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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

9:55 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Families with children in Preschool through High School are invited to kick off the Advent season with a St. John's tradition, parents and children making an Advent wreath together for their home. The fun begins at 9:55 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (1st floor of Cranmer Hall). *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.

BLESSED IS HE THAT COMETH

The days of holy Advent, are to teach us to sing Hosannas to our Saviour, to bless God for his coming, to bless him for his coming, all his comings, all his ways of coming to us; to bless his day that is a-coming, whence all his other comings come; to bless him in the highest, with heart, and tongue, and hand, to the highest we can go, that he may also bless us for it in the highest for Christ's coming. – Mark Frank

Advent brings Christmas, judgment runs out into mercy. For the God who saves us and the God who judges us is one God. We are not, even, condemned by his severity and redeemed by his compassion; what judges us is what redeems us, the love of God. What is it that will break our hearts on judgment day? Is it not the vision, suddenly unrolled, of how he has loved the friends we have neglected, of how he has loved us, and we have not loved him in return; how, when we came before his altar, he gave us himself, and we gave him half-penitences, or resolutions too weak to commit our wills? But while love thus judges us by being what it is, the same love redeems us by effecting what it does. Love shares flesh and blood with us in this present world, that the eyes which look us through at last may find in us a better substance than our vanity.

– Austin Farrer

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

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

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

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Roland S. Summers, M.D.

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Turner Stevens
10:30 a.m. Jamie McClellan Patrick Perrie
Jackson McClellan Edwin Shepherd
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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry King McCormick, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Rogers Wells, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. R. Gilbert Wells;

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Belford, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Belford;

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnston by their family;

And in loving memory of Louis Woodbury (Ray) Schmidt on the 102nd anniversary of his birth by his wife, Nellie; his daughter, Susan; and his son, Peter.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Jayne G. Holland,
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Mrs. David C. Barrow III

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

No Breakfast or Coffee Hour

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

ADULT & YOUTH CLASSES

Cranmer Hall – Third Floor

CONFIRMATION CLASS-GRADE 6- *Catechism*

MIDDLE SCHOOL-GRADES 7,8-

Twenty-Five Bible Saints

UPPER SCHOOL-GRADES 9, 10,11,12

Apologetics for Teenagers

FOR ADULTS:

READING ROOM: *I Samuel-* Fr. Dunbar

CH3: *Joshua: Man of Faith, Man of Courage,*
Man of War- Jack Wray

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- Men's Breakfast with Fr. O'Brien
6:45 a.m., Parish House
Why Be Moral?

Thursday- *St. Luke's Gospel* with Fr. Dunbar

7:00 a.m., Reading Room, CH3

Thursday- Men's Small Group with lunch
Noon- Fellowship Hall, CH1

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Wednesday- Book Study with Fr. O'Brien
9:15 a.m., Reading Room, CH3
Shusaku Endo's Silence

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

OTHER PRAYERS FOR ADVENT

STIR UP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy power and come: that from the dangers of our sins which beset us we may be set free by thy protection 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.*

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.*

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.*

WOMEN OF SAINT JOHN'S

December General Meeting

Thursday, December 8

After 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

In the Green-Meldrim House

The Rector's Christmas Music

Seasonal Refreshments

All Men & Women of St. John's invited!

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer

With Holy Communion

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

In addition, on Wednesday,

FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW

THE APOSTLE

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Eucharist*

Saturdays during Advent

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

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 on the Porch of the Church and in the lobby of Cranmer Hall. Collections end Sunday, December 11. All donations are appreciated!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL

Sunday, December 11

After Church until 2:00 p.m.

TREE TRIMMING in the Parish House

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Youth of St. John's are requested to lend a hand!

PRAYER BOOK AND HYMNAL

DEDICATIONS

Looking for a special gift for the holidays? Honor or remember a loved one with a Prayer Book or Hymnal dedication. Each book is \$50 and will replace worn books in the Church or Chapel. Contact the Church Office.

WREATHS, GARLANDS AND

POINSETTIAS

If you would like to give a poinsettia, wreath or garland for the decoration of the Church at Christmas, send a check to the Church Office made payable to **St. John's Chancel Society**. Please include a note of how the memorial or honorarium should read. Poinsettias are \$30 each. Wreaths and Garlands are \$80 each.

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL Prayer Book, page 90

9:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon) - **Nursery** (*Cranmer Hall*)**9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** (*Cranmer Hall*)*Supervised Fellowship and Fun is available for children from Preschool to Grade Five whose parents are attending class.***10:30 A.M.—SUNG EUCHARIST, ADDRESS & SUNDAY SCHOOL**HYMN #1 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Stuttgart**ANTE-COMMUNION**

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KYRIE ELEISON: (Hymnal #702) John Merbecke

Collect: 90

Lesson: Isaiah 1:1-20 *insert*

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HYMN #329 *How Bright Appears the Morning Star* Frankfort

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HYMN #566 *Jesus Calls Us* Galilee*Children may exit following the cross for SUNDAY SCHOOL (Kindergarten - Grade 5)*

Address Father O' Brien

OFFERTORYSentences & Anthem: *Blow Out the Trumpet* Martin Peerson

Presentation of Alms (Hymnal #139) Old Hundredth

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HYMN #197 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* PicardyMotet: *The Best of Rooms* Gerald NearThanksgiving (*said with the congregation*) 83The Blessing (*Kneeling*) 84HYMN #3 *Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying* Sleepers WakeVOLUNTARY: Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel* Mark A. Radice**No Coffee Hour Today****12:00 P.M. (Noon) HOLY COMMUNION** in the Chapel (Collect, Epistle, Gospel as at 8:00 a.m.)