



From the Pusey Minister

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Our Global Climate Crisis in Focus

Dear friends of the Memorial Church,

I'm writing to you in late July from Paris, where I recently preached at the American Cathedral, and where last week the temperature hovered above one hundred degrees for several days. My family and I here are grateful the weather has cooled, but the recent heat waves across Europe, North America, and East and South Asia are grim reminders of a worsening climate emergency.

This year we are focusing much of our programming upon repenting for and responding to the climate crisis. We will host a four part series of Noble Lectures during the academic year, each addressing apocalyptic emergency as its theme. Two of the lectures are scheduled for this fall. John Green, author of the beautiful, best-selling book "The Anthropocene Reviewed," will be our lecturer on October 14. Norman Wirzba, Gilbert Rowe Professor of Theology at Duke University, will speak to us on November 10. This year we will also partner with both the Harvard University Center for the Environment and Harvard Divinity School to address the grief and anxiety that accompanies climate crisis. Our Faith and Life forums this fall will also focus on apocalypse in scripture, theology, and beyond. In the spring several students and I will make a climate pilgrimage to Iceland, where glaciers are rapidly melting, and we will begin gathering and preparing our pilgrims during the fall term.

Our music department is also planning a full schedule of events this fall. Please join us for a Harvard University Choir Reunion at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, October 30, as well as for performances of Mozart's "Missa Solemnis in C" and Michael Haydn's "Requiem in C minor" on November 13. The Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra will host its fall concert on November 12.



Photo by Stephanie Mitchell

And of course, our annual Carols Services will be held at the end of term, on December 11 and 13. We look forward to welcoming you back to our sanctuary, with our new audio visual system, for all of these performances and for our weekly Sunday worship.

Last but not least, my family and I can't wait to greet students back at Sparks House for After School Snack on Thursdays this fall, as well as to resume our other exciting student programming: Milkshake Mass, BGLTQ+ Inclusive Bible Study, and Love United Black Fellowship.

The summer has been long and difficult in several ways, with forbidding news at too many turns. We have missed gathering with you and are eager to do so again. We pray that the Memorial Church will be a place of respite and comfort to you this fall, and a source of resolve and courage in the future.

With love and faithfulness,
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FALL 2022 CALENDAR



The Heart of 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. 28, 11 a.m.

FIRST-YEAR SUNDAY

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts, Ph.D., Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church of Harvard University, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity. Anthems: Heinrich Schütz: Jauchzet dem Herren, SWV 36; Claudio Monteverdi: Cantate Domino, SV 293.

Sept. 4, 11 a.m.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF FALL TERM

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts. Anthems: James MacMillan: Mass of Blessed John Henry Newman; René Clausen: Set Me As a Seal.

Sept. 11, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts. Anthems: William H. Harris: Bring Us, O Lord God; Larry King: Let Us Love in Deed and Truth.

Sept. 18, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration, the Memorial Church of Harvard University. Anthems: Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck: Cantate Domino; Nathaniel Dett: Let Us Cheer the Weary Traveler.

Sept. 25, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts. Anthem: Healey Willan: O King All Glorious; Undine Smith Moore: I Will Trust in the Lord.

Oct. 2, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts. Anthem: John Ireland: Communion Service in C; Charles Villiers Stanford: Beati quorum via, Op. 38, No. 3.

Oct. 9, 11 a.m.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

Preacher: The Rev. Calvin T. Jones, Assistant Minister, the Memorial Church of Harvard University. Anthems: J. S. Bach: Der Geist hilft unsrer Schwachheit auf, BWV 226.

Oct. 16, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Stephane Paulsell, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School; Co-Faculty Dean of Eliot House. Anthems: Egil Hovland: Be With Us, Op. 87, No. 3; Patricia Van Ness: Psalm 103.

Oct. 23, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts. Anthems: Felix Mendelssohn: And Then Shall Your Light; Margaret Burk: I Lift Up Mine Eyes.

Oct. 30, 11 a.m.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY CHOIR REUNION

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts. Anthems: Heinrich Schütz: Selig sind die Toten; Ralph Vaughan Williams: Festival Te Deum; Amy Beach: Peace I Leave With You, Op. 8, No. 3.

Nov. 6, 11 a.m.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Preacher: The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan. Anthems: Tomás Luis de Victoria: Requiem.

Nov. 13, 11 a.m.

COMMEMORATION OF THE WAR DEAD

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts. Anthem: Ralph Vaughan Williams: Rest; Ralph Vaughan Williams: Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge.

Nov. 20, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Rev. Calvin T. Jones. Anthems: Carson Cooman: Out of Small Beginnings; T. Frederick Candlyn: King of Glory.

Nov. 27, 11 a.m.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts. Anthems: Jeremiah Ingalls: How Long, Dear Savior! (Northfield); John G. McCurry: Hark, the Glad Sound! (Raymond).

Dec. 4, 11 a.m.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts. Anthems: Josef Rheinberger: Mass in E-flat, Op. 109 ("Cantus missae"); Josef Rheinberger: Rorate coeli, Op. 176, No. 1.

Dec. 11, 11 a.m.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Preacher: Kayla August, doctoral student at the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College. Anthems: Judith Weir: Ave maris stella; Howard Helvey: The Long-Expected Hour.

Dec. 18, 11 a.m.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Preacher: The Rev. Calvin T. Jones.

Dec. 24, 5 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Preacher: The Rev. Matthew I. Potts.



MORNING PRAYERS

Monday – Friday in Term, 8:30 – 8:45 a.m.
Begins Aug. 31 • 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.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

Sept. 11 – Dec. 4, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
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The Faith & Life Forum explores matters of faith and public life. For more information, visit memorialchurch.harvard.edu/faith-life-forum.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Sept. 11 – Dec. 4, 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 led 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.

Sept. 12, 12:15 p.m.

MERTON COLLEGE CHOIR

Merton College Choir (University of Oxford, England) presents a concert as part of its USA tour.

Oct. 2, 4 p.m.

DIE SCHÖNE MÜLLERIN

Frank Kelley, tenor, and Kenneth Slowik, forte-piano, perform Franz Schubert's song cycle *Die schöne Müllerin*.

Oct. 31, 12:15 p.m.

CHAMBER MUSIC BY HOWARD SKEMPTON

Chamber music for piano, organ, and violin by Howard Skempton marking his 75th birthday performed by Carson Cooman, piano/organ and David von Behren, violin.

Nov. 6, 4 p.m.

LES MIRACLES DE NOTRE DAME

"Les Miracles de Notre Dame": Harvard Choral Fellows joining with the Boston Camerata (ticketed through Boston Camerata: bostoncamerata.org).

Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

HBCO FALL CONCERT

The Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra fall concert featuring works by Vivaldi, Handel, Telmann, and Geminiani.

Nov. 13, 4 p.m.

MUSIC OF MOZART AND MICHAEL HAYDN

Harvard University Choir and Orchestra perform music of W. A. Mozart and Michael Haydn.

Dec. 11, 5 p.m. & Dec. 13, 8 p.m.

113TH 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.

ORGAN RECITALS

RECITALS

Sept. 6, and Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m.;
Dec. 5 at 12:15 p.m.

Recitals featuring organists David von Behren, Carson Cooman and members of the jury of the 2022 Boston Bach International Organ Competition: Erica Johnson, Stephen Farr, and Martin Schmeding. For information go to: <https://bit.ly/3zzg8AE>

CHORAL SERVICES

COMPLINE

Sept. 1, Oct. 7, Nov. 3, Dec. 1 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. 11, 4 p.m., Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, at 5:45 p.m. • Appleton Chapel

Directed by Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund Organist and Choirmaster, Memorial Church. Sept. 11th service will feature Merton College Choir.

STUDENT PROGRAMS

The Memorial Church is a unique and welcoming community in the heart of Harvard Yard. We offer a robust menu of programs for all Harvard students including the Harvard University Choir, Student Oasis, Student Advisory Board and Grants Committee, student fellowship and worship, and many other programs such as the Love United Black Fellowship, BGLTQ+ Inclusive Bible Study, and opportunities for volunteers and work-study programs. Learn more about our thriving student community: memorialchurch.harvard.edu/students

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