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### in New York City



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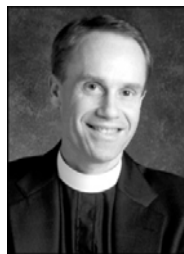
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### Pledge Sunday was November 10...

We are off to a *great start*,  
but still we hope to hear from  
everyone!

## November 24, 2013

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King



Dear Friends,

Fifty years ago today I was only twenty-two months old, so I of course have no first-hand memory of the Kennedy assassination. Nor do I recall the first time I heard about it, but it must have been very early on in my schooling. Those sudden and shocking few minutes in Dallas that ended the life of our 35<sup>th</sup> President are now seared into the nation's psyche, and a permanent part of our national narrative.

Likewise, no living person today has first-hand memory of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, which occurred 150-years ago this week, on November 19, 1863. Even those who were present at the moment largely missed the significance of what Lincoln said. The featured speaker at the dedication ceremony of the Soldier's National Cemetery was Edward Everett, a powerful orator who spoke for over two hours. Lincoln did not possess a commanding voice, at the time he was ill and exhausted, and he sat down two-minutes after he began speaking. In the moments that followed Lincoln received only slight applause, but today his words are enshrined as a sacred text of Americana, on a level with the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

As Americans we have a duty to recall, recount, and remember the signature moments in our nation's history, even the painful ones, even if we

*Sing to the Lord  
a new song*



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## 2014 Annual Campaign!

In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, and to empower the ministries of the church, **please make a pledge.**

You may [pledge online now!](#)

Or look for the brochure above - in your mail or around the Church and Parish House - and fill out the enclosed pledge envelope.

*Remember that **pledges do not need to be paid off all at once.** You can take all of 2014 to fulfill your pledge!*

### PLEDGE TESTIMONIES

*Sunday at the 11am service **Sarah Cogan** will tell us why she gives to God through Grace Church.*

weren't there or alive at the time. Doing so binds us together and defines us as a people.

As Christians we have a parallel and a higher duty: the duty to allow the life, death, resurrection, and ongoing presence of Jesus to define us. The reason we gather in church, hear and recite from the sacred texts, and receive the sacraments is to be put in remembrance of our most important identity of all: God's children who have been redeemed by Jesus, promised eternal life in heaven, and empowered by the Spirit to do God's will in the time of this mortal life.

I hope you've paused this significant week to take stock of and appreciate your identity as an American. Even more, I hope that you will pause every Sunday to renew not only the joy and the wonder, but also the responsibility that comes with being one of Jesus' own.

See you in church.

[The Reverend J. Donald Waring](#)

Rector

## This Sunday, November 24th

### 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton  
Music: The Parish Choir

### 11 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton  
Music: Alumni of the Choirs with  
The Choir of Men and Boys with The Girls' Choir

### 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton  
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

(Service times are updated  
weekly on the [website](#).)

**CHORISTER ALUMNI SUNDAY** - Today at the 11 am service we welcome back into the choir stalls chorister alumni, who will join the existing choirs in singing two anthems. Thank you for your years of service in the past, and for raising your voice in songs of praise today.

## AID TO THE PHILIPPINES

To assist in the recovery efforts following the devastating typhoon, consider [Episcopal Relief and Development](http://www.episcopalrelief.org). ERD is partnering with the Episcopal Church in the Philippines to address critical needs and plan for longer term relief and recovery.

[www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org)

1.855.312.HEAL (4325)

**BUSHWICK ABBEY**, a new creative liturgical community on the L line in Brooklyn - **THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM** - Faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Series. The Rev. Kerlin Richter, Transitional Deacon, Church Planter, and assistant to the Canon of Missional Vitality in the Diocese of Long Island will describe her work 'planting' a new faith community, Bushwick Abbey. With worship at their "spiritual heart," members are called to "question, to practice, and to explore incarnational, inclusive love, through ancient Christian practices and discovering them again for the first time." *Meets in the Reception Room; coffee is served.*

**FAMILY CRAFTS AND SPIRITUALITY WITH MISS MELISSA** - Parents and children aged 5-12 come together for some hands-on crafting fun and all-ages discussion of spiritual practices. \$15 donation per family covers all materials and pizza lunch. 12:45-2:00 pm in the Reception Room. [RSVP to Melissa.](#)

## COMING SOON

**NOV 27, 28 - THANKSGIVING SERVICES OF HOLY EUCHARIST** will take place in the Chantry at 6 pm on Wednesday, Nov 27, and at 11 am on Thanksgiving Day, Nov 28. The Rev. Stephen Holton will preach.

**DEC 1 - ADVENT BEGINS - COME AND MAKE A WREATH!** Celebrating with an Advent wreath during the weeks prior to Christmas is a great way to **keep our thoughts focused on the coming of Christ**, and to help teach our children the real meaning of Christmas. On the first Sunday of Advent, Dec 1st, after the 9 am, 11 am or 6 pm services we'll have all the materials ready for you. All are welcome! Experienced wreath-makers are encouraged to help others! Sign up as a volunteer by [contacting Melissa Spindler](#). (Minimum suggested donation per wreath: \$15.)

**DEC 1, 8, 15 - THE ANNUAL ADVENT COLLECTIONS for local charities** will begin on Sunday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, with a collection of hats, scarves, and gloves for the *Church of the Ascension food pantry*. On Sunday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, we will collect unscented, uncolored lip balm and travel-sized hand lotion for *Seamen's Church Institute*. And finally, Sunday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> we'll collect new men's boxers, t-shirts, and tube socks (larger sized) for the *NYC*

*Rescue Mission.* Donations will be collected in the baskets at the back of the church. Please give generously this Advent!

**DEC 3 -WOMEN PROPHETS IN 17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY ENGLAND** Professor Emerita of English and long-time member of Grace Church, Diana Benet, will present an informal talk focusing on two very different women and describe the conditions that enabled them to claim authority on spiritual matters. Hosted by the ECW and including their signature "No pressure" pot luck! This event is open to ALL WOMEN who are members and friends of Grace. Tuesday, Dec 3 AT 6:30 in the Reception Room.

**DEC 6, 7 - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS - THE CHORAL SOCIETY** and Orchestra of Grace Church, under the musical direction of John Maclay, will perform on Fri, Dec 6 at 8 pm and Sat, Dec. 7 at 3 pm. Music of Palestrina, Bach, Mendelssohn, Parry, Pinkham and Gjeilo, and audience carol sing! [Purchase tickets HERE](#) (click on "Concerts" and follow instructions for payment) Tickets sell quickly, so don't delay!

**DEC 8 - WHAT DOCTORS FEEL: How Emotions Affect the Practice of Medicine - THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM** -Patients often assume that doctors keep all their emotions safely in check, and that all of their decisions are based entirely on cool reasoning. But emotions permeate clinical decision-making at every level, whether acknowledged or not. This presentation offers an insider's view on how emotions affect doctors and the care they are able to give. *Danielle Ofri, MD, PhD, and author of What Doctors Feel, is an Associate Professor of Medicine at NYU School of Medicine, but her clinical home is at Bellevue Hospital. She writes regularly for the New York Times about medicine and the doctor-patient relationship and is the author of numerous books about life in medicine.*

**DEC 8 - ADVENT LESSONS AND MUSIC** - A beautiful service of music, lessons and prayers for the Advent Season with works by Hancock, Manz, Palestrina, and Piccolo. Plan to bring a friend and enjoy singing 'O come, O come, Emmanuel,' 'Lo! He comes, with clouds descending,' and many more of your favorite

Advent Carols. Sung by The Adult Choir at 4 pm in the Church.

**DEC 11 - THE COMMUNITY CAROL SING** All are welcome to come and sing with The Combined Boys' and Girls' Choirs in this festive annual event! 12:15 - 12:45 pm in the Church.

**DEC 15 - JEFFERSON'S CHRISTIANITY - THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM** - Faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Series. Author David Holmes, who has written extensively about the faiths of U.S. Presidents, will connect themes of Thomas Jefferson and the "Jefferson Bible" (i.e. Belief in the 18th century) to present day attitudes on belief.

**DEC 15 - ECW CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER** immediately following the 9 and 11 am services! Delicious and beautiful Christmas cookies and confections will be for sale. We'll also have a children's cupcake table, and plenty of good things to buy today for your holiday entertaining. Please come out and support the good works of the ECW!

**DEC 15 - CEREMONY OF CAROLS BY BENJAMIN BRITTEN** will be offered by The Girls' Choir with Alumni of the Choir and members of The Adult and Parish Choirs at 4 pm in the Church.

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