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**THE LITURGICAL WEEK**  
FALL 2008 SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY:** 8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST  
10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST (CHORAL)  
6:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST

**WEDNESDAY:** 12:10 PM HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE I) WITH HEALING

**MONDAY - FRIDAY:** 5:30 PM EVENING PRAYER



### *From the Rector*

Though “the world, the flesh, and the devil” may operate through an economy of scarcity, Jesus’ words and example always pointed to the reality of God’s abundance. Even going to the cross was a testament to Jesus’ trust in a Creator who would not abandon him, but lavish him with life. Though we hear Jesus cry out in agony, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” we too often forget that his lament was not without hope. Jesus was quoting Psalm 22 which ends as a song of joyful celebration and triumph over poverty, oppression, and even death: “The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: May your heart live forever! They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn, the saving deeds that God has done.”

All around us we hear news that our times are difficult and challenging. The pain of the current financial chaos is not being felt uniformly: some will be making a great deal of money as a result of the reorganizing of our economy; some will hardly feel a bump; many more who have been suffering recessions and depression (both financial and spiritual) in their own households will be even less likely to find assistance and support.

My prayers and reading of scripture these days lead me to wonder: Could it be that it is for times such as these that the Church is here? Could it be that it’s precisely in turmoil and turbulence such as this that the Church is called to point to Jesus, the Rock of our Salvation? Could it be that as the world shouts from the rooftops and loudspeakers “There is not enough!” we are called to the quiet witness of coming together, sharing what we have, proclaiming the good news of the all-sufficiency of God’s amazing, abundant, and over-brimming Grace?

Thanksgiving will soon be upon us. As I recall it was Abraham Lincoln who set the date for Thanksgiving in the midst of one of the most hopeless and dire days of the Civil War. It was soon after the assassination of the Emancipator that the people of Grace Church decided to lay the first blocks of gneiss for our Church. Our times may be rough, and we may be in for some more rough times, but the Good News of God’s life and love for each of us and for our community is unshakable for those who long for it and whose mission it is to live it. That’s us.

November of 2008 may go down as one of the most gratitude-filled and joyful periods of our Church. Celebrating baptism(s); sharing what we have with the poor in the world (through *Five Talents*) and in our own community (through *Not Bread Alone* and the *Interfaith Cot Shelter*); relishing in the beauty of God’s creation (the *Harvest Festival*) getting ready for the gift of the Arrival of Christ during Advent (the return of the *St. Nicholas Bazaar*). And this is not even to mention the mission of those from Grace Church planning to travel to Haiti to develop our partnership with a school there and others who are preparing to travel to the Holy Land.

In the words of Bono, one of the leading voices for global reconciliation and healing, “We are one, but we are not the same. We got to carry each other, carry each other.” May God find us these days carrying each other even as we seek to be carried by God in the power of the Holy Spirit to the promise of Christ’s resurrection.

Gratefully Yours in the Risen Christ,

Rob+

## —Special Events—

- Friday Oct. 31 All Saints' Eve Youth Group Lock-In, Ages 14 and up. Celebrate Halloween in a spooky gothic church and hear the story from the Old Testament about the Witch of Endor (Church and Parish Hall).
- Sunday Nov. 2 8am, 10:30am, and 6pm Services of the Holy Eucharist.
- Monday Nov. 3 6pm All Souls' Day (transferred). We will remember those who have entered into Life Eternal by a reading of the necrology at the Requiem Eucharist. Opportunity to add names will be made during the weeks preceding (Church).
- Tuesday Nov. 4 6pm Election Day. We will offer a time of prayer and Eucharist as we pray for our Nation on this important day. This is a non-partisan event where we offer prayers for God's guidance and the future health of the human race and the planet (Church).
- Wednesday Nov. 5 6:00-6:30pm Simple pot luck supper followed by Adult Education in the Parish Hall.  
6:30 to 7:45pm "Dying We Live" Adult Education Series begins: "Befriending Death: Insights from Henri Nouwen." This series aims to integrate the deepest spiritual teachings of our faith with practical counsels about death and dying. Led by Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, Ann Wood, and other health care professionals.
- Saturday Nov. 8 9am-noon "Christian and Buddhist Spirituality: Integrating Mindfulness and Devotion"  
Saturday Quiet Day led by Robert Jonas, Ed. D. (Parish Hall).  
9am-noon Liturgy in the Arts workshop
- Sunday Nov. 9 8am, 10:30am, and 6pm Services of the Holy Eucharist. On this Sunday we welcome back Craig Cole, Executive Director of Five Talents International, an Anglican humanitarian agency that helps the Church further the Millennium Development Goals through micro-lending and other investments in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Worlds.  
10:30 am Liturgy in the Round for Young Children and their Families (Parish Hall).
- Wednesday Nov. 12 6-6:30pm Simple pot luck supper followed by Adult Education in the Parish Hall.  
6:30-7:45pm "Dying We Live" Adult Education Series Session Two: "Health Care Decisions—Some of the Tough Ones." Leader: Susan Gaughan, R.N., EMT, Cooley Dickinson Hospital.
- Thursday Nov. 13 6-9pm Thursday, November 13, Faith in the Halls of Power. A Roundtable on God & Science (dinner provided) and discussion at the Five College Ark Episcopal Chaplaincy Center in Amherst, featuring Rice University Sociology Professor D. Michael Lindsay and University of Massachusetts Distinguished Professor of Sociology Jay Demerath on the topic of Evangelicals and the Academy.
- Friday Nov. 14 Harvest Festival Weekend Set-up: Help decorate the church with pumpkins, apples, flowers, grasses, and non-perishables. The produce and gifts will go to the Survival Center. Arts Festival: Parishioners' art will be displayed in the Parish Hall throughout the weekend.
- Saturday Nov. 15 4pm Harvest Recital and Supper. A special recital by violinist Alice Ivy-Pemberon and pianists Meg Kelsey Wright and Dick Damon in the Church will be followed by the Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall.
- Sunday Nov. 16 8am, 10:30am, and 6pm Services of the Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Anne Turner, preaching. This will be Anne's last sermon before her maternity leave begins in Dec.

- Wednesday Nov. 19 6-6:30pm Simple pot luck supper followed by Adult Education in the Parish Hall.  
6-7:45pm “Dying We Live” Adult Education Series. Session Three: “Lessons Learned for the Living from the Dying.” Leader: The Rev. Kathleen J. Rusnak, a Lutheran pastor with a doctorate in Psychology and Religion.
- Saturday Nov. 22 7pm Gala Concert featuring our internationally-acclaimed baritone, David McFerrin (Lemly) a benefit for Not Bread Alone Soup Kitchen (Church).
- Sunday Nov. 23 8am and 10:30am Morning Services of the Holy Eucharist, Last Sunday of Pentecost: Christ the King Sunday.  
Fourth Sunday Offering to benefit Oxfam. The Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, preaching Steeple Bells will be rung 350 times in a joint religious witness for shrinking our global carbon footprint. (All are invited to help ring the bells!)  
11:45-1:15pm “Outreach in Haiti for the Millennium Development Goals.” Sandy Muspratt, will discuss our partnership with the school of St. Mathieu de Bayonnais in Haiti. Come and learn about plans we are developing to support primary education in Haiti, and the ways this partnership will help fulfill the MDG of achieving universal primary education.
- Tuesday Nov. 25 7pm at South Congregational Church, South Amherst. Interfaith Observance of Thanksgiving. Please come and join members of other faith communities in this service of prayer, praise, and song as we give thanks for the abundance of the earth and the many blessings that surround us on every side.
- Thursday Nov. 27 9am Eucharist of Thanksgiving Day. (Magdalene Chapel, if available)
- Sunday Nov. 30 8am, 10:30am, and 6pm Services of the Holy Eucharist. First Sunday of Advent: The Great Litany. The Rev. Rob Hirschfeld, preaching.

### —Upcoming Events—

- Saturday, Dec 6 St. Nicholas Bazaar  
Please: search for collectibles, craft in wood or wool, create art, bake a dozen or so, donate plants and nice toys, Christmas ornaments and decorations, CDs and videos, your time and your attendance! All can contribute to our St. Nicholas Bazaar!
- Sunday, Dec 21 Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols

#### *Harvest and Arts Festival and Concert*

Enjoy a wonderful concert on Sat., Nov 15, with Dick Damon, Meg Kelsey Wright, and Alice Ivy-Pemberton at 4pm in the church. Afterward, come to a DELICIOUS SUPPER, look at our parishioners’ art, and celebrate our God-given gifts.

If you can help or would like more information regarding the various features of the festival, please contact:

**Gillian Duda:** ghduda ## comcast.net 253-7626 (Arts Festival)

**Mary Hocken:** mhocken ## verizon.net 549-8773 (Decorating)

**David Williams:** d.williams ## twgroup.net 256-1234 (Supper)

#### *Liturgy and the Arts Workshop*

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Children age 7 and up are welcome to join Nancy Lowry and the Rev. Anne Turner for a morning of bread-baking, drawing, and painting, focusing on preparations for Liturgy in the Round. (If you have children under 7 who are interested, please contact us--we may be able to accommodate them.) For more information or to register, please contact the Parish Office.

**There is still time to order a Thanksgiving or Christmas WALKWAY BRICK as a gift**

or to commemorate a loved one. Each brick costs \$150 of which 80% goes to the Restoration Project and the entire cost is tax deductible. If you are one of the generous souls who has already fulfilled his/her pledge to the Restoration Project, we offer you **two for the price of one**. The bricks are high-fired, laser-engraved, with one to three text lines of your choice. There are plenty left, but get your order in **as soon as possible** so we can send the company a batch to inscribe before the holidays.

Order forms are available on our web site or in the church office.

**Sunday School parents**

If you haven't already done so, please sign up to provide snacks one Sunday after the service. The sign-up sheet is on the Sunday School bulletin board on the first floor of the Parke House. There will be **no Sunday School on November 30**, because of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

*November Birthdays*

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| 1 Jane Wald, Richard Spurgin, Jr., Marlene Musante   | 17 Scottie Faerber                     |
| 2 Maria Dye, Bob Kirk, Mira Setty-Charity  | 19 Charlotte Westhead                  |
| 3 Tom Dougherty, Matthew Kulp, Thomas Westphal   | 21 John Jenkins                        |
| 4 Emily Moner  | 22 Joan Leavitt, Katja Hahn d'Errico   |
| 6 Bobbie Rosenau, Herb Homme, Charles Moran,<br>Alice Holmes, Lizzie Gentzler-Evey, John Barrett | 25 Anne Homme                          |
| 7 Ellen Goodwin, Everett Turner, Samuel Carter   | 26 Seth Blitzblau                      |
| 8 Patricia Andrews   | 28 Jacquelyn Dougherty, Antonio Polino |
| 9 Leah Gregg   | 29 Jane Barlow                         |
| 10 Brooks Williams   | 30 May Smulyan                         |
| 13 DeAnne Riddle, James Soper  |  |
| 14 Charles Fischer   |  |
| 15 Jane Beebe  |  |

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

On December 24<sup>th</sup> the "full length" pageant will take place at the 4 pm service. There will be something for everyone: young, younger or older. You could be the stage director or assistant, costumer, lighting director, actor (lines to be spoken from memory!), props director, herder of angels, lambs, kings and shepherds, or program designer. If none of the above appeals but you are interested in helping in this production, please let us know.

Rev. Anne Turner: amt ## gracechurchamherst.org  
Mary Hocken: mhocken ## verizon.net or 549-8773.

**Rehearsals:**

- Sunday, December 7, 12:30 – 1:30
- Sunday, December 14, 12:30 – 1:30
- December 21 or Monday December 22 (TBA)
- Dress rehearsal, December 23, 5 pm
- Call December 24<sup>th</sup>, 3pm (Parish Hall)
- Adults: a separate rehearsal to be arranged.

**Eco-tip**

Heat your home: not walls and furniture. Heat resistant reflectors between radiators and walls keep warmth coming into the room instead of seeping outside. Consider lowering the thermostat to 60 or 65 and at night to 55. Wear extra sweaters and put on another blanket. Greening Grace

*Angel Choir*

The Angel Choir is open to all children from the age of 3. Any child or young person is welcome to join at any time. The angel choir usually sings the introit at the 10:30 service about once a month.

The choir will sing on these days:

Nov. 2 (All Saints) & Nov. 16; Dec. 6 (St Nicholas Bazaar) & Dec. 7 (Liturgy in the Round); and Dec. 24 (at 4:00 p.m.)

For more information, contact Mary Hocken: mhocken ## verizon.net or 549-8773.

### *Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) at Grace*

The parish's response to the recent appeal for hurricane relief in Haiti has been wonderfully generous. The coastal city of Gonaives was the worst hit town. Our partner, St Mathieu, is on somewhat higher ground but it is supervised from Gonaives, and the road between them was washed out. This partnership springs from our commitment to contribute .7% of our income to support the MDGs which specifically address development rather than relief (although development does bolster capacity to withstand disasters).

Here's your chance to really engage with the task! Attend the Haiti Connection. This is a gathering of Episcopalians and Presbyterians actively supporting the work of the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti in development, especially in education and health. The Haiti Connection—C'est Ensemble. Nov 12-14 Port-au-Prince. Info: [www.haitiepiscopalconnection.org/index.html](http://www.haitiepiscopalconnection.org/index.html) Sandy Muspratt attended the last such conference in Miami 18 months ago and found it a great stimulus and resource—an inspiration even. For pointers on how to get there, preparation for Haiti, possible hotel alternatives, e-mail Sandy Muspratt: [musprats@massmed.org](mailto:musprats@massmed.org)

### **Please consider helping with the Altar Guild**

New members are needed and it is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Eucharist as well as to support the entire parish in its worship. We need three more helpers after the 10:30am service and also for the 6pm service.

Please call Janet Teng at 413-253-3659 or leave a message with the office if you are able to assist us.

### *Highlights from Oct. 14 Vestry Meeting*

Parish Life events for 2009—May 2. Services Auction is not on the schedule every year.

The Treasurers reported that our year-to-date actual figures are very close to our budget. No emergencies foreseen. The audit is completed—following a plan accepted by the Diocese—a complete review done internally and checked carefully by an outside CPA. We heard concern from one member about the nature of the audit and the need to distinguish between the review of our procedures and a standard CPA Audit. We noted that we probably saved \$5,000 following this procedure. The Diocesan Audit Committee gave us a 'ringing endorsement' for our accuracy and made minor suggestions—which have been put in place. (The Diocesan Treasurer says it is most un-usual for Episcopal churches to do outside audits.) We hope all fears have been allayed and that the parish has confidence in our management of funds and expenditures. There has been an Energy Audit of the Old Rectory and recommendations will be ranked according to which have the speediest return on money spent; those things will be done first. We also voted to place a generous bequest of \$5,000 from Priscilla Parke in the Restoration Fund.

Stewardship Committee reported plans for 2009. It is of concern that we still have 80 non-pledging units. A Friends of Grace mailing list is to be set up—people who don't come regularly will be invited to make a gift to the Parish (summer people, grandparents, ...)

The Junior Warden reported the removal of the dangerously tall/old trees in the Columbarium and by the kitchen door.

The revised Lay Personnel Manual was accepted – people having read it in advance.

A Nominating Committee will draw up Vestry job descriptions, then solicit names from the Parish for election at the January 2009 Annual Meeting. Ann S. Lowell, Clerk.

### *Notes from the Garden Ministry*

Members of the Garden Ministry are planning Grace Church's outdoor spaces with an emphasis on mindfulness of the interrelationship of all parts of our church life—worship, materials, activities, facilities, community, etc. Gardening is a spiritual practice. Guiding principles include hospitality (creating outdoor spaces that are safe, beautiful, and welcoming); recognition and respect for what is already done at Grace to foster good stewardship; use of organic gardening's "best practices"; patience, including understanding and appreciation for the rhythm of the seasons; delight in the beauty, form, processes, colors, smells, flavors, and abundance of Creation; and expression of our identity as a ministry in words, prayer, and outward practice.

This group functions under the aegis of the Property Committee, which has official oversight of all landscape matters at Grace. As we approach the cold season (time for thanksgiving, planning together, and, in all ways, nourishing the roots of next year's abundance), members plan to continue caring for the Goodwin garden, weeding, general clean-up, and winter preparation. Elizabeth French