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## **SPRING FORWARD—THIS SUNDAY!!!**

### **5:30 P.M. CHORAL EVENSONG & PARISH SUPPER**

*Bring a Covered Dish. Church will provide Fried Chicken. Nursery available.*

#### **PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY:** 8:15AM - *Morning Prayer & Holy Communion*

5:30PM - *Evening Prayer & Holy Communion*

**SATURDAY:** 10:30 A.M.--*Holy Communion*

**EXCEPT THURSDAY (ST. PATRICK'S DAY)**

10AM *Holy Communion – No other services on March 17<sup>th</sup>*

*Classes and discussion groups on Wednesday evening and Thursday are canceled.*

#### **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

The Rector will meet **this Sunday at 9:55 a.m. in the Nave of the Church** with (1) Adults who have been baptized, but not confirmed by a bishop in historic succession, (2) Adults who have been confirmed but wish to be received from another communion (e.g. Roman Catholic or Eastern Orthodox); (3) New Members Newcomers, Inquirers, and Members seeking a “refresher” course. The plan for this class will be presented at that time. If you are not able to attend, please make sure you have given your name and email address (or phone number) to the Church Office 232-1251.

#### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

*St. Patrick's Day is one of the forty days of Lent: but in view of the festal character of the day, some relaxation of Lenten abstinence is reasonable, though excess is not.* The Holy Communion will be celebrated in honour of Saint Patrick at 10 a.m. in the Chapel on Thursday. We give thanks for the example, witness, and fervent prayers of this saint, a 5<sup>th</sup> century Briton of Romanized and Christian stock, kidnapped and sold into slavery among the pagan Irish, who escaped captivity yet returned as missionary bishop to his fellow-slaves and former captors in Ireland. When Patrick's British homeland was over-run by the pagan English, it was Patrick's Irish successors (who were also Scots) to evangelize the English.

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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.

**ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE** [www.stjohnssav.org](http://www.stjohnssav.org)  
**ON FACEBOOK:** St. John's Church in Savannah

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 Mr. W. Barron Crawford

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. R. Scott Howard

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist.

The flowers at the altar in the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Shepherd by Laura Wimbish, Teeny Fulenwider, Mary Burnett, and Jessie Fawcett.

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

Mrs. McDonald Fawcett, Mrs. William E. Osborne  
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**DAILY LENTEN SERVICES**

Mrs. David A. Young, Mrs. William B. McNeal II  
Mrs. Philip L. Perrie, Mrs. Wm. Howard Helmken, Jr.

**ACOLYTES**

**8:00**  
**10:30** Oliver Maloney  
Austin Nichols, Lawson Turner  
Clayton Compton, Peter Stein  
John Osborne, Mikel Kelly

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. William S. Willingham

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES**

- Clergy – **Old Testament** (Chapel)
- Jack Wray (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom)—*David, Hezekiah, Josiah: Israel's Three Good Kings.*
- David Noble –The Canterbury Tales—  
Reading Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS**

**Tuesday** 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Study—  
(Parish House Dining Room, enter by Kitchen)  
**Thursday** 7 a.m. Bible Study **CANCELLED**  
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**WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS**

*Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.*  
**Wednesday:** 10:45 a.m.-Noon Bible Study  
**Thursday:** 9:15 a.m.— **CANCELLED**

**EASTER LILY**

If you wish to give a lily for the decoration of the Church at Easter, send a cheque for \$35 payable to St. John's Chancel Society marked "*Easter Lily*" to the Church Office. Please be sure to indicate clearly who the Lily will be in memory of, or thanksgiving for.

*The list will be published the Sunday after Easter.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

## TESTING

With Ash Wednesday, the Church finds itself in training mode, committed to the spiritual disciplines of fasting and abstinence, of prayer and almsgiving. Naturally, this commitment encounters resistance, “pushback”: the devil does not give up without a fight, and the old Adam dies hard. Dismayed by difficulty, discouraged by inner resistance (often manifesting itself in very plausible arguments), we are tempted to relax our abstinence, to intermit our prayers, to reduce our almsgiving, to fall back into the comfort of familiar carnal and worldly habits. Yet “pushback” is just what these disciplines are designed to elicit: this testing of our obedience is what Lent is for, and if you are not encountering it, then you have not yet begun to fight. If we are going to inflict a defeat on the world, the flesh, and the devil, we need to pick a fight with them first!

This Sunday’s lessons are instructions for us in this fight. The Old Testament lesson (Genesis 22:1-18) shows us the test (tempting) of Abraham’s faith and obedience. It prepares us for the Gospel lesson (Matthew 4:1-11), which shows us Jesus led into the wilderness by the Spirit, in order that he might be tempted (tested) by the Devil. Jesus goes into the desert precisely that he may flush the Devil out of his usual hiding places in the world, engage him in combat, and win the victory. What is tested, proved, and commended is the truth of his divine Sonship, which is of course nothing else than his fidelity to God’s will and word. In his victory over the tempter we find the power in which to resist temptation ourselves: “for in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted” (Hebrews 2:18 cf. 4:15, 16).

On the basis of Christ’s victory over temptation we ourselves may venture into battle this Lent, to “prove ourselves as the servants of God” in every kind of trial and temptation (thus verse 4 in the epistle lesson, 2 Corinthians 6:1-10). St. Paul urges us to show that we have not “received the grace of God in vain” – the grace of divine Sonship given to us in Christ – but to use this present time of God’s grace and favour, even the season of Lent, to win the victory. In this contest we prevail not by “will-power” (which simply inflates pride) but by the gifts and graces of God: “by pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God”. Such is the “armour of righteousness” whereby we may overcome the unclean spirits that seek to distract, dismay, discourage, and seduce us from our allegiance. The battle is not won without sacrifice: and so the epistle ends in a wonderful clause, “as dying, and behold, we live”. It is as we die to sin this Lent, that we may live unto righteousness, crucified and risen with Christ. GGD

### SAVANNAH CONVOCATION

#### LENTEN SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Tuesdays March 15 - April 12

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

At St. Thomas Church, Isle of Hope

#### Four 5-week Classes

Classes include: *The Church in History during the Age of Progress: 1789-1914*: (W. Willoughby); *Advances in Neuroscience and its impact on medicine and morals*; (E. Thompson); *Are You Serious, Screwtape? the power and presence of evil* (C. Parris); *The Transfiguration* (R. Nelson)

**8:00—HOLY COMMUNION**—(No organ during Lent)

Collects, Epistle, and Gospel (Exhortation p.85) *The Gloria is omitted*..... 125, (124), 126  
*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

**9:00—12 Noon NURSERY** (Cranmer Hall)

**9:30—ADULT, YOUTH and CHILDREN’S CLASSES** (Cranmer Hall)

**10:30 –Pre-school Worship—3 year olds through Kindergarten** (Cranmer Hall)

**10:30 — SUNG EUCHARIST and SERMON**

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*1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade children enrolled in Jr. Choir will exit following the Cross.*

ADDRESS..... Fr. Dunbar

**OFFERTORY**

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ORGAN: *Allegro Maestoso, fr. Sonata I (Opus 65, no. 1)* ..... Felix Mendelssohn

*Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 service.*

*If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

**12 Noon—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel: Collect, Epistle, Gospel as at 8 a.m.)**

**5:30 P.M.—CHORAL EVENSONG**