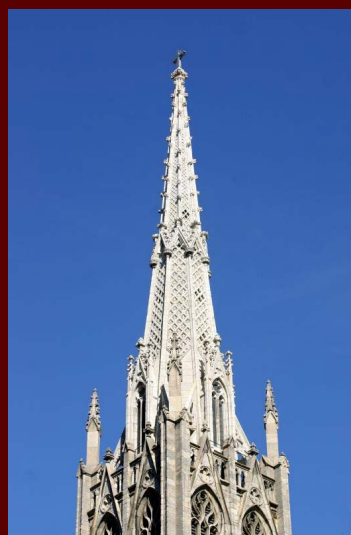


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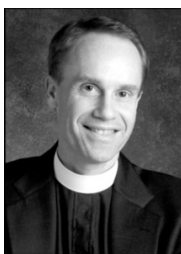
In Search of the Sacred



with Canon Dr. Titus Presler. September 14th @10 am.

September 7, 2014

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



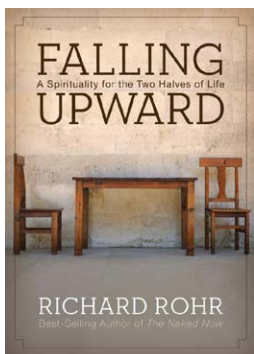
Dear Friends,

Today's *New York Times* included an article about the seasonal closing of the city's public pools. Every Labor Day, beginning at 7 pm, workers begin draining millions of gallons of water out of swimming pools in every borough. As I skimmed through the article I thought to myself, "Where does all the water go?"

Well, if you're anything like me, perhaps you feel like it's all rushing your way in a torrent of back-to-school, back-to-work, back-to-reality flood of activity. September is always a bittersweet time of year. On the one hand, we mourn the passing of summer's slower pace. On the other hand, it's exciting to greet a new season, reconnect with friends, and welcome people to Grace Church.

The last time I wrote in the Epistle I told you about our search for additional clergy staffing at Grace Church. In June we said farewell to Sarah Wood, who was moving to North Carolina with her husband, Kirk. Our original intention was to find someone who would step into the shoes Sarah was wearing at both

Book Discussion



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

Parish Life



Seeking Sunday School Teachers or Classroom helpers. No experience needed, just a wish to share the Good News of God's Love with our 4-8 year olds! Help out in a way that suits your schedule (once a month classroom helper or lead teacher). Sign up on the Sunday School bulletin board in the Parish House hallway, or by contacting [Miss Melissa](#).

church and school. For a variety of reasons the searches took some turns we didn't anticipate, and as the summer wore on an opportunity to collaborate with General Seminary presented itself. General is initiating a new program called "The Way of Wisdom," which seeks to embed third-year seminarians on the staff of local churches. The goal is for them to be more than seminarians, but actual staff members. I am pleased to report that Grace Church is going to help pilot the program, and this Sunday we will welcome Hershey Mallette, who will join our clergy team with the title, *Pastoral Resident*. Hershey will be able to do everything clergy typically do except specific, sacramental duties. At our opening Sunday Forum this week I plan to tell you more about the program and introduce Hershey. Do join us in the Reception Room at 10:00 am.

We will also welcome new and returning choir members, as well as a new Organ Scholar. At the end of August we said farewell to Philip Lamb, and on Sunday we will say hello to George Fergus, who will assist Dr. Allen at the organ bench and in working with the choirs.

It's going to be a great season, and I am eager to see you all on Sunday. Happy September, everyone. Here we go!

[The Reverend J. Donald Waring](#)
Rector

This Sunday, September 7th

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 Grace Church Choirs

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

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

Parishioner and Women's Bible Study faithful Margaret (Margie) Daly died on August 21st. A service will be held Monday, Sept 8, at 1:30 pm at Grace Church. In lieu of flowers the family invites contributions to the GO Project, 50 Cooper Square, 3rd Floor, New York, 10003. Give online [HERE](#).

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY/THE OPENING OF THE 120TH SEASON OF THE CHOIRS OF GRACE CHURCH/SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES – The Combined Grace Church Choirs (Choir of Men and Boys, Girls' Choir, Parish Choir and Adult Choir) will sing at the 11 am service. Festive fellowship hour will follow both the 11 am and 6 pm services in Huntington Close! Please join us! *Today we give special thanks to Dana Foote, Ellen McElduff and the Hospitality Committee for a bountiful and bubbly "Welcome Back" repast! Please e-mail [Dana](#) or [Ellen](#) if you can contribute goodies for a future Sunday fellowship hour.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES FOR CHILDREN AGES 4–8 – Classes take place most Sundays at both the 9 and 11 am services. At 9 am parents take children directly to the Sunday School classrooms off Tuttle Hall, and children will rejoin parents in time for Communion. At 11 am, parents and children begin together in the church; children follow the crucifer to their classes during the sermon, and are picked up by parents after the service. On Holy Eucharist Sundays, children return to church for Communion. *Seeking classroom helpers and teachers for the fall! See details under "Parish Life" below.*

THE SUNDAY FORUM RESUMES AT 10 AM, with an informal talk with the Rector, previewing the year ahead and introducing some new staff members. 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!

Speakers will include the Rev. Canon Dr. Titus Presler (on 9/14, see below), speaking about his challenging Lenten exile in Islamabad earlier this year; the Rev. Jake Dell, Advertising and Marketing Senior Manager, Episcopal Church Office of Communication, addressing the self-described "spiritual but not religious" who yearn for transcendence but have not connected with the church; and Michael Crosbie, PhD, FAIA, editor-in-chief of Faith & Form, the Interfaith Journal on Religion, Art, and Architecture, exploring the nature of sacred spaces and the sacramental role of those who occupy them.

WELCOME TO HERSHEY MALLETTE, who has joined the pastoral staff of Grace Church for the program

year 2014–15. Hershey's title will be "Pastoral Resident," and she will function as a member of the clergy team as we collaborate with a new initiative at General Seminary called "The Way of Wisdom." Come meet Hershey and learn more at the Sunday Forum.

TODAY WE WELCOME GEORGE FERGUS as the new Organ Scholar for 2014–15. Grace Church in New York and the Yale University Institute of Sacred Music are excited to enter into a new collaboration for the annual Organ Scholar appointment at Grace Church in New York. This appointment will be made for one academic season with the provision that it may be renewed for a second season. The internship will provide an exceptional opportunity for a graduate student at the Institute of Sacred Music to participate in the life of the parish on a weekly basis during the academic year and a more in depth daily experience for the summer term that follows. As part of an intensive, on-site learning experience, the intern will share in service playing and choral conducting responsibilities while at the same time learning about all aspects of the musical life of the Grace Church community. *Read more about George Fergus [HERE](#).*

WEEKEND ORGAN MEDITATIONS RESUME in the Church on the Bicentennial Organ at 4 pm.

COMING SOON

SEPT 9 – BACH AT NOON RESUMES in the Church on the Bicentennial Organ at 12:20 pm.

SEPT 14 – 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.

SEPT 14 – 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](#).*

SEPT 14, 21, 28, Oct 5 – *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.

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](mailto:Singleton.Cox) to RSVP or just to find out more.*

A happy group at this summer's Vacation Bible School!



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