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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

### Monday, December 1st

SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE (transferred.)

### Monday - Friday

8:15 a.m. or 5:30 p.m.

*Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer  
with Holy Communion*

### In addition on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

### THURSDAYS IN ADVENT

*The said service at 5:30 p.m. will be  
enhanced with instrumental or vocal music,  
starting at 5:15 p.m.*

### Saturday

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

## WREATH-MAKING THIS SUNDAY

Families with children in Preschool through High School are invited to kick off Advent with a special tradition at St. John's - parents and children together making an Advent Wreath for family use. Starts at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall (on the first floor on Cranmer Hall) with a lesson for the whole family. If you have your wreath ring from years past please bring it with you. You may also want to bring your clippers. All other supplies provided.

## SHERMAN'S ARRIVAL & SAVANNAH'S DELIVERANCE - 150TH ANNIVERSARY

**Wednesday, December 3rd, 6- 8 p.m.**

*To commemorate the preservation of the  
Green Meldrim House and the city of  
Savannah from the devastation of war.*

5:30 p.m. Eucharist of Thanksgiving (in the Chapel)

6:00 p.m. Reception at the Green Meldrim House, with Music and Food of the period.

Open to Men and Women of Saint John's and their guests.

*This takes the place of the usual daytime meeting of the Women of Saint John's.*

## NEXT SUNDAY December 7, 2014

**5:30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG  
FOR ADVENT**

*Reception to follow in Green Meldrim House*

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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 Mr. Richard L. Wright

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Walter H. Strong, Jr.

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bradshaw and Jolana Swift Bradshaw by Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr.;

and in celebration of Vivian Howard's 101st birthday by the Howard, Ellis and Pounds families.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Jr.
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DAILY SERVICES

Mrs. David A. Young, Mrs. Timothy E. Coy
Mrs. Jonathan D. Sprague, Mrs. Wm. Howard Helmken II
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ACOLYTES

8:00 volunteer needed
10:30 John Osborne, Turner Stevens
Hawkins Pindar, Finn Repella
Henry Osborne, volunteer

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

There is no Coffee Hour this Sunday

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAYS 9:30 A.M.

Men's Discussion Group Third Floor, Cranmer Hall. Led by Rick Wright, Walter Strong, and Charles Ezelle.

Women's Discussion Group Reading Room, Cranmer Hall. Led by Carol Hewson, Susan Donahue, Linda Sheahan, and Laura Wimbish
Harlotry, Compassion, Shepherding, and Jesus - 3rd floor, Cranmer Hall. Led by Jack Wray.

Sin and Judgment in Shakespeare's History Plays 3rd Floor East. Led by David Noble.

Middle and High School Youth. Third Floor. Led by Mrs. Skip Jennings and Fr. Bergstrom.

St. John's Gospel Chapel. Led by Fr. Dunbar.

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Breakfast and Discussion on the Holy Spirit, with Fr. O'Brien, Parish House.
Thursday 7 a.m., 2 Samuel, Fr. Dunbar, Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Monday Noon, led by Fr. Bergstrom, on John Jewell's Apology and Defence.
Thursday 9:15 a.m., led by Fr. O'Brien. on Plato's Euthyphro - What is Piety? What is Religion?

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

## 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.*

## 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 by thy protection we may be rescued 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.*

### STEWARDSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT

The Vestry must pass a balanced budget for 2015 at its Dec. 9th meeting. Anyone who plans to make a pledge for the coming year is urged to do so before that date. You may phone (232-1251) or email (rschmidt@stjohnssav.org) your estimate of giving to the Parish Financial Secretary. All pledges will be acknowledged promptly in writing.

**Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**MEN'S FORUM**

*Good Food for Body and soul.*

**First Came John**

The ministry of John the Baptist  
- and why it matters now (Fr Dunbar)

*Thursday at Noon. Guests welcome.  
Talk starts at 12:10 ends sharp at 12:50.*

### 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**

### CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION

New Toys for children ages 5-17, to be distributed by the Salvation Army, will be taken Nov. 16th through Dec. 14th. Leave donations in the box at Cranmer Hall.

**8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION**

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel .....	Prayer Book, page 90
Exhortation .....	page 85

*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 & PRE-KINDERGARTEN**

*(Activities in Cranmer Hall for children during the 9:30 education and/or 10:30 service times)*

**10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON**

HYMN #1 <i>Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus</i> .....	Stuttgart
Sentences, Confession, Absolution & Lord's Prayer .....	Prayer Book pp. 3-7
Versicles and Responses .....	7-8
VENITE ( <i>with Advent antiphon Hymnal #606</i> ) .....	9
Psalm #25 .....	369
First Lesson: Isaiah 1:1-20 <i>Jerusalem called to repentance</i>	
ADVENT PROSE ( <i>Choir</i> ) .....	Text, page 3 of this Paper
Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14 and St. Matthew 21: 1-13. ....	90
BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #638) .....	14
<i>Children may exit following the cross for JOYFUL NOISE (5's and 6's) and PSALM PSINGERS (Gr 2-5)</i>	
Apostles' Creed .....	15
Versicles and Responses .....	16
Collect of the Day .....	90
Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace .....	17-20
HYMN #3 <i>Wake, O Wake, for Night is Flying</i> .....	Wachet Auf
Exhortation .....	86
Sermon .....	Fr. Dunbar

**OFFERING**

Sentences

Anthem: *Blessed Is He Who Cometh* ..... Charles Gounod

Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN # 566 *Jesus Calls Us* ..... Galilee

ORGAN: *Nun komm der Heiland Heilig* ..... Johann Pachelbel

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*There is no Coffee Hour this Sunday*

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