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## ADVENT WREATH MAKING

**THIS SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M. - FOR ALL AGES---ALL FAMILIES**

Fellowship Hall. Opening prayers and lesson in the Hall.

*Bring your old wreath rings if you have them.*

### 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

**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**

9:00 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

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Dr. Roland S. Summers

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. R. Scott Howard and Mr. James Ivy

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 Baptismal Font are given to the glory of God and in Celebration of the christening of Hunter Morgan Brigdon, Jr. by his great grandmother, Mrs. Jack E. Altman, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Timothy E. Coy, Ms. Anne H. Mingleдорff
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Mrs. David A. Young, Mrs. Neil H. Victor
Mrs. Jonathan D. Sprague, Mrs. W. Howard Helmken, Jr
Ms. Anne Mingleдорff.

ACOLYTES

8:00 volunteer needed
10:30 Lawson Turner
Jamie McClellan
Hunt Wasden, Hawkins Pindar
Edwin Shepherd, Henry Osborne

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

There is no Coffee Hour this Sunday

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY YOUTH & ADULT EDUCATION

- Dr. Bergstrom Upper School in Fellowship Hall
• Fr. Dunbar: Reading the Word of God, Reading Room.
• David Noble: Shakespeare Third Floor Classroom
Jack Wray: Daniel 3rd floor classroom

WEEKDAY STUDY GROUPS

- Mondays Noon: Women's Study Athanasius on the Incarnation (Dr. Bergstrom)
• Tuesdays 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, The Offices of Instruction, Parish House Dining Room (enter by kitchen), with Fr O'Brien
• Thursdays 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study, on Judges, Reading Room, Cranmer Hall. (Fr Dunbar)
• Thursdays 9:15 a.m. Women's Study, on The Imitation of Christ, with Fr O'Brien
• Thursday Noon Men's Forum (see opposite)

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

## WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S

**Board meeting** is Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 and **General Meeting** is Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Father Dunbar's will present music for the Advent and Christmas season. Egnog and refreshments to follow.

All are Welcome!

*Sitter will be provided for children.*

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

### MEN'S FORUM

*Good Food for Body and soul.*

*Thursday at Noon. Guests welcome.*

*Talk starts at 12:10 ends sharp at 12:50.*

Advent Series #1

"Good Christian Men Rejoice":

*Celebrating the Truth from Above*

(Fr Dunbar)

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Since the Vestry is preparing its budget for 2014, it would be most helpful if anyone who plans to make a pledge to St. John's would return an Estimate of Giving card ASAP. If you have made a pledge but have not received an acknowledgement, please notify the Financial Secretary.

## "RECIPES FOR A CANDLELIGHT DINNER"

is a full-colour hardback with photography by Tim Coy, menus (based on Candlelight Dinners past) and table decorations designed by Kay Gunkel and Tracey Inglesby. Cost: \$50 ea, with payment in cheque or cash due at the time the order is placed. For delivery in December, please place order before November 28th with Dorothea Coy at 944-1653 or email: [dcoy4@icloud.com](mailto:dcoy4@icloud.com)

## ADVENT PROSE

*Refrain:* Drop down, ye heavens, from above, \* and let the skies pour down righteousness. *Cantor.* Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee. *Repeat Refrain.* We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. *Repeat Refrain.* Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. *Repeat Refrain.* Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry. I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. *Repeat Refrain.*

## WREATHS, GARLANDS AND POINSETTIAS

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**

## SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday, December 5th, 5:30 p.m. *Advent Evensong*

Sunday, December 22nd, 3:15 p.m. *Youth of St. John's Skate and Trim the Tree*

Friday, December 27, 6:30 - 8 p.m.,  
*Christmas Trolley Ride for all the Family*

Sunday, January 5th, 5:30 p.m. *Lessons and Carols for Christmas and Epiphany Eve*

**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.***9:30a.m.-12:00 (Noon)—Nursery** (*Cranmer Hall*)**9:30-10:15 A.M.: ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** (*Cranmer Hall*)**10:30 A.M.-END OF SERVICE: PRE-SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN***(Activities in Cranmer Hall for children during the 9:30 education and/or 10:30 service times)***10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER, BAPTISM, AND SERMON**HYMN #1 *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus* ..... Stuttgart

Sentences, Confession, Absolution &amp; Lord's Prayer ..... Prayer Book pp. 3-7

Versicles and Responses ..... 7-8

VENITE (*with Advent antiphon Hymnal #606*)..... 9

Psalm #25..... 369

First Lesson: Isaiah 1:1-20 *Jerusalem called to repentance*ADVENT PROSE (*Choir*)..... Text, page 3 of this Paper

Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14 and St. Matthew 21: 1-13..... 90

HYMN #9 *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding*..... Merton**THE MINISTRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM—Prayer Book p. 273****ELIZABETH READ LATTIMORE**

BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #638) ..... 14

Apostles' Creed ..... 15

Versicles and Responses ..... 16

Collect of the Day ..... 90

Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace ..... 17-20

HYMN #3 *Wake, O Wake, for Night is Flying* ..... Wachuset Auf*Children in Grades 1- 4 may exit to Cranmer Hall for Junior Choir*

Sermon..... Fr. Dunbar

**OFFERING**

Sentences

Anthem: *Lo, in the time appointed*..... Healey Willan

Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN # 566 *Jesus Calls Us* ..... GalileeORGAN: *Nun komm der Heiland Heilig* ..... Johann Sebastian Bach*There is no Coffee Hour this Sunday***12 Noon—HOLY COMMUNION (Church)** Collect, Epistle, Gospel p. 90