

THE ALTAR GUILD ministers on duty this month are Barbara Brownrigg, Marion Ruttly, and Mary Jane Belinky.

2019 PLEDGE: You should shortly be receiving a letter from the wardens regarding your financial commitment to Grace Church. Please prayerfully consider its contents and be ready to submit a pledge card on Sunday, December 16.

BISHOP'S ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: Looking to make time for prayer and reflection this Advent? Join Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe of the Episcopal Diocese of CNY for a live online bible study. On Thursdays, Dec. 6, 13 & 20 at noon, the bishop and a guest will reflect on the upcoming Sunday's reading from Luke's Gospel, and respond to your questions and comments. Learn how to join in at cnyepiscopal.org/advent-study.

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Mary Jane Belinky & Barbara Brownrigg	Altar Guild Leadership Team
Alan DeWolfe	Head Usher

The Vestry

Calvin R Barnstead II and James A Baker, Wardens
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Annunciation, John Collier, 2000

Advent

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 2018

Prelude:	<i>Chorale Prelude on "Wachet auf"</i>	J. S. Bach
GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME		
Hymn in Procession: #61		<i>Wachet auf</i>
Opening Acclamation [Penitential]		BCP 355
Collect for Purity		
Magnificat: #S-418		Insert
Collect of the Day		Insert
PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD		
1 st Lesson		Insert
Psalm		Insert
2 nd Lesson		Insert
Gradual Hymn: #573		<i>Langham</i>
The Holy Gospel		Insert
Homily		
Nicene Creed		BCP 358
PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD		
Prayers of the People, Form IV		BCP 388
Confession and Absolution		
Exchange of the Peace		
PREPARE THE TABLE AND MAKE EUCHARIST		
Offertory:		
Sanctus: Hymnal #S-125		<i>Community Mass</i>
The Great Thanksgiving		
The Lord's Prayer		
The Breaking of Bread & Communion		
Communion Anthem		
Post Communion Hymn: #73		<i>St. Stephen</i>
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 366
GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD		
The Blessing		
Hymn in Procession: #58		<i>St. Thomas</i>
Announcements		
Dismissal Charge		
Postlude:	<i>Improvisation on "Wachet auf"</i>	P. Manz

ALL PEOPLE OF GOD, including children, are welcome to receive communion, regardless.

REMEMBER THE DATES:

December 11 – Craft Group travels to the Seaman's Church Institute, Port Newark (NJ). For more on SCI: seamenschurch.org/about-sci
 December 17 – Vestry, 6p. All active communicants are welcome to attend and help in our discernment for Grace Church's future. Vestry document are on the [website](#) and the table in Welliver Hall.
 December 23 -- Greening of the Church after the service. Special guest will be Col. Sanders.
 December 24 – Christmas Eve Services:
 4:00p – Festival Eucharist at **Trinity** Church
 9:00p – Carols at Grace Church
 10:00p – Festival Eucharist at **Grace** Church
 December 25 – Nativity of Christ
 9:30a – Eucharist at Grace Church (Lady Chapel)

WEDNESDAYS AT GRACE is a pilot partnership that will provide music instruction for children who are in the after-school program at Transformation Center. Several students will be escorted down the street to Grace for piano lessons with Nancy Radloff. They will do homework and perhaps other activities while they wait their turn at the keyboard. For more information, contact Calvin Barnstead.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN and its weekly announcements can be found on Grace's [website](#), and appear in the bulletin for at least two weeks.

THE CHOIR REHEARSES on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS. It has been a tradition at Grace Church to decorate the altar with poinsettias and greens for the Christmas season. We ask that you consider making a contribution to the cost of the flowers. The poinsettias are priced at \$9.99 apiece. Your contribution may be designated in memory of someone or as an act of thanksgiving. Contributions, clearly marked CHRISTMAS FLOWERS, may be placed in the offering plate, brought to the office, or mailed by December 9. We can purchase poinsettias only to the extent that we receive contributions. Please remember to include the names of those you wish to have remembered. —*Mary Jane Belinky*

THERE ARE ADVENT CALENDARS on the table in Welliver Hall.