and The Girls' Choir, and the special guest preacher will be the Rev. Timothy Morehouse, Chaplain of Trinity School here in Manhattan. After the service, please come to Tuttle Hall for a festive reception!

**NOV 30, DEC 1 - CHORAL SOCIETY ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERTS** - The Choral Society and Orchestra of Grace Church, under the musical direction of John Maclay, have at last returned to Grace Church! Performances are on Friday, Nov 30th at 8 pm and Saturday, Dec. 1st at 3 pm and include Mozart's "Coronation" Mass with other festive works as well as an audience carol sing to start off the season. Tickets

are now on sale at [www.thechoralsociety.org](http://www.thechoralsociety.org) (click on "Concerts" and follow instructions for payment) \$25 general admission, \$150 prime reserved seating. Tickets are expected to sell out, so don't delay!

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