



From the Pusey Minister THE REV. MATTHEW ICHIHASHI POTTS, PH.D.

A Space of Grace in Harvard Yard

When Stephanie Paulsell began her ministry with you two years ago, she told you she was accompanying you on pilgrimage. What a journey we have all been on since then. Our time away from one another now complete, this fall we return to our church and to our campus. But as Stephanie or any other expert on pilgrimage will tell you, returning can be hard.

Much of our focus this year will be in making sure we return to one another with care. This will be for practical reasons, since adhering to covid guidelines will play an important role in keeping us safe. Most of us will have to mask indoors, some of us will have to remain physically distanced, and all of us will have to bear inconvenience with patience. We'll need to be adaptive, too, since our Sunday customs may change as the pandemic changes. But returning with care means more than wearing a mask and keeping safe distance. The majority of our students have never spent a full academic year on campus. Our church has not gathered in person for a year and a half. Each of us has wrestled with loss, fear, loneliness, stress, and illness, and we may do so again in the weeks to come. Returning with care means caring for one another as we return.

It will be our privilege as your ministers to welcome you with love this fall and to show you that we care in all the familiar ways. As ever, we will fill our church with song, not only on Sunday mornings but also in special celebrations and events throughout the term. Our 112th Annual Christmas Carol Services will be held Sunday, December 12 and on Tuesday, December 14. In mid-November we will also host a masterclass on Bach's Cantatas with the renowned conductor Ton Koopman, who will be visiting Harvard this year as the Christoph Wolff Distinguished Visiting Scholar. The Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra will also hold its concert on November 7th.

We will share God's word of love from our pulpit and in our meeting rooms, too. The Rev. Teddy Hickman-Maynard, the new Associate Dean for Ministry Studies at Harvard Divinity School, will share his words and wisdom as the newest member of Harvard's faculty of divinity. The Rev. Elam Jones, a Harvard PhD student in the Study of Religion and a currently serving lieutenant in the United States Navy, will preach on Founders and Benefactors Day to reflect upon our identity as a memorial to the war dead. And the Right Reverend Carol Gallagher, the first person of indigenous American ancestry consecrated a bishop in the Anglican Communion, will share her perspective on the 400th anniversary of Thanks-



Photo by Stephanie Mitchell

giving. These guests and other experts from the Harvard community will lead our Faith and Life forums throughout the term. And on December 12th, as you formally welcome me and my family to this church, our beloved leader the Rev. Professor Stephanie Paulsell will bless the beginning of my ministry with you in a sermon at my installation.

Though we will resume in-person worship this fall, there are many among us for whom returning to the sanctuary remains impossible because they are too ill or far-flung or frail. We are committed to ministering to those far and near, and so we are also developing plans to upgrade our audio amplification and recording system, as well as to install video recording capabilities in the sanctuary. We hope, with your support, to complete this project next summer, so we can expand the reach of our love and welcome in new and exciting ways.

Our church has been sitting empty for a year, waiting for us to fill it. Much of what we find upon our return will be familiar, our spirit of love and welcome I hope most of all. But much has also changed. These changes and the ones to come might feel challenging or stressful at times. But we are a people of transfiguration and of resurrection. In other words, we are a people of courage and of faith. My family and I feel heartened to be among you all, and blessed to accompany you on this journey into our common future.

Faithfully,
Matt

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FALL 2021 CALENDAR



A Space of Grace in Harvard Yard

WORSHIP SERVICES

A multi-denominational Protestant worship service open to all regardless of faith, serving the Harvard University community and beyond. Services are in the Memorial Church Sanctuary and are broadcast live on Harvard's radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM and online at whrb.org.

Aug. 29, 11 a.m.

FIRST-YEAR SUNDAY

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Potts, PhD, Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church of Harvard University and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals. Anthems: Vivaldi, Laetatus sum, RV 607; Telemann, Laudate Jehovam, omnes gentes.

Sept. 5, 11 a.m.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF FALL TERM

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Potts, PhD. Anthems: Williams: O Clap Your Hands; Paulus, The Road Home.

Sept. 12, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Potts, PhD. Anthems: Conte: "O Sun" from September Sun; Henderson: "Darkness Sang to the Light".

Sept. 19, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration, The Memorial Church of Harvard University. Anthems: Weston: Rivers of Living Water; Hwang: Blessed Are Those Who Trust in the Lord.

Sept. 26, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Potts, PhD. Anthem: Aleotti: Surge, propera amica mea; Pierluigi da Palestrina: Immittet angelus Domini.

Oct. 3, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Potts, PhD. Anthem: Britten: O Be Joyful in the Lord (Jubilate Deo); Byrd: Sing Joyfully.

Oct. 10, 11 a.m.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

Preacher: Iman Dr. Khalil Abdur-Rashid, Muslim Chaplain to Harvard University. Anthems: Brahms: "Unsere Väter hofften auf dich" from Fest- und Gedenksprüche, Op. 109; Bruckner: Os justi, WAB 30.

Oct. 17, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Potts, PhD. Anthems: Dove: In Beauty May I Walk; Bairstow: Blessed City, Heavenly Salem.

Oct. 24, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Theodore Hickman-Maynard, Associate Dean for Ministry Studies, Harvard Divinity School. Anthems: Osterman: Create in Me a Clean Heart; Kirchner (arr.): Uncolored Day.

Oct. 31, 11 a.m.

FIRST-YEAR FAMILY WEEKEND

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Potts, PhD. Anthems: Beethoven: Bitten, Op. 48, No. 1; Bach: Komm, Jesu, komm, BWV 229.

Nov. 7, 11 a.m.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Potts, PhD. Anthems: Walker (arr.): Let the Life I've Live Speak for Me Heinrich Schütz; Schütz: Selig sind die Toten, SWV 391; Victoria: O quam gloriosum.

Nov. 14, 11 a.m.

COMMEMORATION AND THE WAR DEAD

Preacher: The Rev. Elam D. Jones M.Div. '19, Ph.D Student, Harvard Divinity School, U.S. Navy Chaplain Candidate Officer. Anthem: Parry: Crossing the Bar; Phillips: The Beatitudes; Gawthrop: Sing Me to Heaven.

Nov. 21, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Emmanuel Akyeampong, Ellen Gurney Professor of History and Professor of African and African American Studies, Minister for Worship Formation in the Memorial Church. Anthems: Hogan (arr.): Lord, I Want to Be a Christian; Moore (arr.): We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace.

Nov. 28, 11 a.m.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Preacher: The Right Rev. Carol Gallagher, Canon, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. Anthems: Plainsong: Drop Down, Ye Heavens; Plainsong: Ad te levavi.

Dec. 5, 11 a.m.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Potts, PhD. Anthems: Gibbons: This Is the Record of John; Wood: Never Weather-Beaten Sail.

Dec. 12, 11 a.m.

INSTALLATION OF THE REV. MATTHEW I. POTTS AS NEW PUSEY MINISTER

Preacher: The Rev. Stephanie Paulsell, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School; Co-Faculty Dean of Eliot House. Anthems: Carson Cooman '04: A Dream of Love (World Premiere).

Dec. 19, 11 a.m.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Preacher: he Rev. Calvin Jones, Assistant Minister, the Memorial Church of Harvard University.

Dec. 24, 5 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew Potts, PhD.

MORNING PRAYERS

Monday – Friday in Term, 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Begins Sept. 1 • Appleton Chapel

Consisting of music, prayer, and a brief address given by a member or friend of the University, this service is a great way to start the day.

LAWRENCE S. BACOW, President of Harvard University, will speak at the first Morning Prayers service of Fall Term on Sept. 1. For the full schedule of speakers, visit: memorialchurch.harvard.edu/morningprayers.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

Oct. 3 – Dec. 19, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

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The Faith & Life Forum explores matters of faith and public life. For the full list of readings and speakers, visit memorialchurch.harvard.edu/faith-life-forum.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Oct. 3 – Dec. 19, 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children ages three through sixteen. All classes are held during Sunday services in the Fall and Spring Terms. Learn more: memorialchurch.harvard.edu/churchschool.

MUSIC

Music in the Memorial Church is performed by the Harvard University Choir. The choir provides the music for weekly and daily services, as well as special concerts throughout the year. Concerts are held in the Memorial Church Sanctuary unless otherwise noted and are free and open to the public.

Nov. 7, 4 p.m.

HANDEL'S ITALY

Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra's fall concert.

Nov. (Date TBA)

MASTER CLASS

Harvard University Choir will host a masterclass with Harvard's Christoph Wolff Distinguished Visiting Scholar Ton Kooperman, focused on Johann Sebastian Bach's Cantatas. The Dutch organist and conductor will be working with the UChoir during his residency.

Dec. 12, 5 p.m. & Dec. 14, 8 p.m.

112TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The annual carol service is the oldest carol service in America, and long-honored tradition in the Memorial Church. Each year a volunteer collection is offered for a local charity.

CHORAL SERVICES

COMPLINE

Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2 at 9 p.m. • Appleton Chapel

This twenty-minute candlelit evening service is sung by the Harvard University Choir, based upon the traditional evening liturgy of scripture, music, prayers, and silence.

EVENSONG

Sept. 23, Oct. 12 Nov. 18, at 5:30 p.m. • Appleton Chapel

Directed by Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund Organist and Choirmaster, Memorial Church.

STUDENT PROGRAMS

The Memorial Church is a unique and welcoming community in the center of Harvard Yard. From our Student Advisory Board, Grants Committee and Student Deacon programs, to the 40-member Harvard University Choir, and our robust seminarian and internship programs, and fellowship events, we offer many opportunities for students to get involved, connect, and make life-long friendships. We also offer ongoing pastoral care and support for all students, as well as work-study and volunteer opportunities.

Learn more about our thriving student community: memorialchurch.harvard.edu/students

STUDENT OASIS

The Student Oasis, located in our lower level, is available to all Harvard students as a place to relax, study, and connect with friends. Hours: Monday–Saturday, 9 a.m.–9 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m.–9 p.m. The entrance to the Student Oasis is located across from Canaday Hall.

AFTER SCHOOL SNACK

Students are invited to Sparks House for snacks, soft-drinks and fellowship with Matt, his family and their dog "Suki" each Thursday during the academic term, from 4–6 pm. Start date TBA.

COVID INFORMATION

The Memorial Church is following health and safety guidelines for the wellbeing of the Harvard and surrounding communities. Face coverings continue to be required in all indoor University spaces for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. This is an ever-changing situation, so please review the latest guidelines before attending services or other events on campus. For the latest information:

harvard.edu/coronavirus/campus-access/

Events are subject to change. Please visit our website for the latest schedule: memorialchurch.harvard.edu/calendar. Unless otherwise noted, all events and services will take place in the Memorial Church Sanctuary and are free and open to the public.