

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Morning Prayer & Sermon

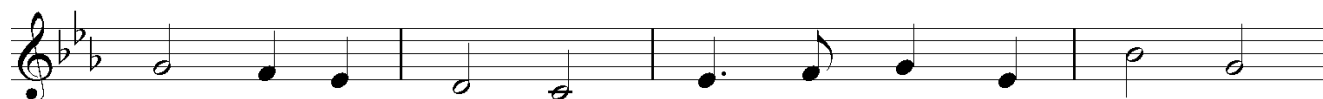
November 9, 2025 at eleven o'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Pièce Héroïque & Cantabile

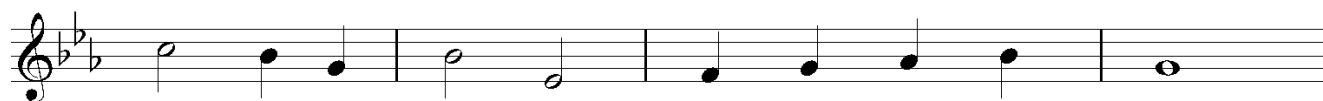
César August Franck (1822-1890)

HYMN 573 Father eternal *(All stand to sing the hymn)*

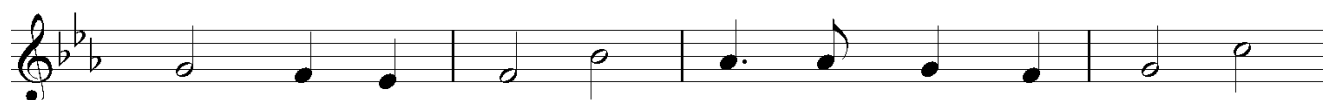
LANGHAM



1 Fa - ther e - ter - nal, Ru - ler of cre - a - tion,
 2 Rac - es and peo - ples, lo, we stand di - vid - ed,
 3 En - vious of heart, blind - eyed, with tongues con - found - ed,
 4 Lust of pos - ses - sion work - eth des - o - la - tions;
 5 How shall we love thee, ho - ly hid - den Be - ing,



1 Spi - rit of life, which moved ere form was made,
 2 and, shar - ing not our griefs, no joy can share;
 3 na - tion by na - tion still goes un - for - given,
 4 there is no meek - ness in the powers of earth;
 5 if we love not the world which thou hast made?



1 through the thick dark - ness cov - ering ev - ery na - tion,
 2 by wars and tu - mults love is mocked, de - rid - ed;
 3 in wrath and fear, by jea - lous - ies sur - round - ed,
 4 led by no star, the ru - lers of the na - tions
 5 Bind us in thine own love for bet - ter see - ing



1 light to our blind - ness, O be thou our aid:
 2 his sav - ing cross no na - tion yet will bear:
 3 build - ing proud towers which shall not reach to heaven:
 4 still fail to bring us to the bliss - ful birth:
 5 thy Word made flesh, and in a man - ger laid:



thy king - dom come, O Lord, thy will be done.

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 Job 19:23-27a

(Please be seated.)

Henry Stevenson

Job said, "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 17:1-9

(To be said by all)

Exaudi, Domine

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; *
hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- 9 From the wicked who assault me, *
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

SECOND LESSON 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Cecily Elizondo

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the

temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

ANTHEM, O how amiable are thy dwellings *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*
O how amiable are thy dwellings; thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young; even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be alway praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us; O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Psalm 84, Psalm 90, Isaac Watts


THIRD LESSON Luke 20:27-38 *(Please be seated)* Jason Slibeck
Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

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

Introduction



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
 fierce de - vor the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



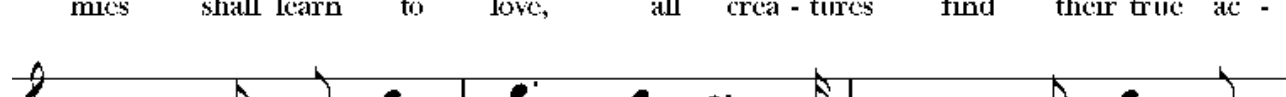
love, de - liv - cred from our self - ish schemes. May swords of
 graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -



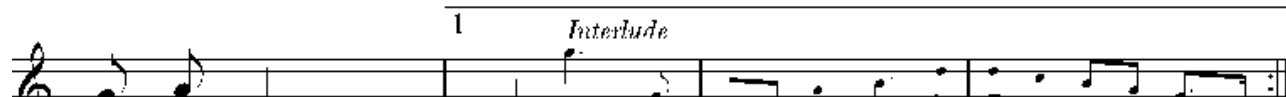
hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -
 mics shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -



lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's
 cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the




1 *Interlude*



prom - ised reign of peace.
 earth shall know the (Lord.)

Final Ending



Lord.

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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

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. *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, O thou the central orb

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

O thou the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal light
Of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine;
Thy saints with holy luster round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls ere-while unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Words adapted by *H.R. Bramley*

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

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 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they
 2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -



bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then
 nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
 fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war
 a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,



by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs
 the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone
 we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith
 we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -



may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that
 was left on stone, and all those na - tions'
 our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
 umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.
 pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
 of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.
 fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882–1969), alt.

Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante*

de David, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566

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

POSTLUDE Toccata und Fuge in d-moll, BWV 538

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Serving Today

The Choir of Men and Boys

Nancy Qing Huang, Cecily Elizondo, *Acolytes*

Henry Stevenson, Cecily Elizondo, Jason Slibeck, *Readers*

Charlie Johnston, Jason Slibeck, Austin Berger, Ansley Galjour, *Ushers*

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TODAY

The Sunday Forum and coffee hour are on break this week. Please use the time between services to enjoy the Grace Christmas Fair in Tuttle Hall. We will resume next week.

Grace Christmas Fair – 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! Bring your Christmas gift list! Sponsored by the GCW.

Sunday Evening Adult Formation (Nov 9, 16 & 23) – George Herbert is one of the great 17th century poet-priests. His poems embrace every shade of the spiritual life, from love and closeness, to anger and despair, to reconciliation and hope. Meeting a total of six times, this course will employ Herbert's poetry to help us relate to God in new and even surprising ways. Led by the Rev. James Morton, we will meet in the Chantry on Sunday evenings immediately following the 6 pm service. No advance reading is necessary to participate. Refreshments served.

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 at <https://gracechurchnyc.org/pledge-form-2026/>. You have all of 2026 to make your payments! Questions about pledging? Contact Travis Kennedy at 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.

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. For more information, contact the Rev. Julia Offinger at joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org.

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 will return during the announcements.

Exterior Scaffolding will remain in place for the time being as workers continue the “make safe” inspection of the spire and tower. Interior scaffolding remains on schedule to be removed by December 1.

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 <https://music.gracechurchnyc.org/20208/> for more information about the choirs.

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

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Nov 12 & 19 – That's in the Bible? (Lesser Known Stories from Scripture) - The Wednesday evening Bible study will delve into some of the humorous, subversive, and even bizarre stories of the Bible that you are not likely to hear on Sundays. The Rector and Associate Rector will lead, 6:45 pm in the reception room. Refreshments served.

Nov 18 – 20s & 30s Pub Theology – The next 20s & 30s Pub Theology will take place on Tuesday, November 18 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 (jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org) to RSVP.

Nov 21 – Volunteer Event at The Red Door Place – Thanksgiving Meal Prep – Help us do meal prep for the Red Door Place's Thanksgiving meal. For this event, there is only one available shift from 6:00 to 11:00 pm on

Friday, November 21. Email the Rev. James Morton if you would like to sign up to volunteer.

Nov 23 - Grace Church School Sunday is the day we celebrate the common history and mission of Grace Church and Grace Church School. This year, the guest preacher at 11 am will be The Rev. David Madison, who is the Executive Director of the National Association of Episcopal Schools. At 10 am, the Rev. Robbie Pennoyer, Head of Grace Church School, will be the Sunday Forum presenter. The Music at 11 am will be offered by the Alumni of the Choirs with The Choir of Men and Boys and The Girls' Choir. A festive reception in Tuttle Hall follows the 11 am service.

Nov 26 – Thanksgiving Eve Service - Join us for Holy Communion, sermon, and favorite Thanksgiving hymns. The preacher will be the Rev. Julia Offinger. Wednesday, Nov 26 at 6 pm in the Chantry. Note: there is no Thanksgiving Day service.

Nov 30, Dec 7, 14 & 21 – The Annual Advent Collections for local charities will begin on Sunday, Nov 30, with a collection of travel size toiletries for the Seamen's Church Institute Christmas at Sea project. On Sunday, Dec 7, we will collect hats, scarves, and gloves for the Church of the Ascension Food Pantry. On Sunday, Dec 14, we'll collect new men's underwear (sizes M and L) for the Bowery Mission (no t-shirts or socks, please). On Sunday, Dec 21, we'll collect toddler toys and clothing through Room to Grow's Amazon Wish List (link to come). NOTE: Donations will be collected in the baskets at the back of the church at all services for the first three Sundays, but donations for Room to Grow should be made through their Amazon Wish List only. Please give generously this Advent!

Dec 5 & 6 – Choral Society Christmas Concerts – The Choral Society and Orchestra's annual Christmas Concerts take place in the church on Friday, December 5 at 8 pm and Saturday, December 6 at 3 pm. This year's program features festive seasonal favorites by Palestrina, Bach, Gabrieli, Daniel Pinkham, Morten Lauridsen and others, along with an audience carol sing. Tickets required (\$32 general admission) and available at www.thechoralsociety.org.

Dec 7 – An Advent Procession with Carols Readings of scripture foretelling the coming of Christ are interspersed with beautiful music of the season from the four corners of the church. Sung by The Adult Choir at 4 pm in the Church.

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.

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 chantry 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.

Sunday Evening Adult Formation Classes – Join us on Sunday evenings following 6 pm worship in the chantry where we'll gather to study, learn, and deepen our faith in a small group setting.

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 the Rev. Julia Offinger at joffinger@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: <https://www.youtube.com/@orgmed>.

Wednesday – Women's Bible Study – 10:30 am on Zoom with the Rev. Julia Offinger. Please contact the Rev. Julia Offinger at joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org for Zoom instructions.

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 chantry).

OUTREACH

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!

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. 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 <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. 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.

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.

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.

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 email Travis Kennedy at 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 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. 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 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.

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.

