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ADVENT PROSE

Refrain: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, * and let the skies pour down righteousness. *Cantor.* Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee. *Repeat Refrain.* We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. *Repeat Refrain.* Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. *Repeat Refrain.* Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry. I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. *Repeat Refrain.*

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

PRAYERS FOR ADVENT

GRANT, O Almighty God, that as thy blessed Son Jesus Christ as 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 with 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 wast 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.*

STIR UP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy power and come: that by thy protection we may be set free from the dangers of our sins which beset us; and may be saved by thy deliverance: who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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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

Parish Paper essays and recordings of Services and Sermons are to be found on our web site:
www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

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

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. W. Barron Crawford III

The flowers at the altar on Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ray Schmidt by Mrs. Ray Schmidt.

And in memory of Martha Feilis Belford by Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Belford.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry King McCormick by Mr. and Mrs. R. Gilbert Wells.

And on the occasion of the marriage of Katherine Deanne Bishop and Neil Huguenin Victor, Jr. and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Jules Victor, Jr. and Hugh T. Morris.

The flowers at the baptismal font are given to the glory of God and on the occasion of the baptism of Bennett Lanier Welch and McLain Newton Welch, infant sons of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Reed Welch; and in honor of their loving grandparents Dr. and Mrs. Roland S. Summers.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. David A Young, Ms. Anne H. Mingledorff
Mrs. Marshall F. Campbell, Mrs. Philip F. Kirk
Mrs. Roland S. Summers, Mrs. W. Lee Belford
Mrs. Morgan W. Murray, Mrs. Michael J. Wilson

ACOLYTES

8:00 John DeBacker
10:30 Clayton Compton
Charles Perrie, John Osborne
Chris Dixon, Louis Palla
Patrick Perrie, Mikel Kelly

NO COFFEE HOUR THIS SUNDAY

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Breakfast & Study (with Mike Chastain), Parish House.

Thursday Rector's Bible Study 7:00 a.m.
Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.

Thursday Men's Forum—12:00 -1 p.m.

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Reading Room, Cranmer Hall.

Wednesday: 10:45 a.m.—Noon Bible Study
Thursday: 9:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH, 2011

**5:30 P.M.—CHORAL EVENSONG FOR
ADVENT & PARISH SUPPER**

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

ADVENT PARISH KALENDAR

Monday- Friday (Chapel)

8:15am & 5:30pm

*Morning or Evening Prayer
With Holy Communion*

Wednesday November 30th

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*

5:30 Evensong for

**ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE
(Church). NO supper or class.**

Thursday

NOON **MEN'S FORUM**

*Christ's Coming in the Flesh – The
Incarnation and why it matters
(Fr. O' Brien)*

**WREATHS, GARLAND AND
POINSETTIAS**

If you would like to give a Poinsettia, Wreath or Garland for the decoration of the Church, please send a check to the Church Office, made out to **St. John's Chancel Society**. Please include with the check a note of how the memorial should read and by whom it is given. **Poinsettia--\$30, Wreath or Garland \$80.**

PRAYERS FOR ADVENT *(continued)*

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.*

**COMMENTARY ON SAINT MARK'S
GOSPEL FOR ADVENT**

Copies of the Prayer Book Society's Advent Devotional *Lo, He Comes*, are available (\$5 donation suggested). Written by Fr Jason Patterson with a Preface by Fr. O 'Brien, it is designed to accompany the lessons from St. Mark's Gospel read at Morning Prayer during Advent with lucid biblical and doctrinal commentary.

**VESTRY MEMBERS
(NEW AND OLD)**

Four parishioners were elected to serve a five year term on the Vestry: Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings (Stacy); Mrs. Morgan W. Murray (Anne); Mr. R. Scott Howard (Scott) and Mr. William C. Rodgers (Bill). Thanks are due to the outgoing vestry members: Joseph R. Ross, Esq. (Sr. Warden), R. Kran Riddle, Esq., Roland B. Summers, Esq., and Mr. J. Pride Sheahan.

ECW MEETING

The ECW Board meets Monday, Dec. 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish House.

The ECW General meeting will be Wednesday, December 7th, in the Parish House following the 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion service. Fr. Dunbar will present the **Rector's music for Advent and Christmas**. *All are welcome!!! (Sitters available)*

**PLANTING FAITH MINISTRIES
THIS SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.**

Miss Anna Terry, an itinerant parishioner who works with Planting Faith Ministries, will speak in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. about this discipleship and development ministry supported by St. John's.

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel..... Prayer Book p.90

*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.***9:00 a.m.—12 Noon NURSERY** (Cranmer Hall)**9:30 a.m.—ADULT, YOUTH, and CHILDREN'S CLASSES** (Chapel, Cranmer Hall)**10:30 a.m.,—Pre-school Program continues**—3 year olds through Kindergarten (Cranmer Hall)**Jr. Choir**—grades 1 through 4 (Cranmer Hall)**10:30 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER, BAPTISM, AND SERMON**HYMN #1 *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus* Stuttgart

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Sermon Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

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Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139

Prayer and Blessing

HYMN # 566 *Jesus Calls Us*..... GalileeORGAN: *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (BWV 645)* Johann Sebastian Bach*There will be **NO Coffee Hour** this Sunday.***12 Noon—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel)**