

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Morning Prayer & Sermon
September 20, 2026 at eleven o'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Voluntary in F

John Stanley (1712-1786)

HYMN 368 Holy Father, great Creator

(All stand to sing the hymn)

REGENT SQUARE

1 Ho - ly Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor, source of mer - cy,
2 Ho - ly Je - sus, Lord of glo - ry, whom an - gel - ic
3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, Sanc - ti - fi - er, come with unc - tion
4 God the Lord, through ev - ery na - tion let thy won - drous

love, and peace, look up - on the Me - di - a - tor,
hosts pro - claim, while we hear thy won - drous sto - ry,
from a - bove, touch our hearts with sa - cred fire,
mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion

clothe us with his right - eous - ness; heaven - ly Fa - ther,
meet and wor - ship in thy Name, dear Re - deem - er,
fill them with the Sa - vior's love. Source of com - fort,
ev - ery tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,

heaven - ly Fa - ther, through the Sa - vior hear and bless.
dear Re - deem - er, in our hearts thy peace pro - claim.
Source of com - fort, cheer us with the Sa - vior's love.
Great Je - ho - vah, form our hearts and make them thine.

Words: Alexander Viets Griswold (1766-1843), alt.
Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
People I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the Lord."

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant invites the people to confess their sins.

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Then all kneel and say together:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Priest alone stands and says:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

(Please stand)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Venite, exultemus Domino.

Anglican Chant (*Rimbault*)

O COME let us sing / unto . the / Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of / our . sal- / - VA - / -tion.
Let us come before his presence with / THANKS - / - giving;
and show ourselves / glad . in / him . with / psalms.
For the Lord is a / GREAT / God;
and a great / King . a - / - bove . all / gods.
In his hand are all the corners / of . the / earth;
and the strength of the hills is / HIS / AL - / - so.
The sea is / his and . he / made it;
and his hands pre - / - pared . the / DRY / land.
O come let us worship and / FALL / down,
and kneel before the / Lord . our / MA - / - ker.
For he is the / Lord . our / God;
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the / sheep . of / HIS / hand.
O worship the Lord in the / beauty . of / holiness;
let the whole earth / stand . in / awe . of / him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to / judge . the / earth;

and with righteousness to judge the world,
 and the / peo - . - ples / with . his / truth.
 Glory be to the Father and / to . the / Son,
 and / to . the / Ho -.- ly / Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now and / e -. -ver/ shall be,
 world without / end. . A - / - A - / - men.

FIRST LESSON Jonah 3:10-4:11

(Please be seated.)

Stacie Waring

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

*Reader
 People*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:1-8

(To be said by all)

Exaltabo te, Deus

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
 and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
 and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
 there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
 and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
 and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
 and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
 they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
 slow to anger and of great kindness.

SECOND LESSON Philippians 1:21-30

Jason Slibeck

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well--since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM, "How lovely are the messengers" from ST. PAUL

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words; throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Romans 10

THIRD LESSON Matthew 20:1-16

(Please be seated)

Joann Hill

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God

Unison or harmony

1 Give praise and glo - ry un - to God, the Fa - ther of all bless - ing;
 2 The host of hea - ven prais-eth thee, O Lord of all do - min - ions;
 3 What God hath wrought to show his power he ev - er-more sus - tain - eth;

his might - y won - ders tell a - broad, his gra - cious-ness con -
 and mor - tals then, on land and sea, be - neath thy sha - dowing
 he watch - es o'er us ev - ery hour, his mer - cy nev - er

fess - ing. With balm my in - most heart he fills, his
 pin - ions, ex - ult in thy cre - a - tive might that
 wan - eth. Through all his king-dom's wide do - main, his

com - fort all my an - guish stills. To God be praise and glo - ry.
 do - eth all things well and right. To God be praise and glo - ry.
 right-eous-ness and jus - tice reign. To God be praise and glo - ry.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED (To be said by all, standing)

Book of Common Prayer p. 53

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Please kneel if you are able)

Book of Common Prayer p. 54

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

SUFFRAGES A

Book of Common Prayer p. 55

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in thee can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. Thy saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

COLLECTS

Book of Common Prayer p. 56

INTERCESSIONS

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Book of Common Prayer p. 58

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.***

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

2 Corinthians 13:14

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM, Listen, sweet dove

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

Listen sweet dove unto my song,
And spread thy golden wings in me;
Hatching my tender heart so long,
Till it get wing and flie away with thee.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow
The earth did like a heav'n appeare,
The stares were coming down to know
If they might mend their wages and serve here.

The sunne which once did shine alone,
Hung down his head and wisht for night,
When he beheld twelve sunnes for one
Going about the world and giving light.

Lord though we change thou art the same,
The same sweet God of love and light:
Restore this day for thy great name,
Unto his ancient and miraculous right.

George Herbert

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DOXOLOGY

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**

PRAYERS AT THE ALTAR

THE BLESSING

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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

POSTLUDE The Heavens declare the glory of God, Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

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Serving Today

The Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers

Bryan Goff, *Trumpet*

Cody Jones, *Acolyte*

Stacie Waring, Jason Slibeck, Joann Hill, *Readers*

Charlie Johnston, John Morton, Jason Slibeck, Laurent Brodie, *Ushers*

Elana Foundos, *Altar Guild*

Luke Waring, *Grace Productions*

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TODAY

The Sunday Forum – William White and the Making of the American Episcopal Church – Join us in the reception room at 10 am for the first of a two-part Sunday Forum on William White (1748–1836), the first Bishop of Pennsylvania and the first Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, who stands at the center of the church's transformation from a colonial extension of the Church of England into a distinctly American body. Led by parishioner and NYU professor Nicholas Birns, we will explore the former presiding bishop's life, ministry, and enduring legacy in the year that we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States.

Coffee hour and fellowship take place in Tuttle Hall following the 9 and 11 am services.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Christmas in July and August toddler toy and clothes drive with Room to Grow. Together, we gifted 145 items to children in New York City, making this our most successful toy drive yet!

Guest Musician – Bryan Goff, Professor Emeritus at Florida State University, will be our guest musician at 11 am, playing the prelude and postlude on trumpet. Please join us in welcoming Professor Goff to Grace Church.

Children's Chapel – Children ages 5 and up are invited to start church with their parents in the pews, before joining a member of the clergy in the chantry for a time of singing, stories, and prayer. Younger children are welcome to attend with an adult. Children return during the announcements. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez for more information.

Hymns from Grace – Hymns from Grace features favorite hymns, anthems, and voluntaries on The Bicentennial Organ from 4–4:45 pm on Sundays during the program year.

Canterbury Downtown – 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 in the chantry. All college students are welcome.

COMING SOON

Sept 23 – Wednesday Evening Classes continue – Exploring Our Common Prayer – Another year of Wednesday evening classes is underway, beginning with a two-week exploration of the structure and theology of our basic eucharistic service. Classes begin at 6:45 pm in the reception room, after the 6 pm service concludes. Light refreshments are served; all are welcome. Led by the Revs. Eva Suarez and Don Waring.

Sept 24 – GCW Talk with the League of Women Voters – In preparation for the November 3 election for State and Federal offices, the Grace Church Women (GCW) have invited the League of Women Voters of the City of New York to speak about what's on the ballot, efforts to get out the vote, and other election-related matters. Everyone is invited to meet at 6 pm in the reception room. Light refreshments will be served.

Sept 26 – 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, 8:30–11:45 am and 11:30 am–2:30 pm. Email the Rev. James Morton if you would like to attend.

Sept 27 – Pet Blessing & Fall Treats on Huntington Close – If a beloved member of your family has fur, four legs, or even feathers, bring your pet to our annual Blessing of the Animals in observance of the Feast of St Francis. We'll gather at 4 pm on Sunday, September 27, begin with a short pet blessing service, then enjoy fellowship over festive fall treats. All pets must be leashed or in carriers.

Sept 27, Oct 4, 18 & 25 – Bible Passages for Bad Days | Sunday Evening Adult Formation – It's not fun, but all of us have bad days. Can you think of a time when a family member wasn't doing well, or work got you down, or the world was too much with you? Those days are hard to navigate, but thankfully Scripture is filled with wisdom and examples of how to traverse troubling times. Meeting a total of four evenings, this course will explore passages from the Bible along with other resources in a small group setting. Led by the Rev. James Morton, we will meet in the chantry on Sunday nights immediately following the 6 pm service. No advance reading is necessary to participate. Refreshments served.

Sept 29 – 20s & 30s Pub Theology – The next 20s & 30s Pub Theology will take place on Tuesday, September 29 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 to RSVP.

Sept 30 – Women's Bible Study – Women's Bible Study meets weekly via zoom at 10:30 am. This is an opportunity for learning, camaraderie, and lively discussion—no advance preparation required. All those who identify as women are welcome. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez for more information.

Oct 1 – Trivia Night – Come join the Grace Church Women (GCW) at 6 pm for an exciting trivia night post-Michaelmas (the Feast of St. Michael)! Enjoy a delicious feast of traditional and vegetarian chili and fixings to fuel your brain for an emcee-led Trivia session from 7–9 pm. Suggested donation for entry is \$25 per person. All proceeds will benefit GCW's good works, including support for the Red Door Place.

Oct 4 – Acolyte Training (Pizza Served) – Acolytes play an integral role in leading worship at our 11 am service. If you have never acolyted before, this can be a fun and meaningful way to worship. Those interested in learning more are invited to an informal lunch in the reception room followed by a brief training in the church after the 11 am service on Sunday, October 4. Children and adults are welcome to take part (you just need to be old enough to hold our processional cross). RSVP to the Rev. James Morton.

Oct 4 – Rejoice in the Lamb – Rejoice in the Lamb by Benjamin Britten will be offered as part of Choral Evensong by The Choir of Men and Boys at 4 pm in the church.

Oct 17 – NEW TIME: New York Altar Guild Workshop – Everyone is invited to attend the annual New York Altar Guild workshop from 10 am–2 pm in the church. At this diocesan-wide event hosted by the GCW, we will gather for the Holy Eucharist and commune over breakfast, lunch, and refreshments. The Very Rev. Harry Krauss will be this year's speaker. You do not need to be a member of the Altar Guild to join. Just come, learn more, and meet other parishioners from across the diocese!

Oct 18 – New Worship Leader Open House (Refreshments Provided) – Curious about joining a worship ministry, but not sure where to begin? Readers, ushers, acolytes, and altar guild members play vital roles in all our services here at Grace Church and new worship leaders are always welcome to join. Meet us for refreshments in the Reception Room of the Parish House following the 11 am service to learn more. We'll have representatives from each worship guild speak to their ministry so you can discern where to plug in. RSVP to the Rev. James Morton.

Oct 25 – Shojin Cooking Demonstration – Tokyo-based chef and Buddhist monk Masami Asao will visit Grace Church from 12:30–4 pm for a Shojin cooking demonstration. We will learn to make miso soup and a selection of dashi (broths), and about the significance of tableware in Shojin cooking. Also featuring Japanese music, flowers, and trivia, it is bound to be a fun-filled afternoon!

Nov 7–8 – Grace Christmas Fair – Saturday, Nov 7 from 11 am–6pm. Sunday, Nov 8 from 10 am–4 pm. Enter through the church on Broadway. Art and Crafts / Treasures / Homemade food and baked goods for purchase at Catharine's Cafe! Wine & Cheese Reception on Saturday from 4–6pm. Bring your Christmas gift list! Sponsored by the GCW. If you are able to volunteer, bake for the cafe, or donate treasures, contact Elana or Kristin.

EVERY SUNDAY

Worship with us at 9 and 11 am in the church and 6 pm in the chantry. The 11 am service is livestreamed at <https://gracechurchnyc.org/worship/live/>.

The Sunday Forum is a weekly opportunity to gather with others and delve into topic of Christian concern, including theology, history, Scripture, and politics. Coffee and breakfast treats are served.

Coffee hour and fellowship take place in Tuttle Hall following the 9 and 11 am services.

Nursery Care – The nursery is open from 8:30 am–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. Adults can sign children ages 0–4 in and out at their convenience. Please be sure to collect your children by 12:30 pm. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez 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 chantry for a time of singing, stories, and prayer. Younger children are welcome to attend with an adult. Children return during the announcements. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez for more information.

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.

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EVERY WEEK

Enter, Rest, Pray (Open Door Hours) Sunday: 8:30 am–5 pm, Monday–Saturday: 12–5 pm. Wednesday and Sunday 6 pm services are in the chantry.

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. 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 is offered by our Organist and Master of Choristers, Dr. Patrick Allen, from 12:20–12:50 pm on The Bicentennial Organ. Stop into the church at any time during this 30-minute meditation to enjoy a diverse selection from the works of J.S. Bach.

Wednesday – 6 pm Holy Eucharist in the Chantry – 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.

Saturday – Weekend Organ Meditations – Weekend Organ Meditations feature the diverse repertoire of the pipe organ from 4–4:45 pm on Saturdays during the program year.

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 items 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.

PARISH LIFE

Baptism and Confirmation at Grace Church – Are you interested in learning more about the sacrament of Baptism for you or a family member? Were you baptized as an infant, and not sure what that means now that you're returning to church as an adult? Grace Church is a place where everyone is welcome to deepen their life of faith. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez to learn more about Baptism, Confirmation, and other Rites of Initiation here at Grace.

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 to work out the details. Please visit the choirs page at <https://gracechurchnyc.org/music/choirs/> for more information about the choirs.

Grace Christmas Fair: Call for Treasures/Donations – Do you have unique, versatile, decorative, vintage, or collectible items at home that you no longer need? The GCW Christmas Fair Committee invites everyone to look around at home for treasures donations and hold onto them for the Grace Christmas Fair. If small, they can be brought to Elana, Kristin, or Susan at the 11 am service on Sundays.

Grace Christmas Fair: Call for Baking Contributions – Catherine's Café is always a big hit at the fair and we are hoping you can help to make it a sweet success once again! Please let Rachel Kuhns know if you are willing to bake an item for the fair. Thank you in advance for your delicious donations and for helping to make the Café a holiday delight!

Altar Flowers – Donations of flowers beautify our sanctuary every week, a steady reminder of the love God shows us in creation. Flowers can be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a milestone, or just in general thanksgiving; both donors and their commemorations will be listed in that Sunday's bulletin. The cost to sponsor our usual Sunday display is \$400. Families, individuals, and groups can also sponsor jointly. Please note that flower arrangements are designed in coordination with our Worship schedule, so we are not able to meet every request of specific flowers or colors. To learn more, please email our Parish Office Administrator, Mickey Hawley.

Become a Worship Leader – Readers, ushers, and altar guild members play vital roles in all of 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 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 contact a member of the clergy.

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 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.

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.

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.

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/safeguarding-our-community/> to find a direct means of providing feedback.

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

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

Give Via Venmo – If you don't have cash on you, but still want to give to Grace Church, you can make a donation via Venmo at <https://venmo.com/u/GraceChurchNYC>. Use the "What's it for?" line to tell us the specific project or program you want to support.

Do you have an announcement for the bulletin? Please contact a member of the clergy by 12 pm on Wednesday to request to add an announcement to the Sunday bulletin.

Photos and videos taken at services display the vibrancy and joy of Grace Church in print and online materials. As a participant in Grace Church events, you have a right to opt out of photos and videos. To do so, please contact Michelle Henderson at mhenderson@gracechurchnyc.org.

Thank you for worshipping with us today.