

The Parish Paper

OF

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Christmas Day

December 25, 2016

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30 A.M. — SUNG EUCHARIST

Choral Prelude: *Fanfare for Christmas Day*..... Martin Shaw
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VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Morgan W. Murray

ACOLYTE: Turner Stevens

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Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

December 24 & 25, 2016

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S

All baptized and communicant Members of St. John's should make their communion at Christmas or (if prevented for reasonable cause) as soon as possible afterwards.

Saturday, December 24: CHRISTMAS EVE

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion (Chapel)
5:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant and Family Eucharist
11:00 p.m. Solemn Eucharist

Sunday, December 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Monday, December 26: ST. STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Morning/Evening Prayer & Holy Communion
Church Office is Closed.

Tuesday, December 27: ST. JOHN EVANGELIST

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Morning/Evening Prayer & Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 28: HOLY INNOCENTS

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Morning/Evening Prayer & Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. Litany
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Thursday and Friday, December 29 and 30:

No Daily Services

Sunday, January 1: FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION & NEW YEAR'S DAY

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Noon. Holy Communion
Due to the holiday, there will be no breakfast, Adult and Youth Christian Education, Nursery, Sunday School, or Coffee Hour.

Monday, January 2: Daily Morning and Evening Prayer resume

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

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CHRISTMAS EVE:

5:00 P.M. — CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & FAMILY EUCHARIST

Pageant is presented by the students of the Church School.

The pageant takes place during the first part of Holy Communion. There is no sermon. Pageant players (and any others who wish) may leave in the hymn after the Pageant and return (if they wish) in the Offertory Hymn. Children are welcome to stay throughout the rest of the service, and to receive a blessing at the altar rail. Nursery care is available.

ACOLYTES

Turner Stevens, Hawkins Pindar

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMAN

Mr. E. Brian Culver

10:30 P.M. — PRELUDE MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS

11:00 P.M. — SOLEMN FIRST EUCHARIST OF CHRISTMAS

CARILLON

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The Collect

O GOD, who hast made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true light: grant, we beseech thee; that we, who have known the mystery of his light on earth, may also attain to the fruition of his joys in heaven: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7 *Unto us a child is born.*

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Motet: *A Christmas Blessing* Philip W. J. Stopford

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Thurifer: Jamie McClellan

Acolytes: Phillip Inglesby, Mikel Kelly, Patrick Perrie,
Finn Repella, Edwin Shepherd, Hunt Wasden

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings

Soloists for the Darke Service

Daniel Garrick, Kristin Pair, Coren Ross, Graham Sadler

The Motet sung in tonight's service was given in memory of Roy and Eileen Foran by Doug and Betty Ann Foran.

The Prelude for tonight's service was offered by Mrs. Paul Fisher.