



The Messenger

November 2022

Rector's Message

The Eucharist has been at the forefront of my thoughts more than usual, as of late. Not only because the word comes from the Greek for “thanksgiving,” and we happen to find ourselves in the month of the Thanksgiving holiday; nor because my daughter, Lucy, and I are working on her preparation for receiving First Communion; but because last month Bishop Clark ended the moratorium on the use of the common cup. This moratorium was put in place by Bishop Lee in response to the COVID pandemic, and while most dioceses did the same, the Diocese of Chicago is one of the few where it has remained in effect the longest.

The leadership of each church is now permitted to decide *if* and *how* a parish would like to return to using the common cup moving forward. After consultation with Grace’s Vestry, we decided to return to using the chalice much in the same manner as we did before the pandemic, along with resumed use of the altar rail. The Bishop’s only stipulation is that parishioners are not to engage in *intinction* – the practice of dipping the host in the chalice. The idea of having people’s fingers submerged in the wine that others will drink from has long been a subject of debate with respect to hygiene even before the pandemic. Bishop Clark has asked that only the clergy or chalice bearer intinct the host in a separate chalice and hand it to the recipient, under the presumption that we have indeed sanitized our own hands first.

For the last two and a half years, we have been communing under the theological understanding of the doctrine of *concomitance* – the doctrine that affirms the co-existence of the Body and Blood of Christ in each of the eucharistic elements. In the Episcopal Church, we find much of the basis for proclaiming this doctrine in the rubrics for Ministration to the Sick, found on page 457 of our *Book of Common Prayer*. The idea is, should an individual's health prevent them from receiving one of the eucharistic elements, the bread or the wine, they are not then somehow receiving a deficient form of the sacrament, but instead, through their will, they are still receiving the full sacrament. We do not do half sacraments in the Church.

With that said, since we are still under a public health threat, remember that if you do not wish to receive the chalice, you are still receiving the full sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. You may receive the host and simply return to your pew after, or you may stay at the altar rail, placing your arms across your chest indicating you do not wish to receive the chalice. The chalice bearer will still present it to you and say, "The Blood of Christ. The cup of salvation." Regardless of how you choose to receive communion, rest assured you have received the full sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. For the time being, we will not be doing a second chalice for intinction.

I am grateful for the return of the common cup to our worship together. I do not think I realized how much I missed it until our first service with it on October 23rd when I got a little verklempt. Early in the pandemic, I was asked if we'd ever see the common cup again. My only thought at that time was the Church, at some point, decided it was safe to return to it after the pandemic of 1918, so why not hold the same hope now. However, as we have learned throughout the pandemic, the strife is not o'er, nor the battle done with COVID. So, we will continue to monitor all the pertinent data and shift accordingly. Please continue to take whatever precautions you need to ensure that you have a safe and edifying worship experience.

Blessings to each and everyone of you. May you have a very happy Thanksgiving, and, if you are traveling during the holiday, may you have a safe journey. Peace, Fr. Brian

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week
FACC fundraising activities

Nov. 15 Tuesday – Fr. Brian will be collecting monetary donations out front of Grace Church on Stephenson St. from 11:00-1:00.

Nov. 16 Wednesday – FACC volunteers will be collecting donations at the intersection of Stephenson St. and Park Blvd. in 2 hour shifts from 9:00-4:00.

Nov. 18 Friday – Hunger Luncheon at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church from 11:30-1:00. Tickets are \$25. A table of 8 is \$200. To-Go orders are available 11:00-12:30.

Nov. 19 Saturday – Open House at FACC’s Chicago Ave. Mission shelter 1:00-4:00.
1:00-2:00 is for members of delegate churches (us). 2:00-4:00 open to all.

The Board is seeking Volunteers for any of the 2 hour shifts during Wednesday’s collection at the intersection. They are also looking for dessert bakers to provide some refreshments for Saturday’s Open House. If you are interested in either, please get in touch with Fr. Brian.

Treasurer's Report

Below is a summary of the revenue and expenses for the first 9 months of 2022 compared to the first 9 months of 2021.

	2022	2021	Difference
Total Revenue	155104	157017	(1913)
Expenses:			
Personnel Costs	100237	100759	(522)
Building & Grounds	33635	30557	3078
Diocese Pledge	6375	5775	600
Other	12252	13813	(1561)
Total Expenses	<u>152499</u>	<u>150904</u>	<u>1595</u>
Gain (Loss)	2605	6113	(3508)

If you look at the Total Revenue you will see that the revenue for 2022 is only \$1913 less than what was received last year. However, as I have said before, our total pledges for 2022 are \$16,000 less than the total pledges for 2021 so I expect to see our revenue in the 4th quarter to slow down.

I am pleased with the expenses so far this year. Even with the high heating costs we incurred last winter, our expenses are only \$1595 higher than last year. As you probably know, we have contracted with a natural gas and an electricity provider to lock in our rates so we have protected the church from rising costs. I hope this will allow our expense to remain low for the final quarter of the year.

I know you are tired of hearing this but if you have not turned in your 2023 pledge card yet, please do so as soon as possible. I would like to finalize the 2023 budget so I can present it to the vestry at their November meeting.

I have done some estimating of our revenue and expenses for the 4th quarter, and based on this I am expecting that we will end the year with a deficit, probably in the \$10000 to \$12000 range. The good news is that the shortfall can be made up with the money in our reserves.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Finance Committee Report 68% of you have returned your pledge card. And more good news...we continue to happily accept pledges. The 2023 budget will be complete and presented to the vestry for approval at their November 20th vestry meeting.

Grace Church News

Episcopal Church Women....FIRST FRIDAY. November 4, 2022

In days of olde, the ladies of Grace occasionally treated themselves to a holiday luncheon. At last month's ECW gathering, we decided to meet at Imperial Palace at 11:30 for our First Friday gathering. Everyone is responsible for her own lunch.

We also are planning on putting together Christmas bags for our Shut-ins at the December meeting. More info to follow as to how you can help.

Many thanks to Linda Locascio, Sue Norman, and Gail Hunt who organized our kitchen shower. And THANK YOU to all who gave so many wonderful items needed to furnish our kitchen. The items are on display in the undercroft.

We hope you can join us on Friday, November 4th, at 11:30, at Imperial Palace on Ihm Blvd. Please email, message, or call me with your reservation.

Peace,

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Reminder Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 6th. Don't forget to set your clocks back one (1) hour.

St. Andrew's Day Celebration Sunday, November 13th

This will include bagpipes and a celebration tea following the service. There is a sign up sheet for food assistance next to the kitchen window in the undercroft, please bring food ready to serve on your own dish. Thank you for your help and a slow return to normal. Mike Shore

Deadline for the December Messenger will be November 18th.

People of Grace Breakfast November 19, 8:00am, at Nine East Coffee Shop. Please join us.

Vestry Meeting Sunday, November 20th after the 9:00am service.

Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Monday, November 21 at St. John UCC
“Drop-in” Choir will gather at 6:00 p.m.
Service begins at 7:00 p.m.

As always, the Freeport Clergy Group will be collecting money for FSD 145’s Shoe Fund, as well as filling baskets with donations of socks.

Traditionally, this has been a lightly attended service by Grace Church members, so I strongly encourage you to come out and enjoy this ecumenical celebration and support its accompanying ministry.

“Taps”

This Veterans Day the well-known sound of “Taps” will be played at observations throughout our country. It was composed by Major General Daniel Butterfield, a member of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War. He is buried in the Post Cemetery at the United States Military Academy at West Point. There are no official words to accompany the music, and many versions can be found. Here is a sampling of a few verses.

Fading light dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.
From afar drawing nigh — Falls the night.

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky.
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Then good night, peaceful night,
Till the light of the dawn shineth bright,
God is near, do not fear — Friend, good night.

- Better by far you should forget and smile, than that you should remember and be sad.
—Christine Rosetti
- Music has the power to shape a culture.
—Aristotle
- God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
—Anonymous
- People see God every day; they just don't recognize him.
—Pearl Bailey
- Dear Lord, we beg but one boon more: Peace in the hearts of all men living, peace in the whole world this Thanksgiving.
—Joseph Auslander

Server Schedule - November

Date	Chalicerist	Lector	Ushers
Nov. 6th	Chuck Breo	Claudia Smith	Dick Hepner Jon Watson
Nov. 13th	Chuck Terpening	Chuck Terpening	Chad Enright Jeff Francis
Nov. 20th	Carol Francis	Carol Francis	Dick Hepner Jon Watson
Nov. 27th	Chuck Breo	Gail Hunt	Chad Enright Jeff Francis

Table Manners Needed

A thought for Thanksgiving dinner:

Goops are those who talk with mouths full of food
Long, loud and fast they chew.

The Refined are those who chat with empty mouths,
They eat slowly, quietly, as should I.... And you.

Mainly we should remember the honored Guest,
Our Lord, sent from above.
Yes! Even Jesus the Christ,
Who brings God's incomparable love.

— Charles Ferrell

November



Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday!"

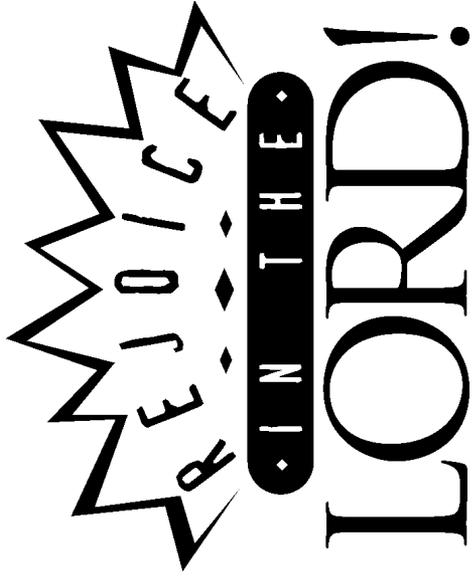
- 3rd Katie Enright
Sandra Terpening
- 4th Dorothy Nord
Kate Worthington
- 6th Richard Hepner

- 7th Jacquelyn Sigafus
- 10th Ingrid Standish
- 11th Diane Conroy
- 21st Brian Dreier



- 3rd Albert & Evelyn Appiah

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