

The Parish Paper

OF
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Vol. 43 No.4

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 22, 2013

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

The three principal feasts of the Church's year are Christmas, Easter, and Whitsunday; and for their souls' health, all baptized and communicant members are encouraged to receive - with repentance, faith, and charity - the Sacrament of Holy Communion on these days or as soon as possible afterwards. For Christmas these days are: Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, the feasts of St. Stephen, St. John, and Holy Innocents (the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday after Christmas), or the 1st Sunday after Christmas, December 29th. If unable to attend public worship by reason of health, please consult the clergy to make other arrangements.

ANNUNCIATION

*Salvation to all that will is nigh,
That All, which alwayes is All every where,
Which cannot sinne, and yet all sinnes must beare,
Which cannot die, yet cannot chuse but die,
Loe, faithful Virgin, yeelds himselfe to lye
In prison, in thy wombe; and though he there
Can take no sinne, nor thou give, yet he'll weare
Taken from thence flesh which deaths force may trie.
Ere by the spheares time as created. thou
Wast in his minde, who is thy Sonne, and Brother,
Whom thou conceiv'st, conceiv'd; yea thou art now
Thy Makers maker, and thy Fathers mother,
Thou'hast light in dark; and shutst in little roome,
Immensity cloysterd in thy deare wombe*

John Donne (original spelling)

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies
pour down in righteousness: let the earth open, and
bring forth a Saviour.

Isaiah 45

THE PARISH PAPER OF
St. John's Church

1 WEST MACON STREET
 SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401

The Parish Paper of St. John's Church (USPS 887-960) is published weekly by St. John's Church, One West Macon Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401. Periodicals postage paid at Savannah, Georgia. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to St. John's Church, 1 W. Macon St., Savannah, GA 31401.

The Rt. Rev. Scott Benhase Bishop of Georgia
 The Rev. Gavin G. Dunbar Rector
 1 West Macon Street 31401 (912) 234-2209
 The Rev. Craig E. O'Brien Priest Associate
 243 E. Gaston Street 31401 (912) 308-4441
 The Rev. Dr. Jeremy Bergstrom Deacon
 5 Autumn Leaves Court 31410 (912) 656-3807
 Mrs. Janice W. Woods Business Manager
 Mrs. I. David Futrell, Jr. Parish Secretary
 Mrs. Peter W. Schmidt Financial Secretary
 Mrs. William D. Harrell Christian Education Director
 Mrs. Holden T. Hayes Parish Fellowship Director
 Mr. Wesley Perkins Interim Choirmaster
 Mr. Rich Mays Interim Organist
 Mr. Sinisa Domazet Buildings Manager
Senior Warden *Mr. R. Gilbert Wells*
Junior Warden *Mr. Floyd G. Whittington, Jr.*
Clerk of Vestry *Mr. William Howard Helmken, Jr.*
Treasurer *Mrs. Stuart C. Clifford*
Chancellor *M. Tyus Butler, Jr. Esq.*

The Vestry: *Esqs.*, M. Tyus Butler, Jr., John M. Hewson III, Drs. J. Davidson Carson, Roland S. Summers, Mrs. Stuart C. Clifford, Mrs. Richard C.E. Jennings, Mrs. Morgan W. Murray, Mrs. R. Bartley Turner, *Messrs.* Charles B. Compton, Jr., W. Barton Crawford, E. Brian Culver, Lawrence L. Heam III, John C. Helmken II, Wm. Howard Helmken, Jr., Mr. R. Scott Howard, Mr. William C. Rodgers, Paul D. Troxler, R. Gilbert Wells, Floyd G. Whittington, Jr., Richard L. Wright

Vestry Emeriti: Mr. George Fawcett, Mr. J. Earl Gilbreath, Jr., Mr. James E. Hungerpiller, Dr. Edwin C. Shepherd

President, ECW *Mrs. Christian Arden-Joly*
President, Chancel Society *Mrs. Roland S. Summers*
President, Men of St. John's *Mr. John C. Helmken II*

Church Office (912) 232-1251
 Fax (912) 232-5559
 Parish House (912) 233-3845
 Cranmer Hall (912) 232-8887
 E-mails (firstinitiallastname)@stjohnssav.org

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 may be read on our web site:
www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
 10:30 Mr. R. Gilbert Wells

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. R. Scott Howard and Mr. James Ivy

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish, Sr., Mr. Shack B. Wimbish, Jr. and Mr. Roy E. Cook by Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Nadeau.

And in loving memory of Betty McCuen Shepherd by Dr. Edwin C. Shepherd and family.

The flowers at the baptismal Font are given to the glory of God and in memory of Judge Frank S. Cheatham, Jr. and in celebration of the christening of Clara Cheatham Hubbard by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard Sr. and Mrs. Frank S. Cheatham, Jr.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Timothy E. Coy, Ms. Anne H. Mingledorff
 Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Mrs. Philip F. Kirk
 Mrs. David A. Young, Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish, Jr.
 Mrs. I. David Futrell, Jr.

DAILY ADVENT SERVICES

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

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

The Women of St. John's

ACOLYTES

8:00 John Osborne
10:30 Chris Dixon. Hunt Wasden
 Turner, Stevens, Finn Ripella
 Philip Inglesby, Edwin Shepherd

WREATHS, GARLANDS AND POINSETTIAS

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 a note of how the memorial should read and by whom it is given. **Poinsettia-\$30, Wreath or Garland \$80.**

CHRISTMAS TROLLEY RIDE

FRIDAY DEC 27TH

Join us at 7 p.m. for **Dessert** in Cranmer Hall and a **Christmas Trolley ride (7:30-8:30 p.m.)** to view Christmas lights, refreshments for grown-ups and youngsters. Tickets: \$5 adults; \$3 children 6 to 12; children 5 and under are free. RSVP cqhayes@gmail.com or church office 232-1251.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

**CHRISTMAS AT
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

Tuesday, December 24:

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30 P.M. Pageant Service
11:00 P.M. Solemn Eucharist

Wednesday, December 25:

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30 A.M. Sung Eucharist

Thursday, December 26:

ST. STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

8:15 A.M and 5:30 P.M. Morning or
Evening Prayer and Holy Communion
Church Office Closed

Friday, December 27:

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

8:15 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. Morning or
Evening Prayer and Holy Communion
7:00 P.M. Christmas Trolley Ride

Saturday, December 28:

HOLY INNOCENTS.

9:00 A.M. Holy Communion

Sunday, December 29th

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8:00 A.M. Holy Communion
10:30 A.M. Holy Communion
12:00 (noon) Holy Communion

Wednesday, January 1

THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST

10:30 A.M. Holy Communion
The Church Office is closed.

Thursday, January 2nd

Daily Prayers resume:

Morning Prayer 8:15 A. M.

Evening Prayer 5:30 P. M.

Sunday, January 5th:

**2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS/EVE OF
EPIPHANY**

5:30 P. M. Lessons and Carols
for Christmas

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST**

Where is this stupendous stranger?

Swains of Solyma, advise;

Lead me to my Master's manger,

Show me where my Saviour lies.

O Most Mighty! O Most Holy!
Far beyond the seraph's thought,
Art thou then so mean and lowly
As unheeded prophets taught?

O the magnitude of meekness!
Worth from worth immortal sprung;
O the strength of infant weakness,
If eternal is so young!

If so young and thus eternal,
Michael tune the shepherd's reed,
Where the scenes are ever vernal,
And the loves be love indeed!

See the God blasphem'd and doubted
In the schools of Greece and Rome;
See the pow'rs of darkness routed,
Taken at their utmost gloom.

Nature's decorations glisten
Far above their usual trim;
Birds on box and laurels listen,
As so near the cherubs hymn.

Boreas now no longer winters
On the desolated coast;
Oaks no more are riv'n in splinters
By the whirlwind and his host.

Spinks and ouzles sing sublimely,
"We too have a Saviour born";
Whiter blossoms burst untimely
On the blest Mosaic thorn.

God all-bounteous, all-creative,
Whom no ills from good dissuade,
Is incarnate, and a native
Of the very world he made.

CHRISTOPHER 'KIT' SMART
(1722-1771)

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel..... Prayer Book, page 95 (90)
The Order of Service begins on page 67 of the Prayer Book
A continental breakfast is available in the Cranmer Hall following service.

9:30 A.M. — 12 NOON NURSERY(Cranmer Hall)

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

10:30 A.M.—Pre-School—3 year olds through Kindergarten—Only
(Cranmer Hall)

**10:30 A.M.— A PROCESSION WITH
ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS**

Details of the service are found on a separate leaflet.

*Everyone is invited to attend the **Special Advent 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 (Church)

Collect, Epistle, Gospel p. 95

The Order of Service begins on page 67 of the Prayer Book.

THIS SUNDAY AT 3:15 P.M. - Ice Skating and Trim the Tree

All Youth of St. John's are invited to meet in the Parking lot at 3:15 to walk to the Civic Center for Ice Skating (please bring \$15.00). After skating we will walk back to the Green-Meldrim House for supper and tree trimming, with carol-singing around the piano. Pick up will be 8:30 p.m. from the Green Meldrim House. Please RSVP to Mrs. Holden Hayes. cqhaves@gmail.com or the Church Office 232-1251.