

## Make Your Pledge

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

### 1. Count Your Blessings

Pledging is a way to say “thank you” to God for all the blessings of this life: friends, family, forgiveness, employment, a lesson learned, awareness of God’s presence, the beauty of creation. Part of the enclosed pledge card asks you to list a few of the blessings you have known in 2018. Thus, your 2019 pledge is a tangible expression of gratitude. It is the blessings we name on our pledge cards that we hear in the Prayers of the People each Sunday.

### 2. Be Prayerful and Generous

The Bible commends the tithe (10% of one’s income) as a standard of giving. If the tithe seems too high a mark to reach this year, choose a percentage that feels faithful, grateful, and generous. If you gave 2% last year, strive to give 3% or 4% in 2019. Multiply the percentage you choose by your annual income, and make the resulting number your pledge.

### 3. Fulfill Your Pledge

Once you have completed both sides of the pledge card, either mail it to the parish office, or place it in the offering plate the next Sunday you are in church. You can begin to make pledge payments in 2019, and take the entire year to fulfill your pledge. Parishioners can choose offering envelopes to make weekly payments, or set up automatic payments by giving online at: [gracechurchnyc.org](http://gracechurchnyc.org).

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## Budget Digest

	2017 Actual	2018 Estimate	2019 Budget (est.)
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Pledge Payments	\$1,148,028	\$1,250,000	\$1,200,000
Plate/Ministries/ Programs*	281,560	212,970	200,000
General Support*	209,662	218,516	120,000
*2017 income reflects one-time gifts			
<b>REAL ESTATE REVENUE</b>			
Rental Income - 100 & 102 4th Ave.	209,189	220,368	204,732
Owner Distribution - 80 4th Ave.	900,000	900,000	900,000
<b>DRAW ON INVESTMENTS</b>			
	450,000	400,000	400,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$3,198,439</b>	<b>\$3,201,854</b>	<b>\$3,024,732</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Parish Ministry	\$594,667	\$693,769	\$711,113
Outreach/GO Project	290,337	287,000	294,175
Music	354,506	317,263	325,195
Diocesan Support	250,000	250,000	250,000
Fabric and Grounds	866,834	671,292	688,074
Administration	614,532	656,578	631,175
Capital Improvements	114,554	178,413	125,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,085,430</b>	<b>\$3,054,315</b>	<b>\$3,024,732</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$113,009</b>	<b>\$147,539</b>	<b>(\$0)</b>

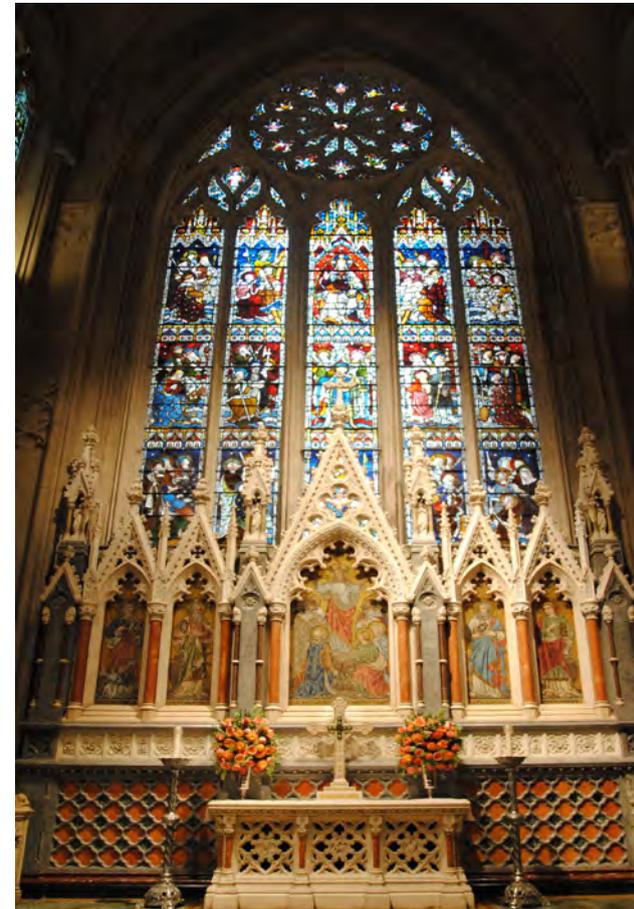


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## Let Your Light Shine



Grace Church in New York  
2019 Annual Campaign

## From the Rector



Dear Friends,  
One summer day, I was headed out on some errand that took me right past the front of Grace Church. As I walked south on Broadway towards 10th St., I fell in step with a group of people whom I surmised to be tourists.

They were speaking rather loudly about the recent things they’d seen: Union Square, the Strand Bookstore. Then one of them said, “And look at this cute little church!”

I thought to myself: Little? What about this is little? I don’t mean to boast, but the spire they were walking under is nearly 250 feet high. The nave seats 1,000 people. The organ has 5,000 pipes. Certainly the age is not little; the building is 170 years old, and as a congregation we’ve existed since 1808. Sadly, the maintenance budget is not little either. Every year it costs hundreds of thousands of dollars just to stave off the effects of time’s rude hand. Little?

Something else that isn’t little is our mission to love and serve the Lord. Increasingly we are reaching out to the city through Habitat for Humanity, the GO Project, and partnerships with shelters, soup kitchens, and food pantries. On Sundays we are bold to sing God’s praises with all our skill. Throughout the week the church is open so that anyone who comes through our doors might encounter the welcome of God. Hundreds do so. What about this is little? Alas, people will see what they want to see, so I simply walked on wondering what we might do to shine a brighter light on just how big the ministries of Grace Church really are.

Jesus said, “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” This brochure shines a light on our work and witness in the community. Also, in the following panels you will find a budget digest that provides a broad outline of how much it costs to keep Grace Church going – and growing. Please read on, and give prayerful, grateful consideration to how you might support Grace Church with financial giving in 2019.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Rector

## Worship & Music

Grace Church is first and foremost a worshipping community. We gather together in congregations large and small at least 20 times per month to sing, pray, hear the word of God interpreted in sermons, and receive nourishment through the Eucharist. Worship is planned with great care, and we strive to make our offerings of prayer and praise beautiful and meaningful. Parishioners serve on the altar and flower guilds, sing in the choirs, serve as readers and chalice bearers, acolytes, greeters and ushers.



The Choir of Men and Boys sing during Morning Prayer

Our services are enriched by choral music from the finest Anglican Church repertoire, including the canticles of Morning Prayer, a beloved Sunday tradition at Grace Church. Our four choirs: The Choir of Men and Boys, The Girls' Choir, The Adult Choir, and The Parish Choir, enhance our worship, lifting our voices in song and praise. The Bicentennial Organ is featured six days a week during Bach At Noon and Weekend Organ Meditations. Through worship and music in our incomparably beautiful church, we strive to shine the light of Christ into the world.



A new ministry, Grace Cares, trains lay members to visit the housebound of our community. The clergy regularly visit parishioners who have been hospitalized. Our youth group is a safe zone for teens, grounded in spiritual practice and service to others. The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) provides women of the parish with opportunities for fellowship and service. Every Sunday evening during the school year we host Canterbury Downtown, the diocesan ministry for university students in the neighborhood.

Special programs such as newcomer receptions, parish dinners and parties, the Halloween Carnival, the Christmas Pageant, and the Easter Eve Walk deepen our connection, bringing the parish closer together. By striving to be a close and caring congregation that is welcoming of all, we let others see the benefits of Christian community.



## Community and Nurture

Grace Church nurtures a caring community for people of all ages and backgrounds. Sunday services always include time together after worship, when we catch up with one another and welcome visitors and new members into the community.

## Outreach and Mission

True ministry begins when we are inspired through worship, nurtured in community, and then sent out into the world in witness to God's love. Our parishioners serve the neediest of society, and help them reach for a better life. In 2018, we began an important interfaith



partnership with an Islamic service organization called Who is Hussain. Together with Habitat for Humanity, Grace Church and Who is Hussain are rehabilitating an abandoned home in Queens.



Unity House Build Day

This year, Grace Church is underwriting a Pastoral Resident to help staff a struggling parish in the Bronx. We continue partnerships with the GO Project, Interfaith Assembly on Housing & Homelessness, Hope for our Neighbors in Need, Seaman's Church Institute, Church of the Ascension Food Pantry, and the New York City Rescue Mission.

The Open Door Ministry is our commitment to keep our Broadway doors open every day of the week, welcoming over 50,000 visitors each year who enter, rest, and pray. We let our light shine before others by responding to human need with loving service.

## Education and Evangelism

To proclaim the good news of God's kingdom, and to teach, baptize, and nurture new believers are all essential components of the church's mission. We offer opportunities for spiritual growth and formation throughout the year for the entire congregation.

Children participate in Sunday school every week, deepening their understanding of God. The Sunday Forum provides a series of lectures that engage us in thought-provoking discussions. Special classes for adults broaden our insight into the role of faith in our lives. We grow our community through baptism and confirmation classes.



Vacation Bible School in Huntington Close

The Weekly Epistle reaches hundreds of households, keeping the congregation updated and informed. Our website and social media outlets increase our presence and grow our reach beyond our walls. Through Christian education and evangelism, we shine our light into a world that badly needs to hear the good news of Jesus.