

November 2008

# Down By The Riverside

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## Thoughts from the Rector

### *New Designs for A New People*

As I was flying home from a visit with my brother and sister-in-law a week ago I was thumbing through one of those "In Flight" magazines you find in the seat pocket in front of you. I came to the page where you find diagrams of other airports. I think they supply these diagrams to help passengers orient themselves when making connecting flights. I was struck by the many and varied designs of airports. The twelve that were presented on the pages I found had nothing similar about them. They were as different as I imagine you would find if you put twelve 3rd graders to the task of drawing their ideas of an ideal airport. Yet, I know there are any number of engineers and designers out there who, you would think, might have come together with a design that works best for what are the pretty standard needs of an airport, whether in New York or New Delhi.

I considered that perhaps there are geographical reasons for the extreme differences, but that doesn't really hold water. I'm not talking about the runways here but the terminals: the places where people come together to travel, with or without baggage, to various places around the country and around the world. Their needs are, if not always the same, certainly very similar. Good signage, a way to get from check-in to boarding gate, food and restrooms in accessible places, and places to gather to wait.

As I stared at the diagrams I began to see what I thought might be cultural, not engineering, differences. And I found that thought provoking. Why, for instance, with the same amount of geographical space available, did the Atlanta airport choose to design long, straight terminals, separated from each other in such a way that an underground train is necessary to get from one terminal to the another, while the Houston and Paris airports, just as large if not larger,



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seemed to make a concerted effort to create central places where people could gather and from which they could move out, like spokes on a wheel, to their boarding gates when the time came?

Maybe I was just suffering some travel lag, but I nonetheless brought the diagrams back with me and have been staring at them, trying to figure out what about the multi-faceted possibilities of airport design attracted my attention. I think it may say something about how we design our lives and the choices we make to be with, or be apart from, those with whom we share the spaces in our lives.

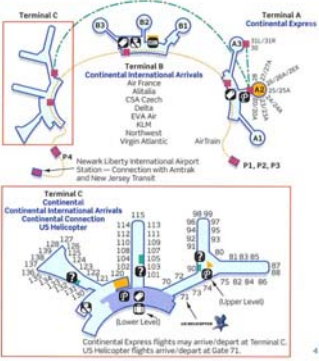
It has become an obvious fact that we live now in a global community. What will be our reactions as we become more and more aware of this? Will we try to move away, move apart, from community when that community takes on a new way of handling its responsibilities? Will we see why the differences matter? Or will we seek out those places where we are most comfortable, where we can find our way to the familiar and avoid the unfamiliar.

And might we consider these things on another level. A people level. Who do we keep separate from? Who makes us feel uncomfortable or confused or threatened? What is the pattern of people in our lives and how do we move through our lives - in straight lines, divided by clear boundaries or wading head first into the sea of people journeying through life, moving from place to place with confidence that the globe, or the airport, can not only accommodate us but can help us to grow into new designs for a new creation?

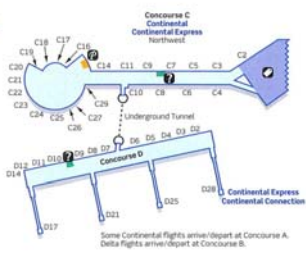
Look at the designs. What do you see?

Peace, *Joy*

New York/Newark Liberty International Airport



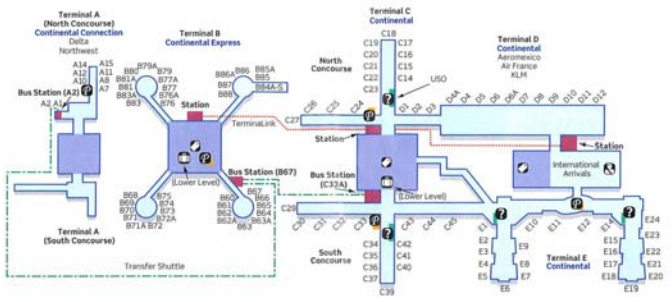
Cleveland/Hopkins International Airport



Guam International Airport



Houston/George Bush Intercontinental Airport



## Arvid Hernbom Lay Reader 1719

A small plaque on the back of a pew at the front of the church peaked our curiosity this month. Arvid Hernbom, Lay Reader 1719. Who was he?

Arvid Hernbom, who served as chaplain at the Swedish embassy, came to America around 1719. He was licensed to preach by Bishop Jesper Swedberg. Swedberg, who was one of Sweden's most notable churchmen, had ordered Rev. Andreas Sandel to ordain Arvid Hernbom to the priesthood to serve the Wicaco congregation after Sandel's departure.

But, after his arrival, Sandel and the other Swedish clergymen did not think he was qualified for the priesthood and he was not ordained. In 1719, on Sandel's departure, Hernbom was promised 25L (pounds) a year to preach part time at Wicaco. After Sandel's departure Arvid Hernbom alternated for a time with Rev. Hesselius, of Christina Church, and the Rev. Lidenius, pastor of Racoon Church, in New Jersey. These clergymen promised to perform divine service once a month. During the vacancy Hernbom maintained the church school and when the ministers weren't available served as a lay-reader.

*Valmynd*

**Beskrifning**  
Om De  
**Svenska**  
**Sörsamlingsars**  
Sörna och Förvarande  
**Silstånd,**  
lli  
Det så kallade **Nya Sverige,**  
S  
**Nya Nederland,** N  
Men nu för tiden  
Pensylvanien, samt nästliggande Otrier vid Af-  
wen De la Ware, Väst. Jersey och New-  
Castle County uti Norra America;  
Utgifven  
af  
**ISRAEL ACRELIUS,**  
För detta Werk Årer de Svenska Sörsamlingsars i America och Nya Neder-  
land i Christna, men nu för tiden och Nya Nederland.  
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**EDENBORO,**  
Tryckt hos **HARBERG & HESSELBERG,**  
1759.

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frifvros; äro och ganska få af dem stfcllige til något äm-  
bete inom Negeringen. Du värr ingen mer up af gös-  
for eller stidor, som ej kan lösa Angelita, frifvros och rå-  
na. I senare tider hafva unge Wän från Irland, dels  
Presbyterianer, dels Romerij Catholite, kommit öfver,  
som begynt med Schol-hållning, men så snart de sedt  
blåre näringsgång, hafva de slutnat af dermed. Nå-  
gre unge Svenskar hafva tid efter annan anländt, och  
i förflöte tagit sig före at hålla Svensk Skola: dels  
noro Leannayer, Hans Stok, **Arvid Hernbom,** Sven  
Colsberg, Johan Göding, Jesper Swedberg, Olot Mas-  
lander, Nicolaus Forsberg, Joach. Reinicke; men an-  
tingen at södan derwid varit knapp eller sinnet ofsladigt,  
är sögo ting utdrifadt. För öfrigt är den lilla furskap  
mått folk haft i sin Christendom, måst wunnen igenom  
fördrarna och Prästern. Ut det Svenske språket wa-  
ret öfmer 120 år, må delis tillfrisoas den barmhertige  
Förmen, som underlidit dem med Svensk Præst,  
dels den naturliga kärlet hwart folkslag har til sit mö-  
deremål.

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Den såfra anmärkning, som några ej mindre lärde  
än utållfande Wän redon gjordt i andra wäridens be-  
lar, wisar sin samning alt för mycket i Pensylvanien och  
De orter wio De la Ware: at ju längre ifrån widdel-  
sen, ju närmare til Afteljeri: ju längre det liden ifrån  
Påfiredneds ofslagande, ju mer wänder sig den Christi-  
na Sörsamlingen til Hyrtänferti, Indifferensitet och Na-  
turalismen. Den som här är tänkt för wara en Romerij Ca-  
tholite, är påtsid som en half hufwut, Wren den som har  
Christna

There are many memorial plaques on the back of the pews at Gloria Dei. Not everyone named on the plaques made the history books. Is someone related to you? Do you know some information about a person named on a plaque? Jot some notes down about the person. Indicate the pew row that the plaque is in and send the information to [history@old-swedes.org](mailto:history@old-swedes.org).

*Bob Josnweit*

# Calendar

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- November 1** Day of the Dead – Church & Riverside Hall  
6:00PM – Midnight
- November 2** All Saints Sunday 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Services  
– Baptism at 11:00 AM  
Stewardship Breakfast after each service
- November 2, 9,  
16, 23, 30** Lucia Rehearsals 1:00PM – 3:30PM  
Dress Rehearsal 30<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM – Dinner Following
- November 3** Guatemala Trip Planning Meeting 6:30 PM Roak Room
- November 4, 6,  
11, 13, 18, 20,  
25** Holy Family University Accelerated Degree Program  
evening classes, in Roak Room 6:00-10:00 PM
- November 4** Finance Committee Meeting – Riverside Hall – 6:30 PM
- November 5, 12,  
19** Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM
- November 7** Riverside Hall Rental – YCCA
- November 8** Diocesan Convention – Cathedral  
Riverside Rental
- November 9** Baptism 11:00 AM Service  
Swedish Service in Church at 4:00 PM
- November 10** Finance Committee Meeting – Riverside Hall – 6:30 PM
- November 15** Riverside Rental
- November 16** Sunday School Bake Sale  
Norwegian Service in church at 4:00 PM
- November 20** Clergy Taxes and Benefits Workshop  
– Riverside Hall 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Swedish colonial Society 12:00 noon Roak Room
- November 24** Krimm Wedding 4:00PM
- November 26** Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 PM
- November 27, 28** Thanksgiving Day – day after Thanksgiving – office closed

# The Lectionary for November

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## November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Collect for All Saints Day

*Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm: 34:1-10, 22

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: I John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

## November 9<sup>th</sup>, Proper 27

*O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, for ever and ever. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm: 78:1-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

## November 16<sup>th</sup>, Proper 28

*Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Judges 4:1-7

Psalm: 123

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

## November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Proper 29

*Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24

Psalm: 100

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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## November 26<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Day

*Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Psalm: 65

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

## November 30<sup>th</sup>, First Sunday of Advent

*Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm: 80:1-7, 16-18

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37



## Phlea Market Phanatics

A rain-soaked October 25<sup>th</sup> didn't dampen the spirits of 58 hearty vendors and hundreds of our Queen's Village neighbors.

Some came to flea, others came to eat. Under 95 was great, Riverside Hall was decorated for Halloween. We managed to stay dry under our canopies and all of our soup and chili sold. At the end of the day we raised \$3,800 for the Church Fund.

Congratulations and thanks to all involved.

Sextons,

*Jim and Paula Minacci*



**Prayer**  
*Chain*

**Requests For Prayers Are Always Welcome**

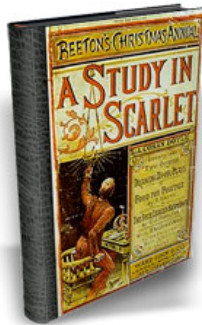
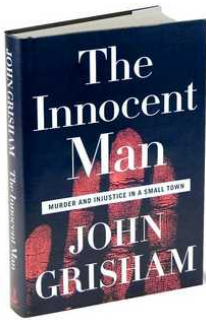
Please contact the church office (215) 389-1513  
or Barbara Sampieri (856) 296-9752

*Intercessors will pray on behalf of those in need*

## The Book Club at Old Swedes

Meeting: November 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM

We will be reading two books in November. Our first selection, *The Innocent Man*, is John Grisham's highly acclaimed nonfiction story. The Boston Globe reviewer said: "Grisham has crafted a legal thriller every bit as suspenseful and fast-paced as his best-selling fiction." We will also be reading a shorter work, Arthur Conan Doyle's first Sherlock Holmes mystery, *A Study in Scarlet*. Both books are available in paperback as well as in the public library. Plan to read along with us this month, and then plan to join us for a lively discussion on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, in Riverside Hall.



## Remember Lucia Fest



8 Services thru  
December 5, 6 & 7, 2008

Adults - \$8 Children Under 12 - \$4



**WELCOME the Newest MEMBER**  
...of Gloria Dei Church baptized on  
October 5, 2008  
**Riley Isabella Fiore**

**CELEBRATE with the Newly MARRIED**  
...**John Edwin Hilser**  
and **Kimberly Margaret Donohue**  
on October 4, 2008

...**Joshua Scott Cohick** and **Emily Ann Mattes**  
on October 11, 2008

### **A Statement of Purpose of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church**

We the Congregation of GLORIA DEI (Old Swedes') CHURCH, existing by and for the Glory of God, knowing that God, through this Congregation, helps us to find our way and to use our gifts, gather together

- To honor and celebrate the acceptance of our differences and uniqueness;
- To be an inviting, welcoming, sustaining, loving community;
- To respond to the needs of others;
- To preserve and build upon the beauty, tradition, and heritage of this sacred place.



### **Sunday Services:**

9:00 and 11:00 AM

### **Office Hours**

Tuesday-Friday 9:30-2:30

### **CLERGY**

The Very Rev. D. Joy Segal, Rector

### **STAFF**

Paul Fejko, Music Director  
Terry O'Brien, Parish Administrator  
Paula & James Minacci, Sextons  
Candace Roberts, Dir. of Comm.  
Mark Roberts, Treasurer; O.S.C.A.R.

### **VESTRY**

Jerome Buescher  
Barbara Chilcott  
Dave Hammond  
Diane Honor, Acct. Warden  
Robert Jenkins  
Dolores Kromchad  
Rosanne Morison  
Heather Myers, Secretary  
James Parsons  
David Sampieri, Rector's Warden  
Connie Twist  
Jeanette Woehr

### **STANDING NOTICES**

#### **Weddings**

Weddings at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church must be scheduled with the clergy at least three months in advance. All weddings in the church will be governed by the Canons of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and the Book of Common Prayer. Pre-marital counseling is a prerequisite. No weddings will be conducted during Lent.

#### **Funerals**

When death occurs a family member is asked to contact the clergy so that timely arrangements for a funeral may be made. It is appropriate for the funeral of a Christian to take place in the church. It is also appropriate that funeral arrangements be made in advance and kept in a file in the church office. Burial plots are available for members of the parish in the church's cemetery. Consult the church office for costs and details.

#### **Baptisms**

The sacrament of Holy Baptism is celebrated during one of the principle Sunday liturgies and is governed by the Canons of the church and the Book of Common Prayer. Baptism is normally celebrated on one of the four appropriate feast days designated in the Book of Common Prayer. These are: The Baptism of our Lord (1/11/09); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/12/09); Pentecost (5/31/09); and All Saints Sunday (11/1/09). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.