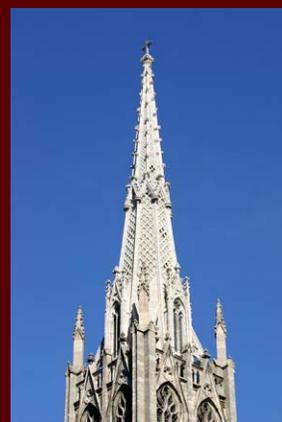


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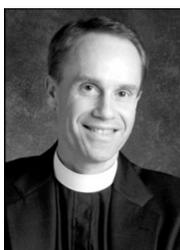
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February 2, 2014

The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple



Dear Friends,

Time flies when you are having fun! This week as I've been looking ahead to Sunday's annual meeting, it dawned on me that it was ten years ago right about now when I was in conversation with the search committee and the Vestry of Grace

Church about becoming the 14th Rector. Lo and behold, when I went back and looked at my 2004 calendar, I see that it was ten years ago TODAY when the Vestry and I engaged in a mutual grilling as to whether we wanted to make music together. A few days earlier the Vestry had flown Stacie, James, Luke, and me to New York City from Cincinnati for a whirlwind visit. James and Luke were just 4 and 1 at the time, and of course had no idea what to make of it all. We met with parishioners, the Priest in Charge, David Rider, and the Bishop of New York, Mark Sisk. We dined with the search committee, toured Grace Church School, and then the rectory. Oh, the rectory! "How on earth would we childproof that?" was our great fear should the call come our way. Then it was Saturday, January 31, 2004 when the Vestry and I met for a long morning of conversation, after which we flew back to Cincinnati where for me, it was "lights, camera, action" the very next morning at the church I was serving.

Obviously, the call did come our way and we said yes. One of the reasons we agreed to come was the strength of the lay leadership we encountered here, especially around the Vestry table. The magnitude of challenges

that Grace Church was facing at the time was staggering, but I could tell that the challenges would yield to the competence and commitment of the people who were already working on them. One of those Vestry members was our current Senior Warden, Sarah Cogan. At Sunday's annual meeting, we will give thanks to God for all of our outgoing Vestry members, including Nancy Walcott, Treasurer, and Paul Demartini, Clerk. But we will especially give thanks for Sarah, who has served since February of 2002, and represents the last sitting member of the Vestry I first met in 2004. What an extraordinary run, and how incredibly blessed Grace Church has been by Sarah's leadership of quiet wisdom and firm resolve. Where has the decade gone? Where have twelve years gone? I can't vouch for Sarah, but from my perspective the only thing to say is to repeat the old adage, "time flies when you are having fun."

I hope you will join us this Sunday for the annual meeting and luncheon following the 11 am service. See you in church.

[The Reverend J. Donald Waring](#)

Rector

This Sunday, February 2, 2014

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Combined Junior Choristers with Adults

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young

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

10 AM – HOPE FOR THE CHURCH: Millenials and Faith – THE SUNDAY FORUM – Belief in the 21st Century series. The Rev. Stephen Holton, Associate Rector, Grace Church. In the 1960's, Time magazine asked the nation the question, "Is God dead?" Fifty years later, faithful Christians are asking questions about relevance of the faith in contemporary culture. What does the Church in 2014 have to say to the world—and particularly to young people? What does belief look like in a post-modern context? Is the Church

dead? Join us for a conversation about culture, belief, and meaning in the 21st Century through the stories of post-baby-boomers-Gen X'ers and millenials for whom God is very much alive.

WELCOME JUNIOR CHORISTERS! This morning at 11 am the combined Junior Boy and Girl Choristers are taking up the treble seats in the Choir. Last Sunday they offered their Annual Concert of Music for Treble Voices with guest conductor Dr. Barry Rose and 15 New Juniors received their surplice in the traditional "whiting" ceremony. Congratulations New Juniors!
New Junior Boy Choristers: Rafael Bruder, James Cave, George Cheung, George McCain, Jack McCain, John McGarry. *New Junior Girl Choristers:* Taber Cannon, Morgan Daily, Julia Geniesse, Kiera Hackett, Lila Hussein, Eleanor Livings, Natasha Rensky, Esme Towles, Sarah Weber.

12:30 PM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held in Tuttle Hall immediately following the 11 am service. Reports will be given by the Nominating Committee, the Treasurer, the Head of Grace Church School, the Senior Warden, and the Rector. *Lunch will be served for attendees of the meeting, while pizza is provided for children in the Nursery. (\$5 suggested donation per person.)*

THE SLATE OF PERSONS TO BE VOTED ON today at our Annual Meeting may be seen below.

LAST CALL - 2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES - *TODAY is the last day to pick up your envelopes after services* (Tuttle Hall after the 9 and 11 am services, the Reception Room after the 6 pm service). If you have any questions or need to request envelopes, please contact Brian Hagan, Director of Development, at 212-254-2000 x119 or bhagan@gracechurchnyc.com.

COMING SOON

FEB 3 - OUTREACH MONDAY/FELLOWSHIP MEAL - Join us at 6:30-8 pm in the Parish House for a fellowship meal, discussion of outreach ministry and prayer.

FEB 4 - THE OPEN DOOR MINISTRY - is a team of friendly volunteers who provide a welcome to weekend visitors, often answering questions about

our beautiful building, our community and its history. Please join us for a Winter Reception on Tuesday, Feb 4, 7-8:30 pm in the Reception Room. We'll enjoy fellowship and also celebrate a productive and successful 2013. Anyone who wants to learn more about volunteering is most welcome! Commitment is just 2 hours per month, and no experience is necessary! E-mail Singleton Cox at singleton.cox@gmail.com with your RSVP, or just to find out more.

FEB 9 @10 AM – READING THE BOOK OF JOB – THE SUNDAY FORUM – [Mark Larrimore, author of the recent *The Book of Job: A Biography*](#), will speak about Job, some of its most interesting interpreters past and present, and how Job gives voice to those suffering the most devastating kinds of loss and grief.

FEB 10 – ECW PARISH WIDE MEETING – All women of Grace Church (and their friends!) are welcome at our first meeting of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) in 2014. *Hear about upcoming events. *Bring your ideas and suggestions. *Come for fun and fellowship. "No Pressure" Pot Luck! Monday, Feb 10 at 6:30 in Tuttle Hall. Questions? Contact Elana Foundos at elanafundos@gmail.com.

FEB 20 – NEWCOMER RECEPTION/WINE-TASTING – If you are new to Grace Church in the past year, here is an opportunity to connect with others during a casual and fun evening. Our guest Jamel Freeman, a sommelier with 15 years of experience in culinary arts, mixology, wine and spirits, will guide us through a selection of red and white wines, discussing their regions and suggested food pairings. Thursday, Feb 20, 6:30pm-8:30 pm in Tuttle Hall. *Bring a friend! [RSVP to Jennifer](#) by Wednesday, Feb 12th.*

FEB 22 – 20s30s DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER – Teams of 6+ will compete for some amazing prizes—so come help Grace raise some serious booty, and kick some too! \$5 per person at the door will be donated in the name of the Young Adult Network to a predetermined charity. Saturday, Feb 22, 3-6 pm at Church of the Intercession. [RSVP to Melissa now!](#)

FEB 26, MAR 5, 12 – "IN A BETTER WORLD" – FILM AND CONVERSATION with the Rev. Sarah Wood. Come to view and discuss this award-winning Danish film directed by Suzanne Bier, which has been described as a "powerful and captivating drama." Join

us as we reflect theologically upon the complex themes presented here, and which we might find relevant just as we begin to prepare for our Lenten journey. Note: the film is rated R for some violent images. (Wednesdays, Feb 26, Mar 5 & 12 in the Music Room directly after the 6 pm Eucharist.)

MAR 2 –SHROVE SUNDAY! Come celebrate Shrovetide this year with a fabulous Sunday brunch of pancakes, bacon and eggs, and fruit salad. \$15 per person requested donation at the door. Fun activities for all ages included. Share a meal with friends before Lent begins. Held in Tuttle Hall after the 11 am service.

MAR 5 – ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES will be held at 8 am in the Chantry, and 12:10 and 6 pm in the Church. All services include homily by the Associate Rector, Eucharist, and the imposition of ashes. The two earlier services are expected to last for approximately 45 minutes.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

THE MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY are pleased to announce the following slate of persons to be voted on at our Annual Meeting.

For a second three-year term as a Vestry member:
SINGLETON COX.



Singleton Cox began attending Grace Church in 2008. She was Baptized and Confirmed at Grace in 2009. Singleton Co-Leads the Open Door ministry, which she helped re-launch in 2010, and has also served as an Altar Guild volunteer. She lives in Greenwich Village and is a Director, Corporate Development – Mergers & Acquisitions for DaVita Inc.

For a first three-year term as Vestry member:

DAVID DIDOMENICO,

I began attending Grace Church in 2009. All three of our children (Rafe, Charlie and Lucia) were



baptized at Grace. Our eldest son is a member of the choir; all of our children participate in the Christmas Pageant. My wife, Olivia Douglas, is a Trustee of Grace Church School where all of our children are enrolled. In 2012 I served as chair of the Power of Grace Campaign Committee.

Service to the Church has been among my most rewarding experiences, and I am honored to be nominated for the Vestry. Professionally I serve as a general partner in a private investment partnership.

CAROLINE JONES HUBBELL,



Caroline Jones Hubbell is a life-long Episcopalian and has been attending Grace Church since 2007. She has served as an usher, on the Search Committee for the Director of Youth and Family Ministry and regularly attends the 9am service. Caroline worked for 20 years in the

advertising/marketing field and looks forward to serving Grace Church as a member of the Vestry.

JENNIFER SAN CARTIER.



Jennifer San Cartier began attending Grace Church in 2009. She is currently the Treasurer of Grace Church's ECW chapter and has served on its steering committee since 2012. She is also Co-Chair of the Altar Guild, a Team Leader for the 6pm service teams and has previously served with Open Door Ministry. Jennifer is a Managing Director with Fitch

Ratings and is grateful to be asked to serve on the Vestry.

For a first two-year term as a Churchwarden:

LEONA CHAMBERLIN.



I have worshipped at Grace Church for over 25 years following my marriage to Win Chamberlin. Our three children (Brandon, Felicity and Ned) were baptized at Grace Church and attended Grace Church School. Brandon and Felicity were Grace Church choristers, and Felicity was the Optima of the Girls Choir. I am a Trustee of Grace Church School and previously served as a Trustee of the School from 1993 through 2001 and as Board Chair for five of those years. I have co-chaired a Grace Church Search Committee with Martha Demartini and have participated as an usher and in the Open Door ministry. In my professional life I have been an attorney for over 30 years and am Associate General Counsel of New York University. I am honored to be nominated and hope that I will be able to continue to serve Grace Church and our community in this capacity.

(Leona will replace Sarah Cogan, who is finishing her third two-year term as a Churchwarden, the maximum permitted by our by-laws).

Many thanks to the committee and to those who have agreed to stand for election.

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