



From the Professor's Desk

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"How carefully most men creep into nameless graves, while now and again one or two forget themselves into immortality."

—*The Rev. Phillips Brooks*

On Feb. 3, 1943, tragedy struck the SS *Dorchester*, an American troop transport ship traveling in a naval convoy in the North Atlantic. With the ship less than two hundred miles from its intended destination in Greenland, a German U-boat fired a torpedo into its side. Conditions could not have been worse for evacuation and rescue. The ship was originally built as a luxury liner with a maximum capacity of 400, then converted to military use early in 1942. Even though it had been equipped by the military with additional lifeboats and life jackets, the lifeboats proved too crowded and the life jackets too few for the approximately 900 officers, servicemen, and civilians aboard. For those who were able to evacuate the sinking ship, hypothermia awaited in the frigid ocean. Ultimately, only about a quarter of those aboard the vessel survived.

Despite the horror of this tragedy, several survivors shared similar, inspirational accounts. As the ship went down, soldiers were aided and comforted by four Army chaplains: The Rev. George L. Fox (Methodist), Rabbi Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), The Rev. Clark V. Poling (Dutch Reformed), and Father John P. Washington (Roman Catholic). These men worked fearlessly to assist their fellow passengers. They helped some into rescue boats and ultimately surrendered their own life jackets in order to save others. Survivors recounted hearing prayers in Hebrew, the singing of Protestant hymns, and soldiers receiving the last rites. Until their last breaths, these four chaplains carried out their duties with courage and complete selflessness in the face of the gravest danger.

As we celebrate [the 85th anniversary of the Memorial Church](#), we are inspired by such tales of service and sacrifice. Whether we commemorate the heroism of these four chaplains—who first met at the Army Chaplains School at Harvard—or that of the other 1,113 fallen soldiers whose names are inscribed on our walls, this is the message the Memorial Church strives to instill in our students. While too many define success in terms of power, social status, and the accumulation of material goods, there is a better way to achieve "the good life." Life is not about what we can earn for ourselves. To the contrary, as we learn from the Jesus we proclaim each Sunday morning, our lives are measured by the good we do unto others.

Today, we cannot emphasize enough the importance of spiritual ideals that challenge us to think empathetically, feel compassionately, and act courageously out of love for our sisters and brothers.

This is why we will explore the theme "Redefining Success: Living a Life of Service and Sacrifice." Our services, musical events, and speakers will recognize those who have had the courage to reimagine achievement. Thus, we will hear from citizens, soldiers, and public servants who have subverted convention and challenged the status quo when these things limit our idea of what we should strive for in our lives.

For instance, three-term United States Senator and Episcopal priest [John Danforth](#) will grace the MemChurch pulpit. Sen. Danforth's affirmation of marriage equality and opposition to the death penalty have often placed him at odds with leaders of his own political party. His writings and leadership have challenged us all, however, to transcend bitter political partisanship even as we act on our deepest convictions.

We will meet someone else who had the courage to defy expectations when former All-American football player [Dr. Myron Rolle visits MemChurch](#). When he graduated from Florida State University in 2009, Rolle turned down a near certain selection in the first round of the NFL draft in order to pursue a master's degree at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. Many NFL teams questioned his commitment to football, which caused his stock to plummet and led to his selection in only the sixth round of the next year's draft. After a brief stint with the Tennessee Titans and Pittsburgh Steelers, Rolle returned to Florida State to enter medical school. Now Dr. Rolle—who plans someday to open clinics in poor countries that do not have pediatric neurosurgeons—is a resident with the department of neurosurgery at Massachusetts General Hospital, and a role model for student-athletes everywhere.



Photo: Justin Knight

This term we will also welcome a military couple, [Army Capt. Emily Hannen-berg and former Army Capt. and Iraq and Afghanistan war veteran Rachel Neasham](#). These West Point graduates work tirelessly to encourage communities to value the beauty of diversity and inclusion. Both volunteer in local schools to teach young people that racial, religious, gender, and sexual difference strengthen America's armed forces and America itself. Their message is morally clear and consistent: When we embrace, nurture, and serve alongside those who are different from us, we reflect the best of our nation's ideals.

These are just a few of the many speakers from whom we will hear this term during the [Faith & Life Forum](#), [Sunday morning worship](#), and [Morning Prayers](#). Several musical events will also help us commemorate Veterans Day this year, as we rededicate the Memorial Church in recognition of our 85th. We will [screen](#) the 1925 silent film "The Big Parade." Among the first films to document the terrible human cost of war for all involved, it follows a young American soldier in the Great War, the idle son of a wealthy family, who finds purpose and love among the French working class. Famed organist Peter Krasinski will play an improvised organ accompaniment. The choir will also hold a special Evensong on the Sunday evening of the Commemoration of Benefactors and the War Dead.

When those four chaplains from varying religious traditions met on Divinity Avenue in Cambridge, I am confident they had no idea tragedy would forever unite them. Yet they died in the same way that they lived: in the service of others. They forgot themselves into immortality. May the sermons we preach, the songs we sing, and the lives we live reflect and encourage such an orientation to the world.

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Redefining Success

Living a Life of Service and Sacrifice

This year, as we rededicate the Memorial Church in recognition of our [85th anniversary](#), many of our services, events, and speakers will recognize those who have had the courage to reimagine achievement, devoting their lives to service and sacrifice.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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 website whrb.org. Services take place at 11 a.m. EST.

Aug. 27, 11 a.m. FRESHMAN SUNDAY

Preacher: Prof. Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister, the Memorial Church of Harvard University. Anthems: Monteverdi, *Beatus vir*, SV 269; Telemann, *Laudate Jehovah*, omnes gentes.

Sept. 3, 11 a.m.
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF FALL TERM
Preacher: Prof. Jonathan L. Walton. Anthems: Cooman, Psalm 66 (*Be Joyful in God*), Op. 664; *Bat-ten*, O Sing Joyfully.

Sept. 10, 11 a.m.
Preacher: Prof. Jonathan L. Walton. Anthems: Handel, *Zadok the Priest*, HWV 258; Britten, *Jubilate Deo* in C major.

Sept. 17, 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister, the Memorial Church of Harvard University. Anthems: Mendelssohn, *Richte mich*, Gott, Op. 78, No. 2; Brahms, *Geistliches Lied*, Op. 30.

Sept. 24, 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Rev. John C. Danforth. Anthems: Byrd, *Laudibus in sanctis*; Gabrieli, *Jubilate Deo*.

Oct. 1, 11 a.m.
Preacher: Prof. Jonathan L. Walton. Anthems: Kodály, *Missa brevis*; Mozart, *Ave verum corpus*, K. 618.

Oct. 8, 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan. Anthems: Monteverdi, *Laudate pueri Dominum*, SV 206:4 and *Lauda Jerusalem Dominum*, SV 206:10.

Oct. 15, 11 a.m.
Preacher: To Be Announced. Anthems: Bach, *Nun ist das Heil und die Kraft*, BWV 50; Parry, *Hear My Words, Ye People*; Cooman, *Give All to Love*, Op. 1161.

Oct. 22, 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Rev. Laura Everett, Executive Director of MA Council of Churches and author of *Holy Spokes*. Anthems: Gawthrop, *Sing Me to Heaven*; Hogan, *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*.

Oct. 29, 11 a.m.
FRESHMAN FAMILY WEEKEND
Preacher: Prof. Jonathan L. Walton. Anthems: Praetorius, *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*; Schütz, *Jauchzet dem Herren, alle Welt*, SWV 36.

Nov. 5, 11 a.m.
ALL SAINTS' DAY
Preacher: Prof. Jonathan L. Walton. Anthems: Stanford, *Communion Service* in C major, Op. 115 and *Justorum animae*, Op. 38/1.

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.

Nov. 12, 11 a.m.
85TH ANNIVERSARY / COMMEMORATION OF BENEFACTORS AND THE WAR DEAD
Preacher: The Hon. Seth Moulton, United States House of Representatives. Anthems: Schachter, *To the River Charles*; Phillips, *I Beseech You Therefore, Brethren*.

Nov. 19, 11 a.m.
Preacher: To Be Announced. Anthems: Bach, *Fürchte dich nicht*, BWV 228.

Nov. 26, 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Rev. Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow, the Memorial Church of Harvard University. Anthems: Shumway, *From All That Dwell below the Skies* (Schenectady); Ingalls, *From the Third Heaven, Where God Resides* (New Jerusalem).

Dec. 3, 11 a.m.
ADVENT BEGINS
Preacher: Prof. Jonathan L. Walton. Anthems: Monteverdi, *Mass for Four Voices*, SV 257 and *Ave maris stella*, SV 206:12.

Dec. 10, 11 a.m.
Preacher: Dr. Keri L. Day, Associate Professor of Constructive Theology and African American Religion, Princeton Theological Seminary. Anthems: Manz, *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*; Pelz, *Splendor Is Coming*.

Dec. 17, 11 a.m.
Preacher: Prof. Jonathan L. Walton.

Dec. 24, 11 a.m.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / CHRISTMAS EVE
Preacher: The Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan.

Winter Intersession
Sunday Worship will not be held on Dec. 31. Services will resume on Jan. 7, 2018 at 11 a.m.

MORNING PRAYERS

Monday – Friday in Term, 8:45 – 9 a.m. Begins Aug. 30 • 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.

FIRST WEEK'S SCHEDULE
Aug. 30: Drew Gilpin Faust, President of Harvard University; Lincoln Professor of History, FAS.

Aug. 31: Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister, the Memorial Church of Harvard University.

Sept. 1: Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister, the Memorial Church of Harvard University.

For the full schedule of Morning Prayers speakers, please visit the Morning Prayers page on our website: memorialchurch.harvard.edu/morningprayers.

FALL 2017 CALENDAR

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

Sept. 10 – Dec. 10, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Buttrick Room (*Coffee at 9 a.m.*)
The Faith & Life Forum explores matters of faith and public life. This term, we will explore the theme of “Redefining Success: Living a Life of Sacrifice and Service.” For the full list of readings and speakers, visit memorialchurch.harvard.edu/faith-life-forum.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Sept. 10 – May 4, 11:15 – 12:15 p.m.
The Church School offers Christian education classes for children ages three through fifteen. Confirmation is offered for students in grades seven and eight. New this year is our Teen Class! All classes are held during Sunday services in the Fall and Spring Terms. To learn more, visit our church school website page: memorialchurch.harvard.edu/church-school-children.

STUDENT PROGRAMS

The Memorial Church is a unique and welcoming community in the center of Harvard Yard. From the 40-member Harvard University Choir to our robust seminarian and internship programs to our student advisory board and fellowship events, we offer many opportunities for students to get involved, connect, and make life-long friendships. We also offer numerous student volunteer and employment opportunities as well as ongoing pastoral care and support for all students. To learn more about our thriving student community, please contact the Rev. Alanna C. Sullivan at alanna_sullivan@harvard.edu.

CHORAL SERVICES

COMPLINE
Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7 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. The Sept. 7 service will be held on the steps of the church, weather permitting.

EVENSONG
Oct. 1 & Nov. 12, 4 p.m. • Appleton Chapel
The sung evening prayer service of the Anglican daily prayer tradition, Choral Evensong is a versatile service which can incorporate many musical traditions into its structure. Primarily featuring choral music as a way to beautify the daily round of prayer, it also includes organ music and congregational singing along with some spoken prayer in this approximately forty-five minute service.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Nov. 11, 11 a.m.
VETERANS DAY SERVICE
A service to commemorate Veterans Day, held with the Harvard Veterans Alumni Organization. A new plaque to honor four World War II chaplains will be unveiled.

Nov. 11, 7 p.m.
“THE BIG PARADE” SILENT FILM WITH ORGAN RECITAL
Peter Krasinski, Silent Film with Improvised Organ Accompaniment. “The Big Parade” (1925), presented in commemoration of Veterans Day. Free and open to the public.

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. All concerts are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Sept. 24, 4 p.m.
ORGAN RECITAL
Mark Steinbach, University Organist, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.
FALL CONCERT
Claudio Monteverdi's *L'Orfeo* in celebration of the 450th anniversary of the composer's birth. Presented in honor of Prof. Thomas Forrest Kelly. Harvard University Choir, Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra.

Oct. 29, 4 p.m.
LIBERTY TREE — EARLY MUSIC FOR THE AMERICAN SOUL
Boston Camerata with the Choral Fellows of the Harvard University Choir (Ticketed through www.bostoncamerata.org).

Nov. 5, 4 p.m.
UPPSALA UNIVERSITY CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Nov. 11, 7 p.m.
SILENT FILM / ORGAN RECITAL
Peter Krasinski, Silent Film with Improvised Organ Accompaniment. “The Big Parade” (1925), presented in commemoration of Veterans Day.

Nov. 16, 5 p.m.
OPEN REHEARSAL
Harvard University Choir Open Rehearsal with Masaaki Suzuki, 2017 Christoph Wolff Distinguished Visiting Scholar.

Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.
RECITAL
Recital by Christopher Eaglin, tenor and Nicole Panizza, piano.

Nov. 19, 4 p.m.
HBCO CONCERT
Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra will perform works by CPE Bach, Rameau, and Telemann.

Dec. 10, 5 p.m. & Dec. 12, 8 p.m.
108TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
Doors open one hour before the services. Admission is free; an offering for charity is collected.

2017–18 PEACEFUL PIPES SERIES
Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6 at 12:15 p.m. • Appleton Chapel
A half hour of meditative organ music, held the first Wednesday of each month.

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