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## UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

### ◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

#### Monday to 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  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist*

#### Saturday

*10:30 a.m. Holy Communion*

### ◆ PALMS CROSS-MAKING ◆

9:30 a.m.-Noon: Please join us in the Fellowship Room of Cranmer Hall to make Palm Crosses for blessing and distribution next Sunday. Bring a good pair of scissors, if you have one.

### ◆ ADULT CATECHISM ◆

Mondays, 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.  
Reading Room, Cranmer Hall

*Adults preparing for Baptism or  
Confirmation/Reception (May 7<sup>th</sup>)  
Newcomers and Old-timers welcome!*

### ◆ EASTER LILIES & BRASS ◆

To give a lily for the decoration of the Church at Easter, please send a \$35 check made payable to St. John's Chancel Society marked *Easter Lilies*.

To contribute to the expense of the brass players at Easter, please send a check made payable to St. John's Church marked *Easter Brass*.

*Please include a note of how the memorial/honorarium should read and by whom it is given. The list will be published the Sunday after Easter.*

### EVEN SO SEND I YOU (PART II)

“Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” Philip was doubtless surprised that Jesus was asking *him* the question – but Jesus knows what he is doing. He is teaching the disciples to think like disciple-makers, the sheep to think like shepherds. “Am I my brother’s keeper?” says Cain – the word “keeper” here having the sense of “shepherd”. He shrugs off the responsibility for his brother, but the implicit answer of God is “yes”.

Our own consumerist culture does not train us well in this regard: but in the Christian religion, the free gift of God’s grace does come with a condition – that we share it, freely. “Freely ye have received, freely give.” It is to cultivate this awareness of *being sent*, of having a mission as a church, that the Vestry has adopted a “**mission statement**” for St. John’s which we looked at last week – *to build a community in Christ that is grounded in historic faith and reverent worship and is committed to sharing the life-transforming truth of the Gospel*.

The Vestry also adopted four “**core values**”, as the distinctive strengths of St. John’s on which we intend to build: (1) *worship that glorifies the Lord in spirit, in truth and in the beauty of holiness through ... the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and traditional music*; (2) *sharing of the historic faith both inside and outside the Parish...*;

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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 or hospice.

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

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

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. B Ray Summerell

**ACOLYTES**

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne  
10:30 a.m. Jamie McClellan Jackson McClellan  
Patrick Perrie Turner Stevens  
William Taylor

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin J. Berger by Dr. and Mrs. Clifford J. Berger and family;  
And in loving memory of William E. Hutchinson, Jr. by the George Backus family.

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Edward J. Derst III,  
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**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. Christopher E. Klein

**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  
6:45 a.m., Parish House  
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*  
Wednesday- April 5, 11:00 a.m., Reading Room  
C. S. Lewis Group  
*The Four Loves*- Chapter VI  
Wednesday- April 18 after Evening Prayer, CH1  
Daughters of the King

**ECW APRIL MEETINGS**

Board Meeting- Monday, April 3, 10:00 a.m.  
Dining Room in Parish House  
General Mtg-Wednesday, April 19, After EP  
Men & Guests Invited-Green Furniture Display

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

(3) fellowship *as a community of faith*, in which we *seek to change lives, support each other in our walks with Christ, and support those in need in and out of the Parish...*; (4) preservation and use of our historic buildings ... *to welcome all to share our faith and worship*. These are, or should be, uncontroversial!

Then come some “guiding principles” for building on those core values in accord with our mission.

In a skeptical culture, we need to be equipped to defend and commend the Christian faith against skeptical objections. The work of **Apologetics** needs to be deeply integrated into everything that we say at St. John’s.

Ministry to **families with young children** is foundational, and we intend to work with them in building Sunday morning participation in worship; but it does not end with confirmation, and that’s an area in which St. John’s has been weak. Our intention is to engage our **youth**, from post-confirmation to post-college, in a way that builds faith, incorporates them more fully into the worship, and life of the church.

Not all spiritual growth happens in the large congregation, but in **small group fellowships** within it, where teaching, encouragement, counsel, and support can be specific and particular. We want to build more of these fellowships in the congregation where people find welcome into the Christian faith and church, connection with others, nurture in the faith, support in living the Christian life, and training to serve others.

**Service to others** is an integral aspect of the Christian faith, not as the ground of our acceptance by

God, but as its expression. It is because Christ has served us in love and humility that we are moved to serve others, not in pride or guilt but humble gratitude. Accordingly, we want to engage with the community around us, to build relationships, to learn about needs, to identify resources we can use to address them, and to build a corporate culture of service that is *rooted in and bears witness to the Christian faith, builds relationships, relieves needs, raises up the fallen, changes lives, and renews the culture by the Gospel*.

The **music of St. John’s and its buildings** are intrinsically missional: bearing visible and audible witness to the transforming power of grace. We will maintain and use both to engage with the wider community in Savannah and to draw newcomers into our parish, and into its faith and worship.

It will take time for the practical implications of these “guiding principles” to unfold, time and the investment of the congregation, the vestry, and the clergy in them. I would ask parishioners to be thinking about these matters, praying about them, with readiness to listen and share your thoughts. GGD

#### **FRESH AIR HOME COLLECTION**

*Liquid laundry detergent, bleach, Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner, paper towels, and 55-gallon trash bags.* Collection bins in Cranmer Hall and on porch through Easter.

#### **DOCENTS NEEDED**

St. John’s is building a team of docents to provide church tours for 2-hour shifts on 2-3 days per week. If you have a couple of days per month available and are interested in participating, please contact Jack Wray at 596-2950 or [jcwrays12@gmail.com](mailto:jcwrays12@gmail.com).

**8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION**

COLLECTS, EPISTLE & GOSPEL (*no Gloria until Easter*) ..... Prayer Book, pages 132, 124  
*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.*

**10:30 A.M. - MORNING PRAYER, SERMON & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

HYMN #522 <i>Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Men</i> .....	Bohemian Brethren
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer .....	Prayer Book, pages 3-7
Versicles and Responses.....	7-8
VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO #608.....	9
Psalm #40 .....	390
First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:1-19 <i>The Call of the Prophet</i> .....	Insert
VEXILLA REGIS #63 ( <i>sung by choir, congregation may be seated</i> ).....	Vexilla Regis
Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:11 and St. John 8:46 .....	132, 133
BENEDICTUS #638.....	14
<i>Children may exit following the cross for SUNDAY SCHOOL (Kindergarten – Grade 5).</i>	
Apostles' Creed.....	15
Versicles and Responses.....	16
Collects of the Day .....	132, 124
Other Collects, Prayers and the Grace.....	17-20
HYMN #60 <i>With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh</i> .....	Babylon's Streams
Sermon .....	Father Dunbar

**OFFERING**

Sentences

Anthem: *God So Loved the World*..... John Goss  
 Presentation of Alms: *All Things are Thine* #732..... Gardiner

*Minister.* We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee;

*Answer.* Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy Passion, Cross, and death between thy judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Vouchsafe to the living mercy and grace, to the dead pardon and rest, to thy holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest one God world without end. *Amen.*

General Thanksgiving (*said by all*) and Aaronic Blessing .....

HYMN *My Song is Love Unknown* (*insert*)..... Love Unknown  
 VOLUNTARY: *Vexilla Regis* (*from Sixteen Chorales, Op. 38*)..... Marcel Dupré

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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.)