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September 14, 2014

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

This coming Sunday we have two speakers coming to Grace Church. The Rev. Canon Titus Presler will lead the Sunday Forum at 10 am, and then The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese will preach and preside at the 6 pm Eucharist. Normally I might use this space to promote their presentations and encourage your attendance. Today, however, I will simply direct your attention to the announcements below and assure you that both Titus and Bishop Shin will be well worth hearing.

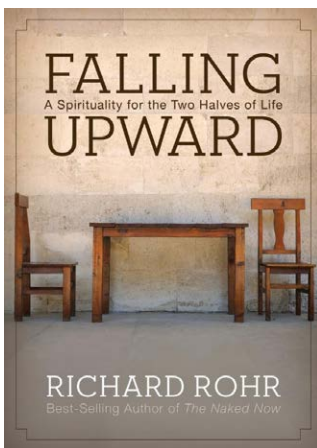
6 pm Worship with the Bishop

Instead, what I'd like to do right now is have a personal word with you - a word of thanks for the gifts and attention you gave to me last Sunday in celebration for my 10-year anniversary at Grace Church. The Tiffany Ship's Bell is a thing of beauty that I will always treasure. For the past week it has been ticking away on my desk, and I have delighted to listening to it chime through the 4-hour watches that govern the crew of a ship at sea. Thank you, not only for the clock, but even more so for being God's faithful people for these past ten years. I am eager to see what God has in store for us in the decade to



The Right Rev. Allen K. Shin joins us this week

Starts this Sunday Evening!



Book discussion with Parishioner and seminary student Mike Watson. Starting September 14th after the 6 pm service.

Outreach to Struggling School Kids

46 years ago, members of Grace Church and parents of Grace Church School students,

come!

Soon after we arrived at Grace Church in the summer of 2004, some friends and parishioners from my previous parish in Cincinnati were in New York City for a weekend and attended our Sunday morning service. After we showed them the church and the still-unpacked rectory, they wanted to take a few pictures of us to show the folks back home that we had landed safely and still had smiles on our faces. It was all very spontaneous as we said "cheese" in front of the urn in the rectory yard. Two-year old Luke even took a break from drinking juice out of his sippy-cup, and looked directly into the camera.

Earlier this summer I came across these photos again and thought it might be fun to pose ourselves in similar spots to celebrate that after a decade of life at Grace Church, we are not only still standing, but still smiling. Stacie suggested that we should wear the same, or similar clothes - not possible for the boys, but she and I did the best we could. Thanks to parishioner and photographer Angie Speranza for taking these shots. So here we are - then and now. Time flies when you are having fun. Thanks to you all for a decade at Grace.

together created the [GO Project](#) as an educational outreach program for struggling public school students. The program has grown to now serve 560 students and their families!

YOU can help!

On most Saturday mornings, from October to April, [volunteer tutors](#) work under the supervision of trained teachers. For details, please contact [Olivia Nunez](#), Dir. of Community Engagement.

[Tickets are now on sale for the annual Fall Cocktail Party](#) hosted by the Young Leadership Council (YLC)! Your participation will directly benefit GO students and their families. Thursday, Nov 20th at the Union Square Ballroom. [Tickets and details, click HERE](#) or e-mail [Liz Trout](#).



The Warings 2004





[The Reverend J. Donald Waring](#)

Rector

This Sunday, September 14th

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

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

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry
Sermon: The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin,
Bishop Suffragan of New York
Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

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

THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM – IN SEARCH OF THE SACRED IN AN ISLAMIST ENCLAVE. Canon Dr. Titus Presler, Principal of Edwardes College, Peshawar, Pakistan. In January of this year Canon Titus spoke at Grace about the gathering threat of a government takeover of Edwardes College, where he has been Principal since 2011. He returned to Pakistan on Jan. 21, and on Feb. 14 was beaten by ISI agents as part of the government's effort to seize the college from the Church of Pakistan. Now in exile from ministry in Peshawar, Titus will reflect on experiences of shared faith with Pakistani Muslims, distortions of Islam in Pakistan, and the mission of solidarity with an oppressed Christian community . *This fall our theme "In Search of the Sacred" will explore locating the sacred through both traditional and nontraditional means. Join us each Sunday for coffee, lively discussion and spiritual enrichment in the Reception Room at 10 am!*



ACOLYTES – All current acolytes are invited to a meeting in the sanctuary of the church following the 11 am service on September 14. Also, anyone in the 4th grade is welcome to join our merry band! Come learn more. For more information, contact the

Rector at dwaring@gracechurchnyc.org.

6 PM TODAY – WE WELCOME THE RIGHT REV. ALLEN K. SHIN who will be with us at the 6 pm Eucharist to preach and preside at the altar. Following the service, Bishop Shin will attend the [Canterbury Downtown](#) dinner, the weekly gathering of lower Manhattan Episcopal university students that meets at Grace Church under the direction of the Rev. Mary Cat Young.

FALLING UPWARD – A SUNDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION Led by Grace Church parishioner and seminary student, Mike Watson. Fr. Richard Rohr, a globally recognized ecumenical teacher, author and Franciscan priest, in his book, *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, teaches that our failings can be the foundation for our ongoing spiritual growth; our heartbreaks and disappointments are stepping stones to spiritual joys. "Second-halfers" don't have to be in their later years, but they do have to learn to forgive themselves for being less than perfect, so they can reach a perfect happiness. The book is available on [Amazon.com](#) in both hardcover and Kindle editions. Read the book and join us for discussion after the 6 pm service on 9/14, 21, 28 and 10/5.

COMING SOON

SEPT 18 – EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) "Kick Off" PARISH WIDE MEETING on Thursday, Sept 18, 6:30–8:30 pm in Tuttle Hall. If you are a woman who attends Grace Church, you are automatically a member of the ECW! Join us on Sept 18th for "No Pressure" Pot Luck!" * Upcoming events * Many speakers * Christmas Fair and Cookbook updates. Come for fun and fellowship! If you can't attend this meeting, you may *e-mail the President*, [Elana Foundos](#), and ask to be added to the e-mail list to stay abreast of future events.

SEPT 21, 28, OCT 5 – NEWCOMERS' CLASS – This three-part series meets in the Reception Room on Sundays, Sept 21, 28, and Oct 5, from 12:45 – 1:45 pm. Come to learn more about Christianity, the Episcopal Church, and Grace Church. A light lunch will be served. Led by the clergy of Grace Church. Email [Jennifer Metz](#) for more information.

SEPT 22 – FAMILIES' SUMMER BBQ! – Don't feel like cooking? Drop by with the kids for burgers and hot dogs (and salads and drinks) from 5:30 – 7 pm in Seymour Close. Rain or shine – the kids can run

around Tuttle Hall even if the weather is bad.
Suggested Donation: \$20/family – or bring a salad,
dessert or beverage to share! *RSVPs are always
greatly appreciated to [Melissa](#).*

SEPT 24 – OPEN DOOR MINISTRY FALL RECEPTION
(Potential new volunteers welcome!) Open Door is a
team of friendly volunteers who provide a
welcoming presence to weekend visitors, answering
questions about our beautiful building, our
community and its history. Please join us on
Wednesday, Sept 24th, 7–8:30 pm in the Reception
Room. We'll enjoy fellowship and be happy to
welcome anyone who wants to learn more about
volunteering. Commitment is just 2 hours per
month, and no experience is necessary! *E-mail
[Singleton Cox](#) to RSVP or just to find out more.*

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