

**GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK**  
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:  
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
Baptism & The Holy Eucharist: Rite I  
January 4, 2026 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)* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

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;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change-less Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*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.**

## FIRST LESSON **Isaiah 42:1-9**

*(Please be seated)*

Cody Jones

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 29***(To be sung by choir)*Anglican Chant (*Barnby*)

1 ASCRIBE unto the LORD, O ye mighty, \*  
    asccribe 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 Lebanon.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; \*  
    Lebanon 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 10:34-43**

Cecily Elizondo

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

**HYMN 121** Christ, when for us you were baptized

(All stand)

CAITHNESS

*During the singing of the hymn, children (ages 4-12) are encouraged to meet at the chancel steps, then follow the Children's Chapel leaders to the chantry.*

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Music: *Caithness*, melody from *The Psalms of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

**THE GOSPEL***Celebrant**People***Matthew 3:13-17 (Please stand)**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

*Celebrant**People*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.****SERMON***(Please be seated)*

THE REVEREND J. DONALD WARING

## HYMN 516 Come down, O Love divine

(All stand)

DOWN AMPNEY

During the hymn, the parents, godparents, and candidates gather at the font. Children return from Children's Chapel.

The service continues in the Book of Common Prayer, p. 301.

1. Come down, O Love divine, 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.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

(Please be seated)

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

(Please stand)

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*Book of Common Prayer p. 305*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISMS

(Please be seated)

THE PEACE

(Please stand)

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please be seated)

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, “There shall a Star from Jacob come forth”      *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'er flowing!

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

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DOXOLOGY

(All stand)

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

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.

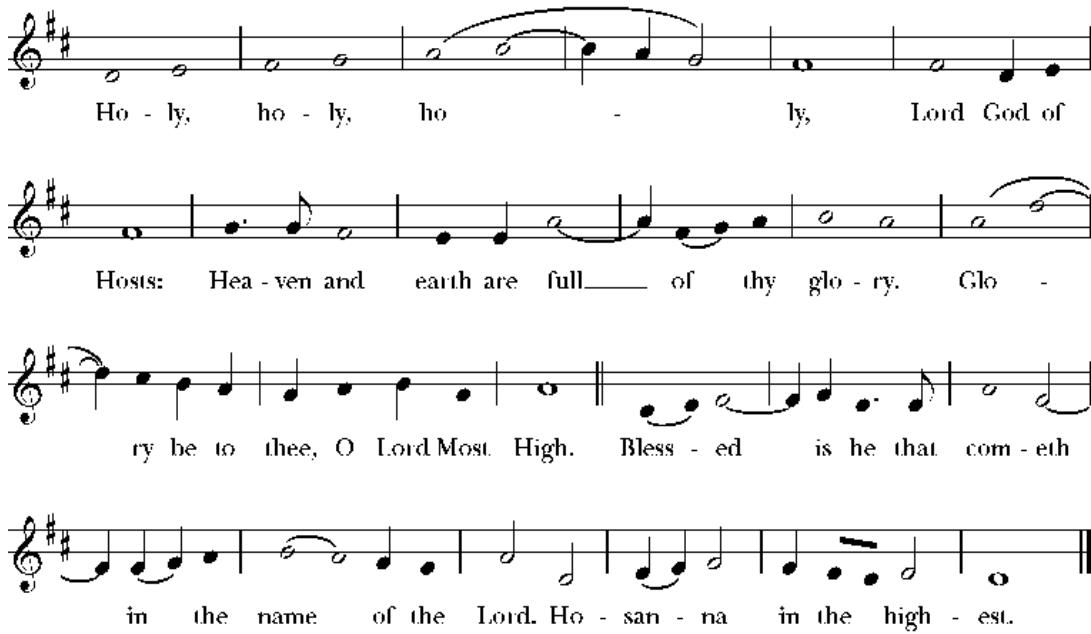
*Celebrant*       Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

*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 the Sanctus.*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through 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 takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away 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 Communion is administered (bread only) at the chancel steps. Please approach single file from the center aisle and keep six-feet behind the person in front of you. Return to your pew using the side aisle to your right or left.*

**AT THE COMMUNION,** Il est né le divin enfant  
*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.*

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.*

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

## HYMN 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

(All stand)

PICARDY

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, si - lence, 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

*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**

## HYMN 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

(All stand for the hymn.)

IN BABILONE

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlietjes 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** *Noel, sur les jeux d'Anches sans tremblant: «À la venuë de Noël»*

*Louis-Claude Daquin*

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***Baptismal Candidates***

William Conrad Marshall  
Amity Rose Upham  
Penelope Grace Upham

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***Serving Today***

The Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers  
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**TODAY**

**The Sunday Forum – What does it mean to be baptized?** Our readings this Sunday bring us straight to the banks of the Jordan River where our Lord was baptized. Yet, you may be wondering what all of this means for you and your own baptismal journey. In the Sunday Forum, the Rev. James Morton will lead this conversation as we explore what the waters of new life invite us to consider for the year ahead. 10 am in the Reception Room. Coffee and breakfast treats served.

**Amahl and the Night Visitors** – At 4 pm today the Adult Choir will present Gian Carlo Menotti's classic Epiphany drama, Amahl and the Night Visitors. This deeply moving drama, about a shepherd boy and his mother who encounter the Wise Men on their way to Bethlehem, is meant for all ages. The kids will love it, and the spaghetti supper that follows!

**Spaghetti Supper** – At 5 pm in Tuttle Hall, immediately following Amahl. A splendid feast with meatballs and sauce will be ready for everyone, whether or not you have attended Amahl. A free-will offering will be collected to help defray the cost. Please RSVP to Travis Kennedy at [tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org).

**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.

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

**Nursery Care** – The nursery is open from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm (during and between both morning services). The room is located in the Sunday School wing just off Tuttle Hall and is professionally staffed according to Safe Church guidelines. Parents are welcome to bring their children up to age 4. Please contact our seminarian, Molly Gouran, at [Parishlife@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:Parishlife@gracechurchnyc.org) for more information.

**Children's Chapel** – During the 11 am service, children ages 5-12 are invited to start church with their parents in the pews and then join a member of the clergy and a musician in the chancel for a time of singing, stories, and prayer. Younger children are welcome to attend with an adult. Children will return during the announcements.

**2026 Annual Pledge Campaign: "This is the Gate of Heaven"** – On November 2, we began receiving financial commitments for supporting the work of the Lord through Grace Church in 2026. All parishioners and friends of the parish are asked to support the ministry of Grace Church by making an annual pledge. 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, or return it to the parish office as soon as you can. You may also make your pledge online using the QR code. You have all of 2026 to make your payments! Questions about pledging? Contact Travis Kennedy at [tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org) or 212-254-2005. If your employer offers a program that matches your charitable giving, please contact Travis to learn about how you can amplify your giving by pledging to Saving Grace.



**Onward to 300 Giving Households!** – We are steadily making our way to 300! The next benchmark to achieve will be 250. Who will it be? When will it occur? What will the prize be? If you haven't already made your 2026 pledge, be sure to do so, and the winner could be you.

**2026 pledge envelopes** are available for those who use them! Pledge envelopes are used by those who make cash donations in the offering plate on Sunday and wish to have the gift applied as a payment towards their pledge. Pledge envelopes are not required for those who make their donations by check. **If you received 2025 pledge envelopes, your 2026 envelopes are available after service at the coffee hour.** Please make sure to take the box with your name on it, as the number on the envelope identifies the person who made the donation! If you did not receive pledge envelopes last year but would like to receive them this year, please email Travis at [tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org).

**Scaffolding** – The interior scaffolding is finally down, allowing passage through the south aisle and access to all pews. Unfortunately, the stained-glass windows will remain dark until the exterior south aisle work can be completed and the protection removed. Also, walkway exterior scaffolding will remain in place as workers continue the "make safe" inspection of the spire and tower.

**Join the Choir!** – Do you have a child in grades two through twelve? The Choirs are always recruiting and, with creative scheduling, all young people are eligible to participate, not just those who attend Grace Church School. It's fun, y'all come! Contact Patrick Allen via email at [pallen@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:pallen@gracechurchnyc.org) to work out the details. For more information about the choirs, please visit the music website at <https://music.gracechurchnyc.org/20208/>.

**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. The first Wednesday of every month includes prayers for healing and anointing with oil.

**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 are welcome.

## COMING SOON

**Jan 14, 21, 28, Feb 4 – Wednesday Evening Study – Episcopal Identity and the Book of Common**

**Prayer** – What is unique about the Episcopal way of being Christian? How does God speak through our particular practices and prayers? On four Wednesday evenings the Very Rev. Dr. Patrick Malloy, the recently retired Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, will lead sessions to help us better understand and utilize the Episcopal Church and its resources. This is an excellent opportunity for newcomers to meet others and learn more. 6:45 – 8 pm in the reception room. Refreshments served.

**Jan 17 – Volunteer Day at The Red Door Place** – Help us prepare a meal for our neighbors at The Red Door Place at The Church of the Village, our food ministry partner. There are two available shifts, 8:30 to 11:45 am and 11:30 to 2:30 pm. Email the Rev. James Morton at [jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org) if you would like to attend.

**Jan 22 – 20s & 30s Pub Theology** – The next 20s & 30s Pub Theology will take place on Thursday, January 22 at 6:45 pm in the reception room of the parish house. We'll explore intersections of the divine and our everyday lives. No advance reading is necessary! Pizza, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Email the Rev. James Morton at [jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org) to RSVP.

**Jan 25 – Newcomers' Lunch** – New to Grace Church? Interested in learning more about this community and how to get involved? On January 25 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. James Morton at [jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org).

**Jan 25 – Sunday Evening Classes Return** – Classes that follow the Sunday 6 pm service will return to the Chantry starting January 25<sup>th</sup>. Topic and further details to be announced soon.

**Feb 1 – Annual Meeting** – The annual meeting of the parish follows the 11 am service in Tuttle Hall with luncheon served. Reports will be given by the Nominating Committee, the Treasurer, the Senior Warden, and the Rector. We'll hear greetings from the Head of Grace Church School and the GO Project. Lunch will be served (\$10 per person suggested donation).

## 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 on Zoom starting around 10 am, we delve into theological and contemporary topics in depth.

**Nursery Care** – The nursery (next to the Sunday School classroom, across Tuttle Hall) is open from 8:30 am to 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.

**Children's Chapel** – During the 11 am service, children ages 5-12 are invited to start church with their parents

in the pews and then join a member of the clergy and a musician in the chancel for a time of learning and prayer. Younger children are welcome to attend with an adult. Children return during the announcements.

**Coffee Hour** – Coffee hour and fellowship take 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 Meditations YouTube channel at 4 pm - 45-minutes of favorite hymns, anthems and voluntaries played on the Bicentennial Organ.

## EVERY WEEK

**Monday – Centering Prayer** – 12:15-12:45 pm – In person and on Zoom. 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 Michelle Henderson at [mhenderson@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhenderson@gracechurchnyc.org). To practice in person, please come to the southeast corner of the church, just to the right of the organ and behind the pulpit. If you come down the center or north aisle and turn right, you'll see the spot set up.

**Tuesday-Friday – Bach at Noon** – Held in the church during open hours and on the Organ Meditations YouTube channel at 12:20 pm through June 15, 2026- 30 minutes of music by J.S. Bach, played on the Bicentennial Organ. Everyone is invited to visit the church in-person or join the livestream on the Grace Church Organ Meditations YouTube channel found at <https://www.youtube.com/@orgmed>.

**Wednesday – Women's Bible Study** – 10:30 am on Zoom. Please contact our seminarian, Molly Gouran, at [Parishlife@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:Parishlife@gracechurchnyc.org) for more information.

## Wednesday – 6 pm Eucharist in the Chantry

**Saturday – Weekend Organ Meditation** – Held in the church during open hours and on the Grace Church Organ Meditations YouTube channel at 4 pm through May 31, 2026- 45 minutes of diverse music played on the Bicentennial Organ.

**Enter, Rest, Pray (CHURCH IS OPEN)** Monday through Saturday from noon – 5 pm. Sundays 8:30 am to 5 pm (Sunday 6 pm service is in the chancel).

## 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 Bags Needed** – The Red Door Place is also seeking donations of Fresh Direct bags to support its ministries. Please note that they only accept Fresh Direct bags. Other reusable bags are not needed. If you would like to donate bags, please place them 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](mailto:amadureira1@gmail.com). Just include your name, the number 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 the Episcopal Relief & Development website at <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse>.

## 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. Either 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 at [mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto: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](mailto:jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org) and he can help you connect to a ministry that suits you.

**Is hospitality your forte?** Would you like to help put on parish events? If so, the Hospitality Guild wants your help! Throughout the year, Grace Church puts on many special events and opportunities for table fellowship. At parish dinners, summer cookouts, and other festive receptions, the Hospitality Guild helps set the table, lay the buffet, and extend the church's hospitality to members and newcomers alike. If you would like to be on the list of people we reach out to when we need hospitality volunteers, please email Travis at [tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org).

**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 email Travis Kennedy at [tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:tkennedy@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 at [jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org) and he will add you to our email list. You can also sign up for the WhatsApp group using the QR code.



**Baptism at Grace Church** – The sacrament of baptism takes place during a weekly, public worship service about once a month. The upcoming dates are Sunday, Feb 8 at the 9 am service, Saturday, April 4 at the 7 pm Easter Vigil, and Sunday May 24 at the 11 am service. Please try to arrange your family plans around these dates if you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child at Grace Church. Contact the rector at [dwaring@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:dwaring@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. James Morton at [jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org).

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

**Please refrain from eating and drinking in the church** to help keep the church a clean and peaceful space for all.

**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/contact-safe-church/> to 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. Please bring a small, handheld FM radio to the church to access this system. Once at the church, tune in to frequency 87.6 mHZ on your FM dial to listen. Please visit <https://gracechurchnyc.org/assistive-listening/> for more information.



**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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