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## UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

### ◆ THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE ◆

*Anglicanism:  
Catholic and Reformed*

**Thursday, February 16 at noon –  
Saturday, February 18 at midday**  
*(Registration required in advance;  
Auditors - admission at the door)*

The Elliott House of Studies and the Prayer Book Society USA are co-sponsoring a conference at St. John's to mark the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, and to revisit the Reformation heritage of Anglicanism. For details go to [www.pbsusa.org](http://www.pbsusa.org). Conference is open to clergy and laity from any denomination. Registration fees for the entire conference are \$139; auditor's fees are \$25/half-day session.

### ◆ CONFERENCE SERVICES ◆

*Conferences services are open to all.*

#### **Thursday and Friday**

8:00 a.m. *Morning Prayer  
& Holy Communion (Chapel)*

#### **Thursday, February 16**

5:30 p.m. *Evening Prayer (Church)*

#### **Friday, February 17**

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

Preacher: the Rev. Oliver O'Donovan

#### **Saturday, February 18**

8:00 a.m. *Morning Prayer (Chapel)*  
11:15 a.m. *Sung Eucharist (Church)*

### ◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

#### **Monday to Wednesday**

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

#### **In addition, on Wednesday**

9:45 a.m. *Litany*  
10:00 a.m. *Eucharist*  
5:30 p.m. *Evening Prayer  
with Holy Communion*

## REFORMATION REVISITED II

What's the core idea of the Reformation? It is often said to be freedom of individual conscience, but the idea of freedom of conscience was around before the Reformation ('*conscientia semper sequenda*', conscience must always be followed, is one of the principles of catholic theology) and was first extended to freedom of religious practice by outliers of the radical reformation (like the Baptists of Rhode Island, for instance). Only in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries did it become widespread in Protestant states like the United Kingdom and the United States. That development is an interesting one, but it was not central to the Reformation. Protestant states took for granted that civil authorities had a right to maintain true religion and virtue, and to that end dissenters of any stripe were usually penalized.

When Luther said (or is purported to have said), "Here I stand, I can do no other", the "here" to which he

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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. E. Brian Culver

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Benjamin W. Baxter

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God.

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Edward J. Derst III,  
Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard,  
Mrs. Michael W. Rhinehart, Mrs. Martin R. Sullivan,  
Mrs. David A. Young, Mrs. Michael F. P. Maloney,  
Mrs. F. Debele Maner, Mrs. Kirk D. DeWitt

**ACOLYTES**

8:00 a.m. Mikel Kelly  
10:30 a.m. Phillipp Inglesby Jackson McClellan  
Jamie McClellan Patrick Perrie  
Edwin Shepherd William Sills William Taylor

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Daughters of the King

**SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**FOR YOUTH:**

CRANMER HALL-3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR  
CONFIRMATION CLASS- GRADE 6- *Catechism*  
JR. HIGH -GRADES 7,8,9- *25 Lights of the World*  
SR. HIGH -GRADES 10,11,12- *Reasons to Believe*

**FOR ADULTS:**

READING ROOM: *II Samuel*- Father Dunbar  
CH3: *Joshua*- Jack Wray  
CH2: Women's Small Group Faith Fellowship

**MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Tuesday- Men's Breakfast with Father O'Brien  
6:45 a.m., Parish House  
*Why Be Moral?*  
Thursday- *St. Luke* with Father Dunbar  
7:00 a.m., Reading Room, CH3  
Thursday- Men's Small Group with lunch  
Noon- Fellowship Hall, CH1

**WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Thursday- Book Study with Father O'Brien  
9:15 a.m., Reading Room, CH3  
*Iris Murdoch's Under the Net*  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday- Next meeting February 22  
C. S. Lewis Reading Group  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Noon)  
*The Four Loves*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday- Next meeting March 8  
Daughters of the King  
CH1 after Evening Prayer

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

referred was not the space defined by individual conscience, but by the plain teaching of the Word of God in Scripture. In our post-modern age, we take it for granted that Scripture can be interpreted any way you want; but Luther (and any rational student of the Bible) would not agree. By and large the objective meaning of Scripture can be established. What to do with that teaching is another question – but the core teachings of Scripture are not obscure. The reformers spent much time scraping away the accretions of church tradition, to expose the plain teaching of the Word of God, and at times their rhetorical assaults on church tradition could be overheated; and no Protestant should be so foolish as to think that we can do without church tradition. Even “Bible-only” Christians are dependent upon the early church’s discernment as to which books are indeed canonical Scriptures. Though the reformers might polemicize against church government, law and tradition, it is clear from their own practice that they saw a legitimate and necessary role for these things if Christianity was to flourish according to the Lord’s design. But it is the plain teaching of Scripture, and Scripture alone, that sets the canon, or rule of faith, for Christians. All other authorities – of the councils, creeds and fathers of the early church, of preachers and teachers in the church, of civil authority and so on – are subordinate to this authority.

That Scripture supplies the rule of faith is the first or formal principle of the Reformation. The second, or material principle of the Reformation, is that of justification

by faith alone, to which we will return in a future essay. GGD

### **CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY**

Next Sunday, February 19, immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service, the Rector will be sworn in as a citizen of the U. S. A. Weather-permitting, this will take place on the steps of the Parish House.

### **PANCAKE SUPPER FUNDRAISER**

Support our Children’s School at the Shrove Tuesday Dinner, February 28 from 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Enjoy fellowship along with pancakes, sausage, & apples! Reservations: 912-232-1251 \$10/Adults, \$5/Children (12 & Under)

### **SAVANNAH ANTIQUES & ARCHITECTURE WEEKEND**

Tickets are going fast for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual “What’s in Your Attic?” on March 3 & 4. Have a family heirloom that you would like appraised? Interested in *Savannah Antiques from Famous Attics*? Or maybe a tour of Savannah highlighting homes by prominent architect, John Norris? Tickets at [www.savantiquesweekend.com](http://www.savantiquesweekend.com).

### **ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARKING**

Fifty spaces are being reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a space, bring a \$20 donation to the Church Office with name, email, and cell phone #. Reservations are for parishioners and staff only. Limit one per household. Lot opens at 8:00 a.m. and spaces held until 11:00 a.m. Please enter from Charlton Street.

### **CHILDREN’S SCHOOL**

Registration Open for 2017-18 School Year! Call Cathy King at 232-1225.

**8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION**

COLLECT, EPISTLE &amp; GOSPEL.....Prayer Book, page 118

*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*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. - MORNING PRAYER, SERMON & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

HYMN #288 <i>O Worship the King</i> .....	Hanover
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer .....	Prayer Book, pages 3-7
Versicles and Responses.....	7-8
VENITE #608 .....	9
Psalm #9 .....	351
First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:3 <i>God's Work of Creation</i> .....	Insert
BENEDICITE .....	Insert
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:24 & St. Matthew 20:1 .....	119
BENEDICTUS #638.....	14
<i>Children may exit following the cross for SUNDAY SCHOOL (Kindergarten – Grade 5).</i>	
Apostles' Creed.....	15
Versicles and Responses.....	16
Collect for the Day .....	118
Other Collects, Prayers and the Grace .....	17-20
HYMN #573 <i>Go, Labor On!</i> .....	Angel's Song (Song 34)
Sermon .....	Father Dunbar

**OFFERING**

Sentences

Anthem: *Psalm 121* (from a *Short Requiem in D*)..... Henry Walford Davies

Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139

General Thanksgiving (*said by all*) and Aaronic Blessing .....
 19 |
HYMN #314 *We Sing of God, the Mighty Source*..... Magdalen CollegeVOLUNTARY: *Toccata* .....
 Roland Erismann |

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*Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.**If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

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