

FALL 2015 CALENDAR

Upcoming Services & Events at the Memorial Church of Harvard University



From the Senior Minister

LUCY A. FORSTER-SMITH



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Dear Friends,

Fall Term at Harvard is upon us. Welcome to many amazing opportunities at MemChurch!

As we shift our focus from summer to autumn here in New England, I am grateful for the remarkable opportunities the summer has afforded. Our family cottage in Maine provided a great setting for me to do some deep reflection on the future of religious and spiritual life at Har-

vard. With the newly formed Board of Religious, Spiritual, and Ethical Life, we are poised to garner their leadership and guidance to put in place a robust and engaged multi-faith chaplaincy for students in the Harvard community. In July I joined twelve clergy colleagues from the Boston area and traveled to Israel on a trip sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Boston. Affiliated Minister Dan Smith helped lead the group and it was a privilege to learn so much about that region of the world. In August I had the privilege to return to Minnesota, where I lived for twenty years, to attend a writing workshop at the Collegeville Institute. Having had two books published in the past two years, I continue my writing interests centering on poetry and prayers. With excellent instruction and a group of other writers, I felt supported and challenged to craft prayers and poetry that will be available to Morning Prayers attendees and those who find their way into Appleton Chapel for quiet reflection and meditation.

With Professor Jonathan L. Walton on sabbatical during Fall Term, he has invited a wonderful slate of guest preachers and Faith & Life Forum presenters, including two Seminary Presidents, Eden Theological Seminary's Reverend [Dr. David Greenhaw](#) and Chicago Theological Seminary President [Reverend Dr. Alice Hunt](#); our own [Pat McLeod](#) of Christian Impact/Athletes in Action; [Rabbi Dr. Jonah Steinberg](#) from Harvard Hillel; and the [Reverend Dr. Yvette Flunder](#) from City of Refuge United Church of Christ in Oakland, CA. Many more renowned preachers and speakers will grace the Memorial Church this Term — view the calendar for the complete list. For those unable to join us in person for worship, our services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on Harvard's radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM and archived on our website, [memorialchurch.harvard.edu](#).

A hallmark of Memorial Church's ministry is our music program. This fall's program includes a very special Evensong in October with the Madrigal Singers of St. Paul's School, Concord, NH under the direction of Nicholas White. November brings two special concerts including a performance of Mozart's *Requiem, K. 626* by the [Harvard University Choir](#) and Grand Harmonie and a special concert celebrating Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra's twentieth-anniversary season. And don't miss the 106th Annual Christmas Carol Services on December 13 and 14.

At the core of our work is educational and spiritual support for Harvard students. All of the programs offered through Memorial Church are for students, yet we are pleased to offer special student-focused programs this Term including Student Worship Services on Sunday evenings, football tailgates, MemCafé, a student bereavement group, and the student-led discussion series *Leading Lives of Joy & Purpose*. The Church is a place of radical hospitality, indeed a space of grace at the center of the Yard.

The program life of Memorial Church is supported by remarkable staff for whom I am very grateful. Among them is Nancy Granert, Director of Finance, who has served Memorial Church for over 30 years. We bade a very sad farewell to her as she retires to New Mexico at the end of August. Nancy has shared many talents with this community as assistant organist, finance genius, and superb colleague. She has seen so many changes through her years at Memorial Church. We simply cannot ever replace her caring spirit, her artistry, and steady financial attention. We will miss her greatly!

With Nancy's departure we searched diligently for someone who could not only continue her excellent acumen with finances but also an operational manager to assist with our next big capital project, a much needed HVAC upgrade that will finally bring air conditioning into the sanctuary, which will likely begin late spring 2016. We are delighted to welcome [Mr. Charles Anderson](#), who comes to us from Harvard Divinity School's Center for the Study of World Religions, where he oversaw financial and building operations. Welcome, Charles!

Lastly, we are excited to present the Memorial Church's new mission statement (below). Over the past year, MemChurch staff met weekly to explore and define a guiding vision for our work serving Harvard students and the larger community.

As we begin this new academic year, we look forward to opportunities to support and carry out the essential work of our mission. From students to the wider Harvard community and beyond, in gratitude and grace we invite you to experience the holy hospitality of Memorial Church this year!

Faithfully yours,

[Lucy Forster-Smith](#)

Seadwick Chaplain to the University & Senior Minister in the Memorial Church

The Memorial Church Mission Statement

The Memorial Church of Harvard University is a space of grace in the center of the Yard, rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ. Affectionately known as "MemChurch," we pursue partnerships within and beyond Harvard, empowering community members to serve the world as well-informed, compassionate, moral citizens. Through worship and ministry outreach, MemChurch aims to promote justice and mercy by confronting life's challenges, differences, and our own imperfections with courage, empathy, and an ethic of love. By doing so, the Memorial Church seeks to educate minds, expand hearts, and enrich lives.

Fall 2015 Services & Programs

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday services are broadcast on Harvard's radio station, **WHRB 95.3 FM**. For those outside the Cambridge area, WHRB provides live Internet streaming from its web site www.whrb.org. Services take place at 11:00 a.m. eastern time.

August 30: Freshman Sunday

Preacher: The Reverend Alanna Copenhaver
Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church
Anthems: Monteverdi — Beatus Vir
Monteverdi — Laudate Dominum

September 6: First Sunday of Fall Term

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith
Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church
Anthems: Haydn — Awake the Harp
Handel — Let Their Celestial Concerts All Unite

September 13

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Alice W. Hunt
President, Chicago Theological Seminary and Assoc. Prof. of Hebrew Bible & Theological Education
Anthems: Boyle — Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion
Redford — Rejoice in the Lord Alway

September 20

Preacher: The Reverend Ruth F. Santana-Grace
Executive Presbyter, The Presbytery of Philadelphia
Anthems: Gabrieli — Jubilate Deo
Cooman '04 — Psalm 66

September 27

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Yvette A. Flunder
Bishop, City of Refuge UCC, Oakland, CA
Anthems: Schutz — Jauchzet dem Herrn
Hampton — Jacob's Ladder

October 4

Preacher: Dr. David N. Hempton
Dean of the Faculty of Divinity, Alonzo L. McDonald Family Professor of Evangelical Theological Studies, and John Lord O'Brian Professor of Divinity, Harvard Divinity School
Anthems: Kodaly — Missa Brevis
Mawby — Ave Verum Corpus

October 11

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. David Greenhaw
President and Professor of Preaching and Worship, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO
Anthems: Fauré — Cantique de Jean Racine
Durufié — Ubi Caritas

October 18

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Jennifer S. Leath
Assistant Professor of Religion and Social Justice, ILIFF School of Theology, Denver, CO
Anthem: Bach — Lobet den Herrn, BWV 230

October 25

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith
Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church
Anthems: Mendelssohn — Verleih uns Frieden
Brahms — Geistliches Lied

November 1: Commemoration of All Saints & All Souls

Preacher: Dr. Patrick McLeod
Cru Boston Metro Director and Harvard Chaplain for Christian Impact and Athletes in Action
Anthem: Mozart — Requiem (excerpts)

November 8: Commemoration of Benefactors & of The War Dead

Preacher: To Be Announced...
Anthem: Parry — Blest Pair of Sirens

November 15

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Kaia Stern
Director of the Prison Studies Project and Lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Harvard University
Anthems: Hovland — Be with Us
Moore — Morning Prayers

November 22

Preacher: Rabbi Dr. Jonah Chanan Steinberg
Executive Director, Harvard Hillel

November 29: The First Sunday of Advent

Preacher: The Reverend Alanna Copenhaver
Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church
Anthems: Plainsong — Missa XVII
Plainsong — Conditore Alme Siderum

December 6: The Second Sunday of Advent

Preacher: Professor Marla F. Frederick
Professor of African and African American Studies and of Religion, Harvard University
Anthems: Pelz — Splendor Is Coming
Thomas — Keep Your Lamps

December 13: The Third Sunday of Advent

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Bill Leonard
James and Marilyn Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies and Professor of Church History, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Winston-Salem, NC
Anthems: Praetorius — Lo, How a Rose
Pettman — The Angel Gabriel

December 20: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith
Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.

On Christmas Eve a service will be held to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord with hymns and Holy Communion. Professor Jonathan L. Walton will preach.

December 27: No Service — Winter Recess**January 3**

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith
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January 17: Commemoration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Lawrence E. Carter
*Professor of Religion and Dean of the Martin Luther
King Jr. International Chapel, Morehouse College*

January 24

Preacher: The Reverend Alanna Copenhaver
Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church

FALL TERM STUDENT PROGRAMS

We have many student-focused programs this upcoming Term including:

- Student Worship Services on Sunday evenings
- Leading Lives of Joy & Purpose, a student-led discussion series
- MemCafé, weekly on Wednesdays from 9–10:15 a.m. on the Porch, beginning September 2
- Football tailgates
- A bereavement group for students

Look for our special student-program guide, available at the church and around campus.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM**Sundays, September 13 – December 6, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**

The Faith & Life Forum explores matters of faith and public life. Each week we hear from leading thinkers as it pertains to matters of ultimate concern such as love, justice, suffering, and salvation. The presentations take place in the Pusey Room of the Memorial Church and begin at 9:30 a.m. Come for coffee at 9:00 a.m.

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Eleanor Craig MTS '08
ThD Candidate, Harvard Divinity School

October 18

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*Assistant Professor of Religion and Social Justice, ILIFF School of
Theology, Denver, CO*

October 25

Helen Kim MDiv '12
PhD Candidate in the Committee on the Study of Religion, GSAS

November 1

Tammy McLeod
*Harvard Chaplain for Christian Impact and Athletes in Action;
Director of College Ministry, Park Street Church, Boston, MA*

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Cori M. Tucker-Price
PhD Candidate in the Committee on the Study of Religion, GSAS

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*Professor of African and African American Studies and of Religion,
Harvard University*

**MORNING PRAYERS
IN APPLETON CHAPEL**

Monday – Saturday in Term, 8:45 – 9:00 a.m.

Beginning Wednesday, September 2

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. The first week's speakers will be:

Wednesday, September 2

Drew Gilpin Faust
President of Harvard University; Lincoln Professor of History, FAS

Thursday, September 3

The Reverend Dr. Lucy Forster-Smith
*Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister
in the Memorial Church*

Friday, September 4

Rakesh Khurana
Dean of Harvard College

Saturday, September 5

To Be Announced...

COMPLINE

**Thursdays, September 3, October 1, November 5,
and December 3 at 10:00 p.m.**

This twenty-minute service is sung in the candlelit space of Appleton Chapel.

Fall 2015 Music Performances



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HARVARD UNIVERSITY CHOIR CONCERTS

EVENSONG

Sunday, October 11, 4:00 p.m., With the Madrigal Singers of St. Paul's School, Concord, NH, Nicholas White, Director

FALL CONCERT: W.A. MOZART, *REQUIEM*, K. 626 (Completion by Professor Robert Levin)

Sunday, November 1, 4:00 p.m., Concert performance featuring the Harvard University Choir and Grand Harmonie

HBCO ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Sunday, November 22, 4:00 p.m., Phoebe Carrai, director. Featuring the Choral Fellows of the Harvard University Choir, in celebration of HBCO's twentieth-anniversary season.

106TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

Sunday, December 13, 5:00 p.m. & Monday, December 14, 8:00 p.m., Doors open one hour before the services. Admission is free; an offering for charity is collected.

WINTER TOUR

January 19–23, 2016, Performances in Savannah, GA; Charleston and Columbia, SC

HOLY WEEK MUSICAL MEDITATION

Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 8:00 p.m., Featuring the Harvard University Choir

SPRING CONCERT: J.S. BACH, *MAGNIFICAT & ASCENSION ORATORIO*

Sunday, April 17, 2016, 4:00 p.m., Featuring the Harvard University Choir and Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra

ARTS FIRST PERFORMANCE

Friday, April 29, 2016, In collaboration with the Bach Society Orchestra

Saturday, April 30, 2016, Choral Fellows sing Bach's *Jesu, meine Freude*, BWV 227

ORGAN RECITALS

TUESDAY EVENING ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

October 13, 7:30 p.m., Carson Cooman, *The Memorial Church, Harvard University*

November 3, 7:30 p.m., Leo Abbott, *Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, MA*

February 2, 2016, 7:30 p.m., Mark Dwyer, *Church of the Advent, Boston, MA*

March 1, 2016, 7:30 p.m., Jonathan Wessler, *St. Paul's Church and Choir School, Cambridge, MA*

March 23, 2016, 7:30 p.m., Thomas Sheehan, *The Memorial Church, Harvard University*

April 5, 2016, 7:30 p.m., Stephen Buzard, *St. Thomas Fifth Avenue, New York, NY*

HARVARD ORGAN SOCIETY MIDDAY RECITALS

Thursdays, 12:15–12:45 p.m.

Recitals are performed on the organ in Busch Hall.

October 1, Jonathan Wessler, *St. Paul's Church and Choir School, Cambridge, MA*

October 8, Francisco Amaya, *Los Angeles Church, Valencia*

October 15, Margaret Harper, *St. John's Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, NH*

October 22, Mary Jodice, *St. John's Episcopal Church, Beverly Farms, MA*

October 29, Brink Bush, *Concert Organist*

November 5, Joseph Fala, *First United Presbyterian Church, Troy, NY*

November 12, Angela Kraft Cross, *Congregational Church of San Mateo, CA*

November 19

Thomas Gaynor, *Eastman School of Music Rochester, NY*



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