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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

WREATH-MAKING THIS SUNDAY

Families with children in Preschool through High School are invited to kick off the Advent season with a special St. John's tradition, parents and children making an Advent wreath together for their home. The fun begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (1st floor of Cranmer Hall) with a lesson for the whole family. *If you have a wreath ring from years past, please bring it with you.* You may want to bring your clippers! All other supplies are provided.

OTHER 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 we 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.*

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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.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 a.m. Mrs. R. Bartley Turner

USHER CHAIRMAN

Dr. Roland S. Summers

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Belford by Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Belford;

and in loving memory of Louis Woodbury (Ray) Schmidt on the 101st anniversary of his birth, by his wife, Nellie; his daughter, Susan; and his son, Peter.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Mark Allgaier, Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Edward J. Derst III, Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr., Ms. Anne H. Mingleddorf, Mrs. William Lee Belford, Mrs. Roland S. Summers, Mrs. H. Emerson Thomas, Jr., Mrs. Samuel P. Inglesby

ACOLYTES

8:00 Henry Osborne
10:30 Turner Stevens
Jackson McClellan
Philip Inglesby
Edwin Shepherd

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Jack Wray- *Creation from Genesis to Revelation*
3rd floor, Cranmer Hall, far left room
Fr. Dunbar- *This our Sacrifice of Praise*
3rd floor, Cranmer Hall, Reading Rm
David Noble- Malory's *Morte D'Arthur*
Will meet this Sunday! 3rd Floor
Classroom on the right

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- Breakfast and Discussion with Father O'Brien at 6:45 a.m. in Parish House
Thursday- *2 Kings* with Father Dunbar at 7:00 a.m. in the Reading Room in Cranmer Hall

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday- T. S. Eliot's *Four Quartets* with Father O'Brien at 9:15 a.m. in the Reading Room in Cranmer Hall

NEW VESTRYMEN

These members were elected to the Vestry at the AGCM, November 15, 2015: Mr. David C. Barrow III, a former Senior Warden and Treasurer, represents continuity. All the others are "new blood": Mrs. Austin O. Kennedy (Clayton); Mr. Joseph O. Mercer; Mr. Peter A. Pollak, Jr.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

ADVENT KALENDAR

Monday, November 30th
ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

Monday - Friday
Morning and Evening Prayer
with Holy Communion
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

In addition, on Wednesday
9:45 a.m. *Litany*
10 a.m. *Said Eucharist*

Thursdays in Advent
5:15 p.m. *Musical Prelude*
5:30 p.m. *Evening Prayer with Holy*
Communion and Music

Saturdays in Advent
10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
CHORAL EVENSONG FOR ADVENT
5:30 P.M.

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE

**WREATHS, GARLANDS AND
POINSETTIAS**

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

CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION

The Women and Sunday School of St. John's are collecting new toys for children ages 5-17 to be distributed by the Salvation Army. Bins will be in Cranmer Hall from November 15th - December 13th. All donations are appreciated.

SAVANNAH SQUARE BY SQUARE
On Saturday, December 12th from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Green-Meldrim House, there will be a special book signing featuring the new book, *Savannah Square by Square*. The book features a section on Madison Square with full-page photographs of St. John's Church and the Green-Meldrim House. Authors and photographers will be present to sign copies. The books will also be available for purchase during Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 13th. All proceeds will benefit the Green-Meldrim Restoration Fund! Checks or cash preferred, please.

WOMEN OF SAINT JOHN'S
DECEMBER 2, 2015

After the 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service

Dr. Robin Williams, Chairman of the Department of Architectural History at the Savannah College of Art and Design will speak on "The Evolving Urban Setting of Madison Square." Gentlemen are invited to join the ladies in this end-of-the-year gathering. The meeting will begin after the 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Holy Communion in the Chapel and refreshments will be served.

WOMEN OF SAINT JOHN'S
BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 29TH
10:00 A.M.
GREEN-MELDRIM HOUSE

EYCS ONLINE DONATIONS

To make online donations by credit or debit card (using Paypal or Square-cash) go to eycs.georgiaepiscopal.org

8:00 A.M. —HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL Prayer Book, pages 90-92
 Exhortation page 85

A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon)—**NURSERY** (*Cranmer Hall*)

9:30-10:15 A.M. - ALL AGES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Cranmer Hall*)**10:30 A.M. - JOYFUL NOISE, JOYFUL HEARTS** (*Cranmer Hall*)

(Music, Teaching, and Fun for Pre-School through Kindergarten.)

10:30 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HYMN #1 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Stuttgart
 Sentences, Confession, Absolution & Lord's Prayer Prayer Book, pages 3-7
 Versicles and Responses..... 8
 VENITE (*with Advent antiphon Hymnal #606*)..... 9
 Psalm #25 369
 First Lesson: Isaiah 1:1 *Jerusalem called to repentance*..... Insert
 ADVENT PROSE (*Choir*) Insert p. 4
 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

to Carter Clarke Hubbard III (Prayer Book p. 273)

BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #638)..... 14
Children may exit following the cross for PSALM PSINGERS (Grades 1-5).
 Apostles' Creed..... 15
 Versicles and Responses..... 16
 Collect of the Day 90
 Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace 17-20
 HYMN #566 *Jesus Calls Us*..... Galilee
 SERMON..... Father Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences
 ANTHEM: *Sleepers, Wake* Felix Mendelssohn
 Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139
 Prayer and Blessing 74
 HYMN #3 *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*..... Wachtet Auf
 VOLUNTARY: *Nun komm der Heiland Heilig*..... Johann Pachelbel

There is no Coffee Hour today.

12:00 P.M. (Noon) —HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel – as at 8:00 a.m.)