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## THIS SUNDAY...

**Don't miss our  
favorite pair of  
political  
commentators!**

## January 22, 2017

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany



Dear Friends,

It is Friday morning as I write this, and in just over an hour the ceremonies surrounding the inauguration of the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States will begin. Donald J. Trump is unlike any of his

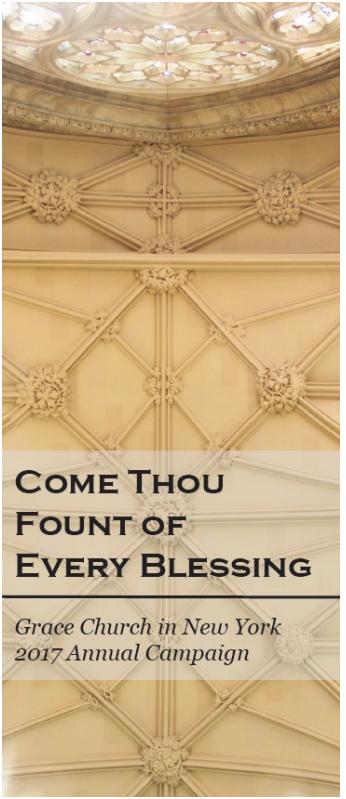
predecessors in temperament and background, and his assuming the reigns of the most powerful office in the land is cause for tremendous anxiety not just among coastal and urban dwellers in this country, but in governments throughout the world. No one quite knows what to expect, though many are quick to offer their predictions.

In the past months since the election President Obama has reminded us repeatedly that one of the hallmarks of our democracy is the peaceful transfer of power. Coincidentally, among the headlines in the news this morning is the tiny African nation of Gambia. In December the leader of Gambia, a man named Yahya Jammeh who seized power 22 years ago in a coup, lost in the presidential election. Unfortunately, Jammeh is now refusing to cede power to the democratically elected president, Adama Barrow. People are fleeing the capital. Neighboring countries are threatening to intervene. In fact, Barrow was inaugurated yesterday in Senegal, a country that completely surrounds Gambia, and the Senegalese army may resort to removing Jammeh by force. Anxious times indeed.



**The Sunday Forum  
@10 a.m. (details at  
right, below)**

**In thanksgiving for  
all the blessings of  
this life...**



**COME THOU  
FOUNT OF  
EVERY BLESSING**

*Grace Church in New York  
2017 Annual Campaign*

**Don't forget to make  
your pledge!**

**Please pray for...**

Here in the United States it is going to be an interesting weekend. Many thousands who disagree with Trump will be taking to the streets in protest. Many others will be celebrating what they see as the promise and possibility of an unconventional figure in the White House. At Grace Church it has been our custom to pray for the President of the United States, the Governor of New York, and the Mayor of New York City by name every Sunday. We will continue to do so, offering to God our fervent hopes for this country from whatever point on the political spectrum we happen to occupy.

See you in church - and don't miss the timely Sunday Forum at 10 am with John Avlon and Margaret Hoover. Read more, below.

**The Rev. J. Donald Waring**  
Rector

**WE NEED A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS (YOU)!**  
**Come on out **TOMORROW**, Saturday, Jan 21st**  
**Habitat for Humanity/Grace Church Build Day**



**No experience necessary! Sign up HERE.**

**This Sunday**

**January 22nd**

**9 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

**Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford**



***Those who suffer***

Yong Lee  
Jong Lee  
Cynthia Stewart  
Barbara & Keith  
Archer  
Rayma Hayes  
Bill Pope  
Kim Sanderson  
Donna Lee  
Josephine Ferraiuolo  
Howard Small  
Trish Lawrence

***and those who have died.***

Music: The Parish Choir

**11 a.m. Morning Prayer**

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford  
Music: The Girls' Choir with Adult  
Guest Conductor: Dr. Barry Rose

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

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford  
Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

**WE WELCOME DR. BARRY ROSE.** Our great friend Dr. Rose is conducting the choirs this morning at 9 and 11 am. Under his direction – THE NINTH ANNUAL CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES – will take place at 4 pm today in the Church (see details below).

**AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT! – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM.** Fresh from the Presidential inauguration in Washington DC, political commentators, authors, and parishioners John Avlon and Margaret Hoover will lead a free-ranging conversation about the current state of public discourse in America. John will also be speaking about his new book, *Washington's Farewell: The Founding Father's Warning to Future Generations*. Discounted copies will be available for purchase and signing (\$25). Join us in the Reception Room. Coffee and pastries are served.

**THE NINTH ANNUAL CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES** – Dr. Barry Rose will once again lead the Novice and Junior Choristers in this special annual event that celebrates music for the soprano chorister's voice. Novice Choristers will be "whited" (awarded their surplice) and promoted to Junior Chorister. Works by Attwood, Archer, Bach,

Copland, Rose, and others. Sunday Jan 22 at 4 pm in the Church.

### *Coming Soon*

**JAN 28 – CITY-WIDE 20'S AND 30'S REFLECTION DAY WITH BISHOP GLASSPOOL** –20's and 30's Episcopalian and friends from around the diocese are invited to join the Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool for "Where Grace Meets Power," a day of storytelling, scripture, and discussion of mission and ministry to the world in the face of power, authority, and empire. Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 10 am–2pm at St. Peter's Church in Chelsea, 346 W. 20<sup>th</sup> Street. \$5 suggested donation for lunch. *RSVP to the Rev. Chase Danford at [cdanford@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:cdanford@gracechurchnyc.org).*

**JAN 29 – DEACONESSES: GRACE CHURCH & THE ASCENT OF FEMALE MINISTRY- THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM.** The Episcopal Church instituted deaconesses in the late nineteenth century as a way of returning to the role women had in the early church and expanding the role that women had in the life of the church. Many of the early deaconesses came from Grace Church, and we will examine their lives and ministries and how they prepared the way for women being ordained priests. *Led by Nicholas Birns, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Literature at NYU School of Professional Studies.*

**FEB 4 – JOIN THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY/GRACE CHURCH BUILD DAYS** – We are partnering with Habitat for Humanity to rehabilitate a condemned house in St. Albans, Queens for a family in need. Volunteers have already been hard at work since last summer and would love to have you join them! Details at <http://gracechurchnyc.org/outreach/>.

**FEB 5 – (PART I) COULD THE TEXT OF THE GOSPEL HAVE BEEN CHANGED BY EARLY EDITORS AND SCRIBES? – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM.** Most Christians are not aware the autographs of our Biblical books have not survived. So what happened to the text in between the books' composition, and the earliest manuscripts we have access to? In this lecture, Elizabeth Schrader gives an introduction to the many different manuscripts and manuscript variations of the New Testament. *Elizabeth 'Libbie' Schrader is a recent graduate of General Theological Seminary. In September, Libbie's M.A. thesis 'Was Martha of Bethany Added to the Fourth Gospel in the Second Century?' was published by the Harvard Theological Review.'* Part II of this talk takes place next week.

**FEB 5 – THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will be held in Tuttle Hall on Sunday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 (\$5 per person suggested donation).

**THE VESTRY HAS ACCEPTED THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT** and is pleased to announce the following slate of persons to be voted on at our Annual Meeting. For a third two-year term as a Churchwarden: BRETT PERTUZ. For a second three-year term as a Vestry member: DAVID DIDOMENICO. For his own first, three-year term as Vestry member, DOUGLAS EVANS (Doug is currently filling the unexpired term of Caroline Hubbell). For a first three-year term as Vestry member: JOHN BERRINGER, LETHE BLACK. Many thanks to the committee and to those who have agreed to stand for election.

**FEB 7– 20'S AND 30'S-*ish* 'SMALL GROUP'** – Join us on Tuesday, Feb. 7th at 7:15 pm for the next meeting

of Grace Church's new spiritual formation and fellowship opportunity for young adults. Activities during this time will include reflection on the Sunday scripture readings, short presentations by the clergy, and engagement in various other spiritual practices, such as Christian meditation, lectio divina, and Compline. *Contact the Rev. Chase Danford [here](#) for more details.*

**FEB 11 – YOUTH VOLUNTEER DAY AT HABITAT RESTORE** – Youth in grades 7 and up are invited to join our Habitat for Humanity partnership by volunteering for a day at ReStore, a nonprofit home improvement store and donation center. You'll get to interact with ReStore staff as well as your fellow volunteers, which may include future Habitat homeowners. *Please contact the Rev. Chase Danford [here](#) to indicate your interest or inquire for further details.*

**FEB 12 – (PART II) WAS MARTHA OF BETHANY ADDED TO THE FOURTH GOSPEL IN THE 2ND CENTURY? – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM.** In part II of her talk begun last week, Libbie Schrader shows us the troubling manuscript variations around Martha in the Fourth Gospel, and based on the oldest manuscript that exists of John 11, she argues that Martha was not present in the earliest circulating version of the text. Would Martha's absence in the Fourth Gospel provide us with new information about the identity of Mary Magdalene?"

**FEB 12– 20'S AND 30'S-*ish* SUNDAY BRUNCH –** Young adult parishioners and guests are invited to brunch after the 11 o'clock service and coffee hour on Sunday, February 12. We'll meet in the Rectory Garden by the 802 Broadway gate and walk to a nearby restaurant. Plan to bring \$15–20 in cash. *RSVP to the Rev. Chase Danford [here](#).*

**FEB 12 – NEWCOMERS' CLASS** – Newcomers to Grace Church are warmly invited to our Newcomer Classes for 2017. The classes are held on the second Sunday of the month in the Reception Room at 12:30 pm. Each class will discuss how to become a member of Grace Church, as well as a variety of special topics (this month: The Bible). We suggest that you attend at least three classes throughout the year, as a way to get acquainted with the clergy, meet other newcomers, and grow in your faith. Lunch will be provided, so kindly *RSVP to Martha* [here](#) (And don't miss the Winter Newcomer Reception, on Feb 23, details and RSVP info below!)

**FEB 18 – "DON'T WALK BY"** – In this annual outreach ministry to the homeless of New York, we will be fielding a team to assist on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 1:30 to 8:30pm. This ministry involves walking a designated area in lower Manhattan, engaging homeless people on the streets, offering them a bed for the night, a hot meal, and medical care. If you would like to learn more, you may go to the website ([dontwalkby.org](http://dontwalkby.org)); if you would like to volunteer, please contact our team leader, Mike Watson [here](#).

**FEB 22 – HOME COOKED MEAL FOR NYC RESCUE MISSION** – On Sunday, Feb 22nd we will sponsor a meal for guests at the NYC Rescue Mission. We are seeking volunteers to prepare pot roasts and cupcakes at home and/or to help serve the meal at the Mission. We have a super easy and delicious pot roast recipe for you! Please join us in this rewarding volunteer opportunity which is so appreciated by guests and staff at the mission. *You may sign up online* [here](#) *or by e-mailing Lillie Chance* [here](#).

**FEB 23 – WINTER NEWCOMER RECEPTION** – Save-the-Date for our winter Newcomer Event! Anyone new to Grace Church who would like to connect with other members and church leaders is invited to join us on

Thursday, Feb 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Reception Room. Guests will be treated to refreshments and a tour of Grace Church led by the Rector. *RSVP to James V. Romanik [here](#).*

**FEB 25 – GRACE CHURCH/GO PROJECT VOLUNTEER DAY** – Join other members of Grace Church as we volunteer together at the GO Project. We will meet Saturday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, in the front hallway of Grace Church School (86 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.) at 9am for a 30 minutes orientation, and then volunteer until 12:30pm. *RSVP to Martha [here](#).*

**FEB 26 – SHROVE SUNDAY BRUNCH!** Come celebrate Shrovetide this year with a fabulous "Mardi Gras" Sunday brunch of pancakes, bacon, eggs and fruit. Held in Tuttle Hall after the 11 am service. \$15 per person/\$25 per family requested donation at the door. Volunteer help is most appreciated! To find out how you can help, please contact the Rev. Chase Danford [here](#).

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