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in New York City



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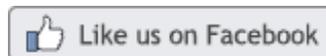
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Grace Church & the Civil War



Sunday @10
a.m.

*Please pray
for...*

October 15, 2017

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

A frequent topic of dinnertime conversation around our table has been the idea of progress. How much progress has society made, and where have we atrophied? As many of you know, Stacie and I have two sons - ages 18 and 15 - and life for them is decidedly different from how it was when we were their age. They have never actually dialed a rotary phone to make a call. They have never manually returned the carriage on a mechanical typewriter at the sound of a little bell. They have never had to leave their seat to change the channel on a TV. Is this progress?

Imagine if it were possible to transport a person from just 50 years ago to today. How much of what we take for granted in 2017 would a person from 1967 find completely baffling? Smart phones immediately come to mind, as do laptop devices, social media, and the internet that lies behind it all. The way we communicate today is almost unrecognizable to how it was just a half century ago.

On the other hand, some areas of life have not changed much at all, at least on the surface. Consider transportation. Show the same person from 1967 the most modern super airliner of today, and he or she would correctly identify it as a jumbo jet. Likewise with cars, trains, and boats. To be sure, the technology inside the containers that carry us from one place to another has improved, but the outward form is still largely the same. When will we see the next great leap



those who suffer

Linda Flood
John Hill
Josephine
Ferraiuolo

*and those who
have died*

Holly Block
Henry Rogers

from the current forms to the next? When will we see progress?

I've been thinking about progress - and the lack of it - in relation to our upcoming Sunday Forum. This week we will hear from Jason McDonald, who is a history and technology teacher at Grace Church School. Jason comes to us with a fascinating topic: *Grace Church and the Civil War*. Forget about 50 years ago, or even 100. If we were to transport a person from 150 years ago into our day, how much progress would such a time traveler detect? Sad to say, he or she might find certain aspects of contemporary society all too familiar; the bitter divisions and poor race relations that define our country and time would be entirely recognizable to a person who had just come through the Civil War. How was Grace Church addressing the times back then? What were the ministries of the parish, and what was being preached from the pulpit? Were we making progress in seeking the kingdom of God?

I am looking forward to doing a bit of time traveling on Sunday, and I hope you will join us at 10 am in the Reception Room as we look at ourselves in a distant mirror. Coffee and breakfast treats are served.

See you in church.

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

This Sunday

October 15th

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek
Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sermon: The Rev. Martha S. Korienek
Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

4 p.m. Evensong

Benjamin Britten's REJOICE IN THE LAMB
The Choir of Men & Boys

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

GRACE CHURCH & THE CIVIL WAR– THE SUNDAY FORUM @10 AM Jason McDonald is a technology and history teacher at Grace Church School. In fall 2017, he is teaching multiple sections of Civil War and Reconstruction. He has connected the course to the history of Grace Church and other New York City locations. McDonald will discuss the class and the Civil War sermons of Grace Church Rector Thomas House Taylor, the Union Rally of 1861 in Union Square, Tom Thumb's wedding, and the 1865 Lincoln Funeral procession. Some students will be available to discuss their learning and experiences. Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served.

OPEN HOUSE NEW YORK – Grace Church is pleased to participate once again in this year's Open House New York Weekend, a citywide showcase of distinctive examples of architecture, engineering, and design. Tours of the church will be offered by our Open Door volunteers on Saturday at 1:30 pm & 2:30 pm and Sunday at 2pm during usual visiting hours. Visit www.ohny.org for more information.

YOUTH GROUP TODAY @2:15 PM – Youth in grades 7–12 are invited to take a break from studies and meet for snacks and conversation on faith and life. We'll meet in the 3rd floor Conference Room from 2:15–3:30 pm. (Choristers, please note: we'll now be meeting weekly after high school choir rehearsal. On weeks when middle school choristers rehearse, they are also invited to join after rehearsal.)



**REJOICE IN
THE LAMB**
by Benjamin Britten

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER
AT 4:00 P.M.

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MEN AND BOYS

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The Reverend J. Donald Waring, Rector
Patrick Allen, Organist and Master of Choristers

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"TEA TIME" AFTER THE 6 PM SERVICE–All are welcome for light refreshments outside the Chantry directly after the service. Grab a cookie and say a quick hello to clergy and fellow worshippers or catch up with new and old friends over a well-steeped cup of tea.

Coming Soon

OCT 18 – IN CONCERT The Brønshøj Girls' Choir from Brønshøj, Denmark – Bente Kiil Toftegaard, Director & Martin Seier Pedersen, accompanist. Works by: Niels W. Gade, Carl Nielsen, C.E.F. Weyse, Leonard Cohen, Moses Hogan. Wednesday, Oct 18 at Noon. Free Admission. More details [here](#).

OCT 22 – SYRIAN SCHOLAR & ACTIVIST NAILA AL-ATRASH with Grace parishioner, Catharine Stimpson. Syrian theater director, educator, and human

rights activist Naila Al-Atrash is known for her challenging plays which explore society, economics, and politics. Currently teaching at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, Naila will discuss the diverse cultural, religious and ethnic background of Syria before the 2011 conflict, along with her own personal history. Grace parishioner Catharine R. Stimpson, University Professor at NYU and Dean Emerita of the Graduate School of Arts and Science, is Board Chair of Scholars at Risk, a network dedicated to promoting academic freedom and protecting threatened scholars.

OCT 24 – OPEN DOOR VOLUNTEERS FALL RECEPTION – A Paella & Sangria Social! Please join the Open Door Volunteers for fellowship and fun as we kick off a new year of welcoming visitors on weekend afternoons to the newly restored sanctuary. Seafood & fully loaded paella as well as Malcolm's signature sangria, along with a virgin/mock/nonalcoholic variety, will be served. [*RSVP to Singleton Cox*](#) or write to learn more about Open Door. *Ole!*

OCT 28 – NEXT HABITAT BUILD DAY: Projects in Manhattan *and* Queens! On Saturday, Oct 28th we offer a choice of two projects: in Manhattan we are now working to preserve and maintain affordable housing, this week by doing home maintenance repair for a co-op on the Lower East Side. While over in Queens, we will put finishing touches on "The House that Grace Built." *To sign up, please visit the [Outreach page](#) of the website or [e-mail Martha Korienek](#).*

OCT 29 – A PIRATE STATE, ORGANIZED FOR BENEVOLENCE: Herbert Hoover and the Commission for the Relief of Belgium. At the outbreak of WWI, a humanitarian crisis of epic proportions loomed just inside the Western Front. With the German army marching west, the forces that successfully conquered the Kingdom of Belgium and Northern France refused to take responsibility for feeding the civilian population it occupied. Into this

murderous stalemate stepped Herbert Hoover and the story of Belgian relief -- which marked the turning point in history where international relief became operationally effective on a massive scale and where American philanthropy became a force in geopolitics. As told, here at Grace, by his great-granddaughter, and Grace parishioner, Margaret Hoover.

OCT 29 – HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL Sunday Oct 29th in Tuttle Hall from 2:30–4 pm. All children and families are invited for an afternoon of spooky fun and games, featuring mask-making, craft projects, and cupcake decorating. Lend a hand by helping at one of the tables, making a donation, or contributing non-candy snacks. Drop off packaged snacks to the parish office now through Friday, October 28; baked goods can be brought to Tuttle Kitchen on Sunday morning, Oct. 29 or right before the party. Middle and high school students are especially encouraged to volunteer. *Please [contact The Rev. Chase Danford](#) with questions.*

NOV 5 – THE POETRY OF WWI – More than 9 million soldiers and 7 million civilians died in World War I. This carnage, the deployment of chemical weapons (such as tear and mustard gasses), and the brutality of trench warfare had a profound impact on poetry. A movement away from idealism and toward skepticism and disillusion inspired powerful poetry that still moves us. Led by Dr. Diana Benet, Grace Parishioner and professor at the University of North Texas.

NOV 5 – ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY During the services we'll light candles and remember all those connected with Grace Church who have died but still remain on the hearts and minds of their loved ones. *To include a name on this year's list, please [e-mail the name to Jennifer Metz](#) by Tuesday, Oct 31st.*

NOV 7 – CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN-UPS AND INTERVIEWS! All children and youth aged 5 and older are invited to participate in the annual pageant, held

on Christmas Eve at 4 pm. All participants must submit an online cast information sheet by Nov 6. Those interested in singing a solo, duet, or trio must also sign up for an interview (Tues, Nov 7 from 2–6 pm in the Music Room). A full pageant schedule is available on the bulletin board in the Parish House. *Please email the Rev. Chase Danford at cdanford@gracechurchnyc.org for links to the cast info sheet and the interview sign-ups.*

NOV 11, 12 – GRACE CHRISTMAS FAIR sponsored by the ECW. Saturday, Nov 11, 10am – 7pm and Sunday, Nov 12, 10am – 4pm in Tuttle Hall. \$2 admission to feed the hungry. NEW "CATHARINE'S CAFE"! Savories and sweets available for purchase throughout both days. GREAT vendors! Children's table! For more information [contact Elana Foundos](#). VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – MEN ALSO!" To help, [contact Lethe Black](#).

NOV 12 – GRACE CHURCH AND WWI – From the innovative war writing of city residents John Dos Passos, Edith Wharton and Willa Cather to the ideological convulsions of chauvinism, pacifism, and disillusionment, New York grew up as a city during World War I. Grace Church contributed to this process, sending over a dozen men to give their lives in the war. The massive deaths of wartime caused Christians to think differently about the afterlife, reflected in the revisions in the 1928 Prayer Book partially written by Grace's rector, Charles Lewis Slattery. Led by Dr. Nicholas Birns, Grace Parishioner and professor at The New School and NYU.

NOV 12 – NEWCOMERS CLASS – New people to Grace are warmly invited to our Newcomers Class. The class is on Sunday, October 8th in the reception room at 12:30pm. Each session will discuss how to become a member of Grace, as well as this session we will be talking about *the various ministries of Grace Church*. We recommend that you attend at least three classes throughout the year, as a way to get acquainted with the clergy, with other new members, and to grow in your faith. *Lunch will be provided, so*

[RSVP to Martha.](#)

NOV 19 – HOME COOKED MEAL FOR NYC

RESCUE MISSION – On Sunday, Nov 19th we will serve a meal of pot roasts and cupcakes to hundreds of guests at the NYC Rescue Mission. We need volunteers to prepare pot roasts and cupcakes at home and to 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 folks at the mission. To sign up, [e-mail Lillie Chance](#) or click [here](#).

DEC 2 – GRACE CHURCH/GO PROJECT VOLUNTEER DAY!

Ever considered volunteering with the GO Project, but not sure you can make a year-round commitment? How about signing up for a one-day event? GO invites all Grace Church members and friends to participate on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, from 9 am–12:30 pm. Come and see this wonderful program in action, meet the students served by the program and pitch in to help! *Sign up by [e-mailing Olivia Nunez](#).*

*To find service information,
you may visit www.gracechurchnyc.org, updated weekly.*

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