



HARVARD

The Memorial Church

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FALL 2020

Calendar of Events & Services

AUG.

23 FIRST-YEAR SUNDAY

Sunday Worship • 11am
(Streamed on WHRB 95.3 FM)
Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church; Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School.

First-Year Student Coffee Hour
12:15–1:15pm • Online Zoom

30 OPENING FALL SUNDAY

Sunday Worship • 11am
(Streamed on WHRB 95.3 FM)
Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church; Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School.

First Sunday Student Coffee Hour
12:15–1:15pm • Online Zoom

SEPT.

6 Sunday Worship • 11am
(Streamed on WHRB 95.3 FM)
Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church; Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School.

9 MemCafé • 9:30–10:15am
Online Zoom

13 Faith & Life Forum • 9:30am
Online Zoom (Coffee 9am)
Speaker: Professor Stephanie Paulsell

Sunday Worship • 11am
(Streamed on WHRB 95.3 FM)
The Rev. Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow, The Memorial Church.

Church School for Children
10–10:45am Online Zoom

16 MemCafé • 9:30–10:15am
Online Zoom

Book Group • 7–8pm
Online Zoom

20 Faith & Life Forum • 9:30am
Online Zoom
Speaker: Casper ter Kuile MDiv '16, author of "The Power of Ritual"

Sunday Worship • 11am
The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister, Memorial Church of Harvard University.

Church School for Children
10–10:45am Online Zoom

23 MemCafé • 9:30–10:15am
Online Zoom

27 Faith & Life Forum • 9:30am
Online Zoom
Speaker: Melissa Bartholomew MDiv '15

Sunday Worship • 11am
Melissa Bartholomew, Associate Dean for Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging, Instructor in Ministry, Harvard Divinity School.

Church School for Children
10–10:45am Online Zoom

30 MemCafé • 9:30–10:15am
Online Zoom

OCT.

4 Faith & Life Forum • 9:30am
Online Zoom
Speakers: The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan, The Rev. Westley P. Conn

Sunday Worship • 11am
(Streamed on WHRB 95.3 FM)
Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church; Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School.

Church School for Children
10–10:45am Online Zoom

7 MemCafé • 9:30–10:15am
Online Zoom

11 Faith & Life Forum • 9:30am
Online Zoom
Speaker: The Rev. Aric Flemming

Sunday Worship • 11am
(Streamed on WHRB 95.3 FM)
The Rev. Aric Flemming MDiv '19, Founder, Underground Church.

Church School for Children
10–10:45am Online Zoom

14 MemCafé • 9:30–10:15am
Online Zoom

Book Group • 7–8pm
Online Zoom

18 Faith & Life Forum • 9:30am
Online Zoom
Speaker: The Rev. Matthew Potts PhD '13

Sunday Worship • 11am
(Streamed on WHRB 95.3 FM)
The Rev. Dr. Matthew Potts, Associate Professor of Religion and Literature and of Ministry Studies, Harvard Divinity School.

Church School for Children
10–10:45am Online Zoom

21 MemCafé • 9:30–10:15am
Online Zoom

25 Faith & Life Forum • 9:30am
Online Zoom
Speaker: Rabbi Jonah Steinberg

Sunday Worship • 11am
(Streamed on WHRB 95.3 FM)
Rabbi Jonah Steinberg, Executive Director and Harvard Chaplain, Harvard Hillel.

Church School for Children
10–10:45am Online Zoom

28 MemCafé • 9:30–10:15am
Online Zoom

NOV.

1 ALL SAINTS' DAY
Faith & Life Forum • 9:30am
Online Zoom
Speaker: LaTosha Brown, Harvard Kennedy School

Sunday Worship • 11am
(Streamed on WHRB 95.3 FM)
Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church; Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School.

Church School for Children
10–10:45am Online Zoom

4 MemCafé • 9:30–10:15am
Online Zoom

8 COMMEMORATION OF BENEFACTORS & THE WAR DEAD
Faith & Life Forum • 9:30am
Online Zoom
Speaker: TBA

Sunday Worship • 11am
(Streamed on WHRB 95.3 FM)
The Rev. Cornell William Brooks, Professor of the Practice of Public Leadership and Social Justice and Director of The William Monroe Trotter Collaborative for Social Justice, Harvard Kennedy School.

Church School for Children
10–10:45am Online Zoom

11 MemCafé • 9:30–10:15am
Online Zoom

15 Faith & Life Forum • 9:30am
Online Zoom
Speaker: Professor Stephanie Paulsell

Sunday Worship • 11am
(Streamed on WHRB 95.3 FM)
Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church; Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School.

Church School for Children
10–10:45am Online Zoom

18 MemCafé • 9:30–10:15am
Online Zoom

Book Group • 7–8pm
Online Zoom

22 Faith & Life Forum • 9:30am
Online Zoom (Coffee 9am)
Speaker: Wilson Hood MDiv '19

Sunday Worship • 11am
(Streamed on WHRB 95.3 FM)
Wilson Hood MDiv '19, Spiritual Care Resident at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Church School for Children
10–10:45am Online Zoom

25 MemCafé • 9:30–10:15am
Online Zoom

29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Faith & Life Forum
(Thanksgiving Break)
Sunday Worship • 11am
(Streamed on WHRB 95.3 FM)
The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister, Memorial Church of Harvard University.

Church School for Children
(Thanksgiving Break)

DEC.

2 MemCafé • 9:30–10:15am
Online Zoom

6 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Faith & Life Forum • 9:30am
Online Zoom
Speaker: TBA

Sunday Worship • 11am
(Streamed on WHRB 95.3 FM)
Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church; Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School.

Church School for Children
10–10:45am Online Zoom

13 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Faith & Life Forum • 9:30am
Online Zoom
Speaker: The Rev. Westley P. Conn

Sunday Worship • 11am
(Streamed on WHRB 95.3 FM)
The Rev. Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow, The Memorial Church.

Church School for Children
10–10:45am Online Zoom

20 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Faith & Life Forum • 9:30am
Online Zoom
Speaker: The Rev. Kerry Maloney

Sunday Worship • 11am
(Streamed on WHRB 95.3 FM)
Kerry Maloney, Chaplain and Director of Religious and Spiritual Life, Instructor in Ministries Studies, Harvard Divinity School.

Church School for Children
10–10:45am Online Zoom

24 CHRISTMAS EVE

111th Annual Carol Service • 5pm
Virtual Christmas Eve with the Harvard University Choir. Preacher: Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church; Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School.

STUDENT PROGRAMS



The Memorial Church is a unique and welcoming community in the center of Harvard Yard. From the Harvard University Choir to our student advisory board and fellowship events, our student deacon program to study breaks, we offer many opportunities for students to get involved, connect, and make life-long friendships. Our clergy are also available for ongoing pastoral care and support for all students, including grief support. Visit our website or contact Student Program Fellow Lara Glass at lara_glass@harvard.edu for more information.

All events and services this fall will take place online or by radio broadcast for the safety of our community and staff during the pandemic. Events are subject to change. Please visit our website for the latest schedule and to register for events.



From the Interim Pusey Minister
STEPHANIE PAULSELL

Practicing Hope

Dear friends,

Six months ago, when Harvard's campus had to be suddenly de-densified (a word I heard for the first time in my life last March), we thought we would be worshiping remotely for the time it would take to reduce the spread of the virus and bring it under control. We could not have imagined then our situation now—that after six months, it is still not safe to worship in our sacred spaces, to study face-to-face in our classrooms, to sit by the bedsides of our hospitalized loved ones.

But here we are. Students will return to campus this fall in very small numbers, most will study remotely, and most courses will be taught only online. At the Memorial Church, we continue to broadcast the Sunday service on WHRB 95.3 FM and gather for study and fellowship on Zoom. Unable to hold daily Morning Prayers in Appleton Chapel, we share the meditations, music, spiritual practices and prayers of our far-flung community in a daily newsletter.

We miss our in-person fellowship—talking around the coffee pot before the Faith and Life Forum, studying in the Student Oasis, sharing meals and conversation with guest preachers, passing signs of God's peace from hand to hand during worship. But over the course of these six months, we have strengthened our bonds. We have cared for each other and mourned the loss of dear members of our congregation. We have made pilgrimages together to Jerusalem and the Holy Island of Lindisfarne over Zoom, navigating pilgrim paths and crossing the thresholds of sacred places using words and images and our own imaginations. We have read together books and articles by Valeria Luiselli, Martin Luther King, Jr., Ta-Nehisi Coates and others to sharpen our attention to the demands of this moment and to all the ways we are called to change. Wes Conn has transformed our multi-class Sunday School into a one-room schoolhouse, with the help of the older students. Our Student Advisory Board continues to meet and to lift us all up through their profound gifts for friendship and their creative approaches to living in these days. The UChoir also meets regularly and this summer organized a fundraiser for the Boston NAACP. Members of the Grant Committee have stayed in touch with the organizations we support and invited members of the community to get to know these organizations better through virtual tours and online connection. Throughout the pandemic, we have been determined to stay turned toward one another and, with one another, toward the world.

In spite of the limitations the coronavirus continues to impose, we are looking forward to a new year of connection and transformation. Last year, we focused on the practice of pilgrimage; this year we will turn our attention to the rich deposit of wisdom in other practices of faith. Each month we will explore a new constellation of ways in which human beings have cultivated resilience and hope in solitude and community; through practices of study, work, and refreshment; through nourishing body and soul with a rich table life; through



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music-making, caregiving, testimony and protest; through prayer and discernment; and through practices, like pilgrimage, of moving through the world with care for others and the earth we inhabit. Our theme for the year is Practicing Hope: Habits of Resilience and Resistance. Human wisdom about caring for each other and thriving together has been passed down through the practices of every religious tradition. We invite you to join us as we learn with and from Harvard's multireligious community and imagine new ways forward together.

In these days of uncertainty, the Memorial Church remains a place of welcome at the heart of Harvard: a place to encounter each other and the world around us in new ways, a place to think and pray, protest and lament, grieve our losses and renew our spirits. It is your generosity that undergirds the engagement, connection and outreach that is possible in our intergenerational community. We invite you to support continued opportunities for deep engagement at the Memorial Church with a gift to our Annual Fund. There is a donate tab on our website where you may give online: memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate.

"The gift of spiritual practices is that they cultivate courage, so that we will risk more for one another," writes Divinity School alumnus Casper ter Kuile in his new book, *The Power of Ritual*. Join us this year as we seek courage and hope in the practices of faith. Join us to practice being the people, and the community, we hope to become.

Sincerely,

Professor Stephanie Paulsell
Interim Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church of Harvard University
Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies,
Harvard Divinity School



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Memorial Church Services & Programs

WORSHIP

Virtual Sunday Worship • Sundays, 11am

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

Morning Prayers

Because of coronavirus restrictions, we are not able to gather for Morning Prayers this fall. Please sign up for our daily newsletter for musical offerings and regular meditations from members of the Harvard community and beyond. Subscribe at memorialchurch.harvard.edu/suscribe

MemCafé

Is held online each Wednesday from 9:30-10:15 am with conversation for all. Registration information is available at memorialchurch.harvard.edu

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Faith & Life Forum Online • Sundays, 9:30am

The Faith & Life Forum explores matters of faith and public life. To register, visit memorialchurch.harvard.edu/faith-life-forum.

Virtual Church School • Sundays, 10 am

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children ages three through sixteen. All classes are held prior to Sunday services this Fall Term. To register go to: memorialchurch.harvard.edu/churchschool.

MUSIC

Music in the Memorial Church is performed by the Harvard University Choir, which provides the music for weekly, as well as special concerts throughout the year. Home to two world-class instruments, the Fisk Organ Opus 139 and the Skinner Opus 793, the music department also offers organ recitals and other music events. All concerts and recitals are open to the public and will take place online during the Fall Term unless otherwise noted. Check our website calendar for the full schedule of events. 🎵

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Student Oasis

The Student Oasis, under normal conditions, is available to current Harvard students as a place to relax, study, cook in our full-service kitchen, and connect with friends. However, because of health and safety policies instituted by the University to prevent the spread of the coronavirus the Student Oasis will be closed until further notice.

