

# *Inner Grace*

## **"A Word From Our Pastor"**

Loved Ones,

Today is the culmination of the Women's Convocation weekend activities; celebrating the legacy and contributions of women to our ministry. From the five African American women whose faith and vision initiated this ministry in 1888 until the present, women have sustained our ministry through their service and sacrifice. We are blessed by the faithful witness of the women of Grace who serve in every aspect of our ministry.

From the inception of the 1<sup>st</sup> century church, women have played an intricate role in the spreading of the gospel and the ministry of Jesus Christ. I am proud of the women of Grace who have embraced the rich tradition of discipleship and stewardship that is so vital to the life of our church. Your faithful discipleship has been an inspiration, sparking a fire in my soul and fuel for my journey.

Today we celebrate and honor five women whose exemplary commitment and discipleship will be recorded in the annals of Grace History on the Women's Wall of Citation; Dr. Priscilla J. Hambrick-Dixon, Shirley Greene, Audrey Lindsey, Shirley Smith and Sandra Trimmings. Congratulations to each of you!

Love,

Pastor

# Sunday Worship Service

May 20, 2012  
7:30 am, 9:30 am & 11:30 am

## *The Prelude*

### *Worship Leaders:*

Jennifer G. Sullivan	7:30 am
Erica King-Toler	9:30 am
Lillyn Hill	11:30 am

## *The Call To Worship:*

"Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in God's sanctuary; praise God in the firmament of God's power. Praise God for God's mighty acts: praise God according to God's excellent greatness. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord!"

## *The Hymn of Praise:*

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"  
Hymn #30

## *Invocation:*

Deacon Malvina Chambers	7:30 am
Deacon Helen Royster	9:30 am
Deacon Evelyn Copeland	11:30 am

## *The Responsive Reading:*

Women's Litany (see insert)

Evelyn McDougald	7:30 am
Karen Gordon	9:30 am
Icilda Hill	11:30 am

## *The Inspirational Hymn:*

"How Great Thou Art"  
(see insert)

## *Words of Welcome*

### *The Concerns of the Parish*

### *Presentation of God's Tithes + Offering*

### *\* The Offertory:*

"All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee." Amen.

### *Reflections:*

Adris Graham-Swift	7:30 am
Deacon E. Adel Dowdy	9:30 am
Tracy E. Austin	11:30 am

### *Sacred Music:*

Church Choir

### *The Hymn of Preparation:*

"Amazing Grace" Hymn #500

### *The Sermon:*

Rev. Keisha Agard	7:30 am
Rev. Jacqueline D. Gilchrist	9:30 am
Rev. Dr. Yoreel Fraser Trumpet	11:30 am

### *The Call to Discipleship*

### *\* Benediction*

### *Postlude*

\* Please Stand

# Responsive Reading

## Women's Litany

**Leader:** With gracious hope, we praise your name O' God, standing in one accord as women of faith, to work together as recruits for Christ to spread peace at home and in the world.

**People:** **As women of faith, we stand like trees planted by the water, for we will not be moved from our mission to love the Lord, and to love ourselves and each other.**

**Leader:** With respect and awe, we await your call on our lives to serve this present age, our calling to fulfill as joyful women, in our strength and in our frailty.

**People:** **As women of joy, we say yes to our calling to be missionaries of Christ, to minister to the sick and shut in, to those weary of life, to those needing words of encouragement, to know they are loved.**

**Leader:** We cry out for total liberation of all of God's people, of African peoples all over the world, that we might work for justice and experience freedom and equality.

**People:** **With voices of poets and prophets, of friends and family, we women of faith believe in your power to change hardened hearts, in your love for us, and the possibility for violence and evil doing to be overcome in the world.**

**All:** **As your eyes, ears and bodies in the world, we give honor to you O' God, as we embrace your ministry to work together for change. Help us gracious Lord, to love others when we do not like them, embrace forgiveness without forgetting indignities, experience intimacy with you in a way that shapes all our relationships toward the health and good of all.**

*Reverend Keisha J. Agard*

Reverend Keisha J. Agard was licensed to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in August of 2000 and ordained in March 2007 under the nurturing leadership of her father in the ministry and Pastor, Rev. Dr. Marvin J. Bentley. She is a member of the Antioch Baptist Church ministerial staff, The Corona East Elmhurst Clergy Association, Queens Federation of Churches and the American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York Woman in Ministry. Most recently Reverend Agard accepted and assumed the position of Minister of Children, Youth and Young Adults and Director of the Drama Ministry at the Greater Centennial AME Zion Church in Mt. Vernon, New York under the anointed pastorate of the Rev. Dr. W. Darin Moore.



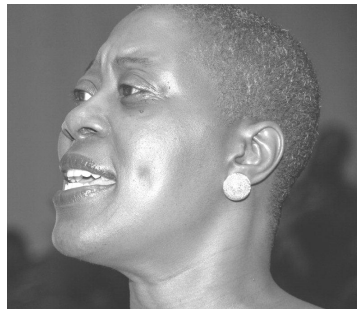
*Reverend Jacqueline D. Gilchrist*

Reverend Jacqueline D. Gilchrist was ordained on July 11, 2004 by Rev. Dr. Robert W. Perry, the Senior Pastor of Union Baptist Church, Stamford, Connecticut. She served at Union Baptist Church in the position of Youth Minister and Director of the Youth Department for over 10 years. Reverend Gilchrist served as Pastor of the Black Church at Yale, a Christian inter-denominational Church at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut for 3 years. She presently is the Senior Pastor of Come As You Are Community of Faith Ministries in Stamford, CT, a new church start that she and her family launched on September 15, 2006.



*Reverend Dr. Yoreel C. Fraser Trumpet*

Rev. Trumpet is an ordained Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. She served on the ministerial staff of Bridge Street AWME Church (her home church) in Brooklyn, served as Minister to Women at St. Luke AME Church in Harlem, and served on the ministerial staff of Mt. Carmel AME Church in Brooklyn. She continues to speak healing, wholeness and restoration into the lives of women at retreats, conferences and seminars. Rev. Dr. Trumpet was born in Brooklyn, New York. She earned a Certificate in Christian Ministry, a Master of Divinity degree and a Doctor of Ministry degree from New York Theological Seminary. Her doctoral work focused on the development of a comprehensive faith based wellness program for African American and Caribbean American women.



*The Ministries of Grace*

Announcements & Events

*Grace New Disciple Classes:*

Sundays at 9:30 am  
Mondays at 7:00 pm

**Lesson #1:**

1st Sunday & Monday of the month

**Lesson # 2:**

2nd Sunday & Monday of the month

**Lesson #3:**

3rd Sunday & Monday of the month

**Lesson #4:**

4th Sunday & Monday of the month

For details see: "Your Journey" link  
<http://www.gracebapt.org/baptism.html>

*Noon Day Prayer Meeting:*

Tuesday, May 22 , 2012  
12:00 noon

*Prayer Service:*

Wednesday, May 23, 2012  
6:45 pm

*Bible Study:*

Wednesday, May 23, 2012  
7:45 pm

**He Speaks to Me:**

**Preparing to Hear From God: Parts 5 & 6**

*Congratulations to the 2012*

*Women's Wall of Citation*

*Honorees:*

Rev. Dr. Priscilla J. Hambrick-Dixon  
Shirley Greene  
Audrey Lindsey  
Shirley Smith  
Sandra Trimmings

*Sweet Hour of Prayer:*

During the month of May, when we celebrate the Season of Women, please join us for the next Sweet Hour of Prayer at the Wartburg Nursing Home in Mt. Vernon, NY We will meet on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, in building 14 in the third-floor dining room from 3:15 pm—4:15 pm. Come let us fellowship together and show our seniors how much we appreciate them.



[www.ourfaithempowers.com](http://www.ourfaithempowers.com)

## *The Ministries of Grace*

### Announcements & Events

#### *Empowering Employment Ministry:*

Searching for a Job? Job/Career change? Looking for advice?  
Need a resume? Updated/revised resume? Preparing for an Interview?

Come see us: 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at Grace Baptist Church:  
May 10th, June 14th, July 12th, Aug. 9th  
Sept. 13th, Oct. 11th, Nov. 8th, Dec. 13th

Or by appointment. Drop a note in the Employment (Blue) folder at the Front Desk.

Or email us at: Renee Ducre - President: rducre@gmail.com

Lance J. Chambers - VP: lance\_chambers@mindspring.com

Check out our Website at: gracebapt.org > Empowering Ministries > Employment

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#### *B.A.S.I.C. Ministry:*

The B.A.S.I.C. Ministry (Brothers and Sisters in Christ), the Singles Ministry at Grace, will have our next monthly meeting on Sunday, May 27, 2012 after the 11:30 AM worship service. Discussion topics will include upcoming Dinner Cruise, workshops and summer activities. All are welcome. For additional information, please contact Yvonne Martin at 347-451-5755. You may also contact the ministry via e-mail at gbc.basicministry@gmail.

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#### *Visitation Ministry:*

Please join us at our monthly meeting on the 4th Thursday of every month from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. This month's meeting will be on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 7 pm. New members or interested persons are encouraged to attend. If you know of anyone who is sick, please let us know by calling 914-886-5327 or emailing us at leamorisseau2@yahoo.com.

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#### *Ministry Leaders:*

**Change in Voucher Submittal process.** All request for a check must be written on a Financial Transaction Form Voucher and submitted to the Trustee Office on Wednesday no later than Thursday. Your check will be issued and ready for pick up on Sunday.

## *The Ministries of Grace*

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#### *Lifestyle Stewardship Capital Campaign Spiritual Awareness:*

As we are preparing our hearts to Rise and Build, we do so by praying and observing scripture in our everyday lives. Take the time to study the verse for the week and how it relates to your life.

**“Pray without ceasing.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:17**

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#### *Youth Ministry:*

The Youth Ministry is Vibrant & Active **Youth Ministry May 2012 Activities**  
(All 12-18 year olds Welcome!)

**Sunday, May 20, 2012 - Youth Forum Meeting 1:30-4:00PM**

Meeting held right after 11:30 service—Career Spotlight: Education & Social Work

**Friday, May 25, 2012 – Friday Night Fun Night 5:00 – 9:00PM**

Outdoor Games & Barbecue - Fellowship & Fun

We're kicking off summer with a youth BBQ at Glen Island Park

Bring your softball equipment, Frisbee, Basketballs, Jump Ropes, & Hula Hoops

All Youth are encouraged to participate!

**For additional information contact:** Leslie R. Cousins: lesnaine@verizon.net  
Phyllis Cole-Hollis: msprincesspch@aol.com, Gladys Wells: jusbsweet@aol.com

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#### *Health and Wholeness Ministry:*

Q. Who is at risk for uterine fibroids?

A. 25% of women of childbearing age have uterine fibroids. African American women are up to three times more likely than European women to develop fibroids.

Please join us at our monthly breakfast meetings on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Where you will be fed body, mind and spirit. Also, join us for our weekly fitness class with Gabrielle on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Please note that due to the Season of Women's schedule, this month's meeting is cancelled.

*Happy Birthday May 2012 Celebrants*

Eunice Nekpen Adeghe  
 Antoinette M. Allwood  
 Christopher Aston  
 Erica Ayala  
 Helen Bagley  
 Toni Baker  
 Donnaree Yvonne Barton  
 Bruce Baylock  
 Ronald Benjamin  
 Cheryl Blackshear  
 Clifford Blount III  
 Keisha Boylan  
 Palmer Brandon  
 Phylicia Bridgewater  
 Patrick Bridgewater  
 Geneva Brown  
 Dorothy Bryant  
 Tarnise Bryant  
 Victor Buggie  
 Steven Bussey  
 Mercedes Cabrera  
 Bernice Carlisle  
 Charisse Cash  
 Taisha L. Chambers  
 Prince Chaney  
 Ethel Clark  
 Theresa Clark  
 Thomas Clark  
 Alice Clarke  
 Paulette Coleman  
 Trustee Dorothy A. Coleman  
 Kartella Copeland  
 Lisa A. Copeland  
 Godfred Darkwa  
 Lara Davida  
 Hilary Morgan Davis  
 Constance Davy  
 Morales Denise  
 Trustee Lavetta A. DeWees  
 Kenneth Dolberry  
 Pier Dubisson

Maria Edwards  
 Michael Evans  
 Roland Fergus  
 Julian Forbes  
 Valerie Footes  
 Michael Foy  
 Margaret Fuller  
 Deon Shontay Gaynor  
 Tashie George  
 Bentley Gibson  
 Eunice J. Glanville  
 Errol Anthony Gordon  
 Hugh C. Grant  
 Leroy Robert Grant  
 Mildred Green  
 Winsome Green  
 Ruthlyn Greenfield-Webster  
 Sharon Griffith  
 Tanya L. Gumbs  
 Ebony Gutierrez  
 Vanessa Hall  
 Yvette R. Hall  
 Gussie G. Harris  
 Lillie Harris  
 Mary Royster-Harris  
 Victoria Harris  
 Lavonne Hazell  
 Josephine Henderson  
 Elesta Henry  
 Andrea R. Hinds  
 Derrick A. Jackson  
 Theresa Jackson  
 Derrick L. James  
 Patricia Jarrett  
 Alta Johnson  
 Denise M. Johnson  
 L'Tanya Johnson  
 Mervyn Johnson  
 Wilford Johnson  
 Belinda Jones  
 Evon Jones  
 Frances Jones

Lillie I. Jones  
 Charleissa King  
 Gwendolyn Kingsberry  
 Andrienne Lake  
 Tyesha Langley  
 Jeffrey LaVar  
 Veora Layton  
 Courtney Lee  
 Gertrude Lee  
 Sandra Lee  
 Altrude Lewis  
 Ethel Lewis  
 Rowena Lewis  
 Trustee John H. Lewis Jr.  
 Micheal Lighten  
 Charise Littlejohn  
 Ana Lopez  
 Sharon W. Lucien  
 Midge Lunsford  
 Otis D. MaCalla  
 Kara Mahon  
 Andrew V. Marcia  
 Jimmie Lee Martin  
 Michelle McLean  
 Tameka J. McLean  
 Demetrius Brown McMillan  
 Janice K. McShaw  
 David Mighty  
 Hestell Miller  
 Shayne Miller  
 Freddie Miller III  
 Liza Mitchel  
 Louella Mitchell  
 Trustee James Mitchell Jr.  
 Arlone Murray  
 Wanda Myers  
 Carmen Nelson  
 Mary Katherine Oliver  
 Sherl D. Owens  
 Brittany Rayson  
 Jennifer Reed-Askey  
 Jerome Reid Jr.

Leah Reid  
 Lillian Reynolds  
 Andrew Rhoden  
 Monica Richardson  
 Catlyn Roach  
 Mildred Roach  
 Seinhe Roberts  
 Karen Robinson  
 Beverly Rodolphe  
 Heather Rose  
 Daphne M. Rosewelt W.D.  
 Marva Rowe  
 Toni-Gaye Saunders  
 Erma Sharrock  
 Daniele Shillingford  
 Stacey Simmons  
 GiGi Smith  
 Makeba Smith  
 Martha Smith  
 Natalie Smith  
 Deborah Ann Spencer  
 Rosita Stachell  
 Camille Stewart  
 Justin E. Taylor  
 Cindy Thelore  
 Joy Cleo Thomas  
 Lisa Marie Tolliver  
 Durette Tyler  
 Margaret Uter  
 Sirena Valree  
 Betty Vaughn  
 Eddie Walter  
 Donita Z. Waring  
 Jacqueline Warner  
 Mozelle Warner  
 Valarie C. Waterman  
 Dodbrook Weekes  
 Gladys Wells  
 Deacon Patricia Welsh  
 Fredoner Wilkes  
 Caprice William  
 Tabatha E. Williams



*In God's Grace & Merciful Care*

Nursing Home, Sick & Shut In, Hospital, & Extended Family

*Sick & Shut-In:*

Barbara Anderson  
 Mildred Barnwell  
 Dorothy Bass  
 Florie Burke  
 Irma Bridgewater  
 Angela Edwards  
 Alberta Green  
 Jackie Hackett  
 Jean Halstead  
 Josephine Henderson  
 Daniel Henry  
 Pamela Hughes  
 Olivia Jackson  
 Zeporah Johnson  
 Mary McElrath-Jones  
 Marilyn McMillan  
 Rosalie McMillan  
 Orvilla Overton  
 Mary E. Perry  
 Ethlyn Scott  
 Carol Rasbury  
 Mary Redd  
 Evelyn Sanderson  
 Sarah Scarlett  
 Louise Sheppard  
 Carolyn Smith  
 Alice Tarrant  
 Mozelle Warner  
 Catherine Washington



*Hospital:*

Michael Hammett  
 Lawrence Hospital  
 Bronxville, NY



*Nursing Home:*

Wartburg Nursing Home  
 Mt. Vernon, NY:

Marceline Banks  
 Albert Barnes  
 Fred Bullock  
 Evelyn Collins  
 Juanita Hewlin  
 Pearl Morrison  
 Deacon Amanda Richardson  
 Cora Ricks  
 Effie Rogers  
 Mildred Rushie  
 Charles Williams

Westchester Rehabilitation Center  
 Mount Vernon, NY

Jonathan Fields  
 Dennis Wilson

Joseph Bartee  
 Shaffer Extended Care Center  
 New Rochelle, NY

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Nursing Home, Sick & Shut In, Hospital, & Extended Family

## *Nursing Home (cont.):*

Edna Mary Johnson  
Cedar Manor  
Ossining, NY

Georgia Kokason  
Bainbridge Nursing & Rehab  
Bronx, NY

Leola McMillian  
Andrus On Hudson  
Hasting on the Hudson, NY

Eunice Reed  
Greenwich Woods Health  
Care Center, Greenwich, CT

Helen Juanita Spear Jones  
Mohegan Park Home for Adults  
Mohegan Lake

Nathaniel Thompson  
United Hebrew Geriatric Center  
New Rochelle, NY

Norman Williams  
Dumont Nursing Home  
New Rochelle, NY

## *Our Extended Family:*

Myrlin Arrington  
Long Island, NY

Mary Bailey  
Winston-Salem, NC

Dorothy Bellamy  
Mount Vernon, NY

William E. Bell  
Plymouth, NC

William Bennett, Sr.  
Queens, NY

Adam Bloom  
New York, NY

Trevor Blount  
Melbourne, FL

Deacon Orville Brothers  
Bayshore, NY

Beatrice and Major Chatman  
New Rochelle, NY

Joyce Coombs  
Jamaica, WI

Dorothy Daniels  
Mount Vernon, NY

Hyacinth Fraser  
Mt. Vernon, NY

Shylar Frazier  
Mt. Vernon, NY

Stephanie George  
Mount Vernon, NY

Rebecca Green  
Tuscaloosa, AL

Vonetta Hairston  
Yonkers, NY

Adriana Huggins  
Sleepy Hollow, NY

Dion Hylton  
Cockeyville, MD

Phyllis Johnson  
Mt. Vernon, NY

Shirley Johnson  
Bronx, NY



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## *Our Extended Family (cont.):*

Bishop Charles Johnson  
Mount Vernon, NY

Charles Johnson  
Mount Vernon, NY

Chester Johnson  
Mount Vernon, NY

Rev. Arthur Jones  
Tampa, FL

Naomi Jones  
New York, NY

Alfreda Lester  
Yonkers, NY

Essence Lester  
Bronx, NY

Bertha Lewis  
St. Louis, MO

Jeanette Lighty  
Bronx, NY

Muriel McNair  
Valhalla, NY

Wayne McLennon  
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Clinton Minors  
Bronx, NY

Lois Minors  
Bermuda, Devonshire

George Peterson  
Laurel, MD

Terrence H. Peters  
Roosevelt Island, NY

Ann Pulley  
Mt. Vernon, NY

Mildred Ravenell  
White Plains, NY

Kelly Sheppard  
Apex, NC

Brittany Smith  
Mount Vernon, NY

Justin Thompson  
White Plains, NY

Jesse Valle  
St. Louis, MO

Minerva Valle  
St. Louis, MO

Leola Walker  
Selma, AL

Ruby Wilkins  
Westchester, NY

George Wilson  
Mount Vernon, NY

Kevin Woodley  
Mount Vernon, NY

Lester Woodley  
Mount Vernon, NY



*"... I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."*

*-Psalms 121:1,2*