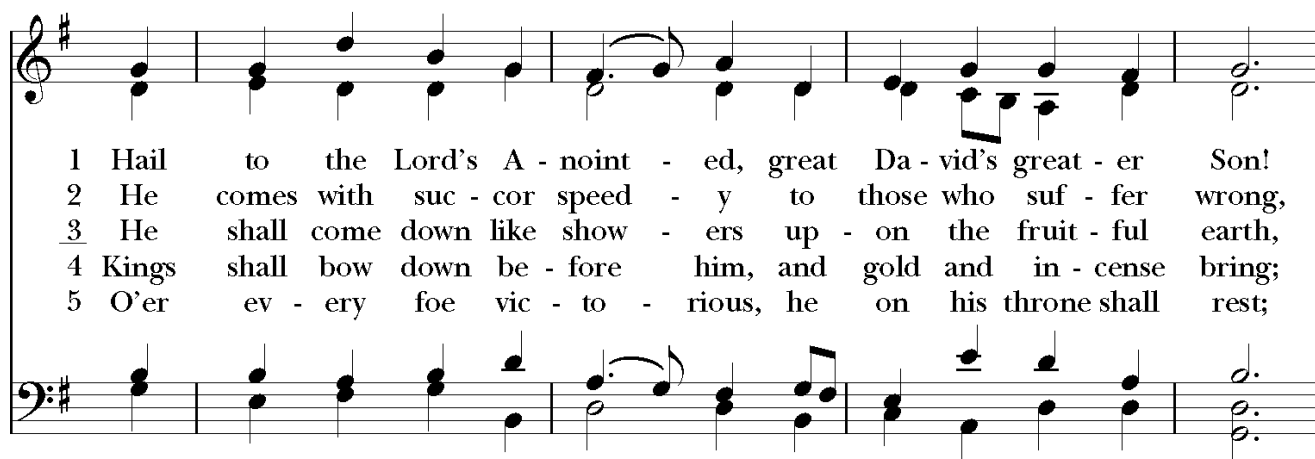


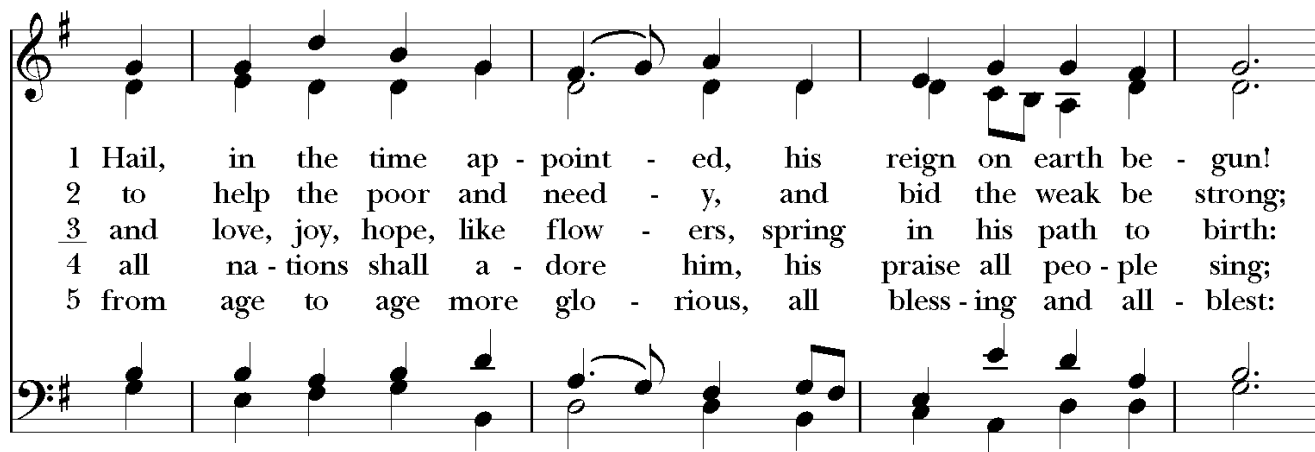
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
BAPTISM & THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE
January 12, 2025 at eleven o'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Noel en Musette, en Dialogue, et en Duo: «Une bergère jolie»
Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

HYMN 616 Hail to the Lord's Anointed *(All stand to sing the hymn.)*



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72
 Music: *Es flog ein kliens Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7 *(Please be seated)* Dana Foote

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 Afferte Domino *(To be sung by the choir)* Anglican Chant *(Barnby)*

1 ASCRIBE unto the LORD, O ye mighty, *
 ascribe unto the LORD worship and strength.
 2 Ascribe unto the LORD the honour due unto his Name; *
 worship the LORD with holy worship.

- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; *
it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.
- 4 It is the LORD that ruleth the sea;
the voice of the LORD is mighty in operation; *
the voice of the LORDd is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedar-trees; *
yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon1.
- 6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; *
Lebanon1 also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.
- 7 The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; *
yea, the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh2.
- 8 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to bring forth young,
and strippeth bare the forests: *
in his temple doth every thing speak of his honour.
- 9 The LORD sitteth above the water-flood, *
and the LORD remaineth a King for ever.
- 10 The LORD shall give strength unto his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE EPISTLE Acts 8:14-17 (*please be seated*)

Ellen McElduff

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 121 Christ, when for us you were baptized (All stand to sing the hymn.)

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. All rights reserved. Used with permission.
Music: *Caithness*, melody from *The Psalms of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

THE GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON (Please be seated)

The Reverend Julia Macy Offinger

HYMN 516 Come down, O Love divine (All stand to sing the hymn.)

During the hymn, the parents, godparents, and candidates gather at the font. The service continues in the Book of Common Prayer, p. 301.

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES	<i>(Please be seated)</i>
THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT	<i>(Please stand)</i>
PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 305</i>
THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER	
THE BAPTISM	<i>(Please be seated)</i>
THE PEACE	<i>(Please stand)</i>
GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	<i>(Please be seated)</i>

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)*
When Jesus, our Lord, was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judæa; behold, from the east to the city of Jerusalem there came the wise men and said: Say, where is he born, the King of Judæa? For we have seen his star, and are come to adore him.

There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a Sceptre from Israel rise up and dash in pieces Princes and Nations.

How brightly shines the morning star!
With sudden radiance from afar
With light and comfort glowing!
Thy Word, Jesus,
Inly feeds us, rightly leads us,
Life bestowing.
Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing!

Matthew ii. 1, 2; Numbers xxiv. 17; Psalm ii. 9

DOXOLOGY *(To be sung by all, standing)* OLD 100th

**PRAISE God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Online worshippers may use the Virtual Offering Plate to make their gifts.
<https://gracechurchnyc.org/donation-support/>

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Remain standing*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Who, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS, HYMNAL S-114 (*To be sung by all*)

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All may kneel after singing the Sanctus.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again .

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he; may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take and eat them in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

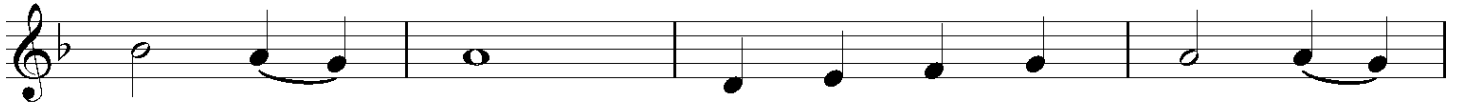
THE ADMINISTRATION

The bread of the Eucharist is administered from two standing stations at the chancel steps. Please wait for an usher to release your pew. Approach the altar from the center aisle in two lines. Return to your pew using the side aisle to your right or left.

COMMUNION HYMN 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence *(All stand to sing the hymn)*



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885) Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Born on earth the divine Christ child,
Oboes, rejoice, with bagpipes vying,
Born on earth the divine Christ child,
Sing to welcome the Savior mild.*

'Tis four thousand years and more
Men his birth have been prophesying;
'Tis four thousand years and more
While we longed for the joys in store.
Refrain.

Ah such beauty and charm adore!
Ah such perfection of grace undying!
Ah such beauty and charm adore!
Promised us in days of yore.
Refrain.

The Celebrant and People say together:

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Please kneel)*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in, through Jesus Christ our Lord to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

French traditional carol, arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

In a stable here on earth,
Jesus, in the manger lying,
In a stable here on earth,
O how lovely our Savior's birth!
Refrain.

Jesus, Savior, heaven's Lord,
Child in manger crying,
Jesus, Savior, heaven's Lord,
Christ our King forevermore.
Refrain.

HYMN 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! *(All stand to sing the hymn)*



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bid; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935) Copyright ©1984, Roy F. Kehl. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

DISMISSAL *The people respond:* Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Quand le Sauveur Jésus-Christ fut né de Marie

Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738)

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Baptismal Candidates

Mars Huckleberry Buran
Henry Robert Gauthier
Roland Edward Martin
Jerome Ivo Anderson Wang

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Serving Today

The Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers
Rachel Thompson, Acolyte
Dana Foote, Ellen McElduff, Ansley Galjour, Readers
Shingmin Lai, Cathy Minuse, Altar Guild
Charlie Johnston, Ansley Galjour, Benjamin Bennett, Jason Slibeck, *Ushers*
Michael LaVoie, *Grace Productions*

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*The flowers on the high altar are given to the glory of God and
in thanksgiving for the life of Richard D. Trent.*

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TODAY

Coffee and Fellowship takes place today in Tuttle Hall following the 9 am and 11 am services. Come enjoy coffee, conversation, and a variety of treats that have been provided.

Sunday Forum on Break – The forum will resume in the reception room on Jan. 12.

Christmas Plants – If you would like to take a Christmas plant with you today, please do so. With just a bit of care they can help you or a loved one enjoy the spirit of Christmas through the year. Note: many of the plants are in green wicker baskets; please leave these behind for use next year.

2025 Annual Pledge Campaign: “And I Mean to be One Too” - On November 3rd, we launched the 2025 Annual Pledge Campaign at all three services. All parishioners and friends of Grace Church are asked to support the work of Grace Church by making an annual pledge. Some will turn in the pledge cards received by mail or found in the pews. Others will begin a time of prayerful reflection to consider what God is calling them to do. In this way we not only support the church, but give thanks to God for all the blessings of life. To make your pledge, please fill out the pledge envelope, place it in the offering plate today, or return it to the parish office as soon as you can. You may also make your pledge at: 2025 Pledge Form | Grace Church in New York at <https://gracechurchnyc.org/2025-pledge-form/> (You have all of 2025 to make your payments!) Questions about pledging? Contact Travis Kennedy at tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org or 212-254-2005.

6 pm Sunday and Wednesday Worship in the Chantry – If you cannot be here on Sunday mornings, note that every week we offer two evening opportunities for worship. The Sunday and Wednesday 6 pm services

in the Chantry include Holy Eucharist, sermon, and lively hymn singing accompanied by our Steinway grand piano.

Canterbury Downtown Campus Ministry for College Students – Canterbury Downtown is an open and inclusive Episcopal campus ministry for students of Manhattan colleges. Students of all religious and cultural backgrounds are invited to share in a faith-based community, connect with one another, and grow together in Christ. During the academic year, students gather for worship, conversation, and a complimentary meal with Canterbury Downtown Chaplain, The Rev. Megan E. Sanders, following the Sunday 6 pm service at Grace Church. All college students welcome.

COMING SOON

Jan 15, 22, 29, Feb 5, 12, 19, and 26 – An Intro to Genesis – The Rev. Julia Macy Offinger and The Rev. Don Waring lead a class on the foundational stories of Genesis, focusing on the creation stories — God’s people figuring out why things are the way they are. Each session will include select readings, conversation, and refreshments. No experience necessary! **6:45 – 8:00 pm** in the Reception Room. If you’re interested, sign up with Mickey Hawley at mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org in the parish office.

Jan 26 – Newcomers' Lunch – New to Grace Church? Interested in learning more about this community and how to get involved? On January 26 at 12:30 pm come for lunch in the Reception Room, meet a few new friends, and learn about the many offerings at Grace Church. RSVP to the Rev. Julia Offinger.

Feb 2 – The Annual Meeting of the Parish – Follows the 11 am service in Tuttle Hall with luncheon served. More details to come.

Feb 8 – Bag Lunch Volunteer Day – Help us prepare a quick and easy meal for our neighbors in need. We’ll gather here at the church from 9:00 to 12:00 pm on Sat., Feb. 8 to pack bag lunches for our food ministry partner, The Red Door Place, to distribute. All ages welcome! Email the Rev. James Morton if you’d like to attend.

Mar 8 – Volunteer Day with The GO Project – The GO Project is an after-school program and longtime ministry partner of Grace Church. Join us on Sat., Mar. 8 from 9:30 am to 12 pm for a volunteer day where we’ll support students as they learn reading and math. Email the Rev. James Morton if you’d like to attend.

EVERY SUNDAY

9 am, 11 am Worship Services in the Church and 6 pm in the Chantry. The 11 am service is video streamed every week.

The Sunday Forum – Between the services in the Reception Room (and over [Zoom](#)) starting around 10 am, we delve into theological and contemporary topics in depth.

Children’s Chapel – During the 11 am service children ages 4-12 are invited to start church with their parents in the pews and then join Father James or Mother Julia in the chantry for a time of learning and prayer. Children will return during the announcements.

Nursery Care – The nursery (next to the Sunday School classroom, across Tuttle Hall) is open from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Adults can sign children ages 0-4 in and out at their convenience. The nursery is professionally staffed according to Safe Church guidelines.

Coffee Hour – Coffee and fellowship takes place in Tuttle Hall following the 9 and 11 am services.

Activity Corner for Children – In the north aisle of the church you will find coloring supplies, and books for children to use during the service. Please return all materials before you leave, and help us keep the area clean for future families.

Hymns from Grace – Held in the church during open hours and on the Organ Meditation YouTube Channel at 4:00 pm - 45-minutes of favorite hymns, anthems and voluntaries played on the Bicentennial Organ.

EVERY WEEK

Monday – Centering Prayer (over Zoom) – 12:15-12:45 pm – Christian silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of God’s presence. Led by Currie Estreich, MA, Spiritual Direction, the General Theological Seminary. For Zoom access, please see The Weekly Epistle or email the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger at joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org.

Tuesday-Friday – Bach at Noon – Held in the church during open hours and on the Organ Meditation YouTube Channel at 12:20 pm - 30 minutes of music by J.S. Bach, played on the Bicentennial Organ.

Wednesday – Women’s Bible Study – 10:30 am on Zoom with the Rev. Julia Offinger. Contact Julia for Zoom instructions.

Wednesday – 6 pm Eucharist in the Chantry

Saturday – Weekend Organ Meditation – Held in the church during open hours and on the Organ Meditation YouTube Channel at 4:00 pm - 45-minutes of diverse music played on the Bicentennial Organ.

Enter, Rest, Pray (CHURCH IS OPEN) Monday - Saturday from noon – 5 pm.

OUTREACH

Food Donations for The Red Door Place – Our food ministry partner, The Red Door Place at The Church of the Village, is a vital pantry/soup kitchen serving those in need supporting the social safety net in our neighborhood. Donations are desperately needed. Non-perishable food item(s) may be dropped off in the collection baskets in the narthex when you visit Grace Church during open hours. Clothing donations are not needed for this ministry.

Fresh Direct (or Other Reusable) Bags Needed – The Red Door Place is also seeking donations of Fresh Direct or other reusable bags to support its ministries. If you’d like to donate bags, you can place these in the collection baskets in the narthex with the food items.

Knitters and non-knitters unite! Love to knit, curious how to start, or just want to dust off those old needles and plunge into purling again? We want you! We are looking for all levels of knitters to help grow our partnership with Seamen’s Church Institute and the Christmas at Sea program by knitting heart-made hats, scarves, and mittens. If you are interested, please contact Ashleigh Madureira at amadureira1@gmail.com. Just include your name, the # of adults/children in your household that may be interested, and the level(s) of experience. No experience is OK!

Help Ukrainian Families – Episcopal Relief & Development is working to provide humanitarian assistance to the more than 2 million people who have had to leave Ukraine. Specifically, their partner ACT Alliance is helping families on the Hungarian border, and their Anglican partners are mobilizing both an immediate and long-term response in Poland, Romania and Hungary. Your emergency gift will provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needs as this crisis unfolds. Visit <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse> to make a donation today.

PARISH LIFE

Altar Flowers – Every Sunday the flowers on the altar assist our prayers by reminding us of the beauty of God’s creation. The gift of flowers is a wonderful way to remember a departed loved one, or give thanks for a happy occasion such as a birthday or an anniversary. The flowers not only brighten our Sundays, but remain on the altar most of the week for school chapels and open door hours. The cost for sponsoring the arrangements on both sides of the cross is \$350. But donors can also go in together and jointly sponsor a Sunday. Ei-

ther way, we will list the givers and the occasions in the Sunday bulletin. Please note that during Advent and Lent we observe those seasons with simpler arrangements that do not include flowers. That said, many other Sundays are available for flower donors to claim. If you are interested, please email Mickey Hawley in the parish office, mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org.

Become a Worship Leader – Readers, ushers, and altar guild members play vital roles in all our services here at Grace Church. If you feel called to help us lead worship and are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities, email the Rev. James Morton at jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org and he can help you connect to a ministry that suits you.

Wear your nametags! – Nametags can be found on the boards in Tuttle Hall. Newcomers are encouraged to visit our welcome table during coffee hour to create their own nametags. If you are a pledging member and do not see your nametag on the boards in Tuttle Hall, please send Travis Kennedy an email at tkenney@gracechurchnyc.org so he can make you one.

20s & 30s at Grace Church – We have a very active group of parishioners in their twenties and thirties here at Grace who meet regularly for Pub Theology and other seasonal events. If you are interested in connecting with us, please email the Rev. James Morton and he will add you to our email list.

Baptism at Grace Church – The sacrament of baptism takes place during a weekly, public worship service about once a month. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please first be in touch with The Rev. Julia Offinger at joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org to discuss next steps. Attendance at one class prior to your chosen baptism date is required.

Grace Cares – Would you like a visit at home or at the hospital? Do you need assistance in getting to church or an appointment? Are you struggling and in need of a friendly phone call? Would you like the Sunday lessons read to you or the service bulletin brought to you? Would you like to receive communion in your home? Grace has a pastoral care team that provides these services and more. Contact the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger at joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org.

Restrooms are available on the 1st floor of the parish house, through the north aisle door near the baptismal font.

Nut-Free Fare – To ensure the safety of all our parishioners, every precaution is taken to provide food that is nut-free at coffee hours and other receptions. If you are bringing treats for others to enjoy, please make sure they are nut-free.

Safe Church – Grace Church is committed to providing its members, staff, and visitors with a place that is free of abuse and harassment. If you have observed, or personally experienced sexual or other forms of harassment, or other concerning behavior while attending activities, classes, or events held at Grace Church, or on our shared campus with Grace Church School, we encourage you to notify us. Please visit <https://gracechurchnyc.org/safechurch/> where you will find a direct means of providing feedback.

Assistive Listening System - During Sunday morning worship services, Grace Church provides an assistive listening system (ALS) for visitors with hearing loss. For information on how to connect to our FM radio transmitter, visit <https://gracechurchnyc.org/assistive-listening/> If you already have your listening equipment, tune in to frequency 87.6 MHz on your FM dial.



Give Via Venmo – If you don't have cash on you, but still want to give to Grace Church, you can Venmo your donation by searching for our page (@GraceChurchNYC) or by scanning this QR code using the camera on your phone. Use the "What's it for?" line to tell us the specific project or program you want to support.



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