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## THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

We stand at the head of the Christian year. I am not sure that there is anything quite like it in the world; this composite of sanctities, this interweaving of story and prayer, of song and color, by which Christ is portrayed and brought before us. It is a solemn pageantry, which effects association with Him whose life is being traced. It is a solemn processional, in which we actually move in spirit. It is an annual miracle, the marvel of which we only miss because we are so familiar with it.

It seems to me that, standing at the head of the Christian Year, we might well stand back for a moment, and think in the large of the Lord and Saviour, whose steps we are once more about to follow, as the sanctities unfold themselves.

—Miles Lowell Yates

## ADVENT PARISH KALENDAR

*“There was no room for them in the inn.” Precisely because December is such a busy time of year, it is all the more important that we make room in our lives for Christ and his coming. To practice watching and waiting for him, plan to attend one of these services for the next three weeks.*

### Monday- Friday (Chapel)

8:15am & 5:30pm

*Morning or Evening Prayer  
With Holy Communion*

### In addition, on Wednesdays

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

### Saturday

9:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

## PRAYERS FOR ADVENT

**GRANT**, O Almighty God, that as thy blessed Son Jesus Christ at his first advent didst come to seek and to save that which was lost; so at his second and glorious appearing he may find in us the fruits of the redemption which he wrought, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**O GOD**, who wouldest fold both heaven and earth in a single peace; Let the design of thy great love lighten upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows; and give peace to thy Church, peace among nations, peace in our dwellings, and peace in our hearts; through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**STIR UP**, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy power and come: that we may be rescued by thy protection from the dangers of our sins which beset us; and saved by thy deliverance: who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**O THOU**, who hast foretold that thou wilt return to judgment in an hour of which we are not aware, grant us grace to watch and pray always, that whether thou shalt come at even, or at midnight, or in the morning, we may be found among the number of those servants who shall be blessed in waiting for their Lord; to whom be all glory now and for evermore. *Amen.*

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**STANDING NOTICES**

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary.

**HOSPITAL VISITATIONS**

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

**ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE**

Parish Paper essays and recordings of Services and Sermons are to be found on our web site:  
[www.stjohnssav.org](http://www.stjohnssav.org)

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 Mr. R. Scott Howard

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Mr. McDonald A. Fawcett

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. George O'Donnell and Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Cook by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd G. Whittington, Sr.

The flowers at the altar in the Chapel on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. John Woodward Sognier, Jr. by Dr. and Mrs. Morgan W. Murray and Dr. and Mrs. William E. Osborne.

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**DAILY ADVENT SERVICES**

Mrs. David A. Young, Mrs. Neil H. Victor  
Mrs. Jonathan D. Sprague, Mrs. W. Howard Helmken, Jr.

**ACOLYTES**

**8:00** Kameron Sallee  
**10:30** Clayton Compton  
Cord Helmken, Chris Dixon  
John Osborne, Lindsay Pindar  
Hunt Wasden, turner Stevens

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. Robert A. Vinyard

**TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING**

**Men's Bible Study & Discussion Groups**

**TUESDAY** 7:00 a.m. – *Ecclesiastes* with Fr. O'Brien.  
(after Breakfast in Parish House Dining Room)  
**THURSDAY** 7:00 a. m. — *Acts*, with Fr. Dunbar  
(Reading Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Cranmer Hall)

**Women's Study & Discussion Groups**

(READING ROOM, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, CRANMER HALL)  
**MONDAY** – NOON- 1 P.M. *Romans* (Dr Bergstrom)  
**THURSDAY** 9:15 – 10:30 a.m. – Dorothy Sayers  
*The Mind of the Maker* (Fr. O'Brien).

*Dr. Noble's Sunday class will not meet the month of December. Class will resume January 6, 2013.*

**WREATHS, GARLAND AND POINSETTIA**

If you would like to give a Poinsettia, Wreath or Garland for the decoration of the Church, please send a check to the Church Office, made out to **St. John's Chancel Society**. Please include with the check a note of *how the memorial should read and by whom it is given. Poinsettia--\$30, Wreath or Garland \$80.*

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

### NOTE ON TODAY'S SERVICE

Advent is a season of preparation for the coming of Christ in judgment and in mercy, in the past, the future, and the present. We begin, fittingly, with the *Litany* (page 54), sung in procession. Through this quietly dramatic corporate act of insistent asking, done in obedience to Christ's command and in hope of his promise (Luke 11:9, cf. 18:1-8; John 16:23, 24), we show ourselves to be a congregation that longs for Christ's coming, who turn to him in our need, hungering and thirsting for his grace.

The note of preparation is also struck by the *Exhortations*, short addresses on preparing for Communion, which is to say, on preparing for Christ. The first of these (page 85) will be read this Sunday at 8 a.m. The second (page 86) will be read next Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

As the rubric requires, and in complement to the epistle ('the law fulfilled in love'), the Decalogue, or Ten Commandments is rehearsed. Finally, by ancient custom, and in acknowledgement of the penitential aspect of the season, the *Gloria in excelsis* is omitted on Sundays and weekdays in Advent (although it is said on feast days that fall during the season.)

### A PRE-SCHOOL AT ST. JOHN'S? CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

A proposal for a pre-school at St. John's to open doors in late summer 2013 will be presented next Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Room of Cranmer Hall. All interested parishioners are invited to attend the presentation.

### Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup>

#### ECW Meeting – Parish House

After the 10 a.m. chapel service, Fr. Dunbar will be sharing some of his favorite Advent and Christmas music. All are Welcome!

*Sitter will be provided for children.*

### Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup>

#### MEN'S FORUM

*Good Food for Body and soul.  
Thursday at Noon. Guests welcome.*

The Blessing and Challenge  
of Christian Marriage  
(Dr. Jeremy Bergstrom)

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Since the Vestry is preparing its budget for 2013, it would be most helpful if anyone who plans to make a pledge to St. John's to return an Estimate of Giving card shortly.

### Parish Family Cookie Swap

#### Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>

#### 3:30- 5 p.m. Cranmer Hall

Everyone is invited to bring a batch of your favorite cookies to swap, and enjoy other fun activities for adults and children. Appetizers and drinks will be served, including mulled wine, eggnog, & hot chocolate.

### PRE-CHRISTMAS CD SALE

All the Choir's remaining CDs are now on sale at \$5.00 each. Pick up your stocking stuffers at Coffee Hour.

### FOR SALE: 1928 PRAYER BOOKS IN BURGUNDY BONDED LEATHER

We have a small number of new 1928 Prayer Books bound in burgundy bonded leather, available for purchase at \$35.00 each. These are hard to find, and perfect for Christmas or Confirmation gifts. Call or email Maryan Harrell to order one. [mharrel@stjohnssav.org](mailto:mharrel@stjohnssav.org) or 232-1251.

**8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION**

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel .....Prayer Book, page 90  
*A continental breakfast is available in the Cranmer Hall following this service.*

**9:30 — 12 Noon NURSERY** (*Cranmer Hall*)

**9:30 A.M.—ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** (*Chapel and Cranmer Hall*)

**10:30—Pre-School continues—3 year olds through Kindergarten** (*Cranmer Hall*)  
**Jr. Choir—1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades**

**10:30 A.M. — SUNG LITANY, EUCHARIST, & ADDRESS**

The Litany ..... Prayer Book page 54 or Leaflet  
 HYMN #1 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* .....Stuttgart

**ANTE-COMMUNION**

Collect for Purity .....Prayer Book page 67  
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*1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade children enrolled in Jr. Choir exit after cross.*  
 ADDRESS .....Dr. Bergstrom

**OFFERTORY**

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**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

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*Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately following the 10:30 service.  
 If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

**12 Noon—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel)** Collect, Epistle, Gospel p. 90