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UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Monday to Friday

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

In addition, Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*
10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

In addition, on Thursday 5:30 p.m.

Evening Prayer & Holy Communion

Saturday, September 29th

SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

Next Sunday, September 30th

SUNDAY AFTER MICHAELMAS

10:00 a.m. *Children invited to assemble
to participate in opening procession*
10:30 a.m. *Solemn Eucharist*
5:30 p.m. *Choral Evensong & Reception*

◆ WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S ◆

BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 1st at 10:00 a.m.
Green-Meldrim House – Dining Room

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 3rd
Following 10:00a.m. Chapel Service
Green-Meldrim House
All women are invited.

are people who talk about it, but everyone agrees it involves learning, the whole person, and is directed towards the kingdom of God. Based on these three aspects, discipleship can be understood as learning and speaking the language of the kingdom of God with the people of God.

Anyone who has ever tried to learn a language can tell you that it takes practice. Lots of practice. The goal is for something that was unnatural to become second nature. Learning the grammar and the vocabulary of a language is very important, but it is not enough. The best language students use all the tools at their disposal. Students do learn grammar and vocabulary, but they also practice language drills, read the language, listen to the language spoken by others, speak the language to others, and (if possible) go to a country where the language is spoken in order to immerse themselves in it.

The process of discipleship is similar to learning a new language. We often begin by learning the grammar and vocabulary of the Christian faith. Many outside the Church may have heard the words “Trinity” or “Incarnation” or “repentance” but do not fully appreciate what they mean. Discipleship means learning this vocabulary. Reading the Christian faith looks like reading the Bible, classic Christian books, and maybe even a work of theology. Listening and speaking the Christian faith looks like attending worship, and listening and speaking with other Christians, perhaps in a Sunday School or Bible study setting. Discipleship includes all these things but is not limited to them.

Discipleship and the Kingdom of God

Mastery of a language does not happen in isolation, but with other people at a particular place and time. The same goes for Christian discipleship. Discipleship happens in the Church, which until Christ returns is the outpost of the kingdom of God. In this week's Epistle lesson Paul exhorts the Ephesian

DISCIPLESHIP AS SEEKING THE KINGDOM

What is Discipleship?

As soon as Jesus began his ministry, proclaiming the kingdom of God by teaching and healing, he also called disciples to come and follow him. These men sat under Jesus' teaching and learned from him. In fellowship with Jesus they learned a new way of life in God's kingdom. To be a Christian is to be a disciple.

Discipleship has as many definitions as there

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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 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 a.m. Mr. Benjamin W. Baxter

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. E. Brian Culver & Mr. Edwin H. Culver

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Jack McClellan Edwin Shepherd
Daniel Sills William Sills William Taylor
Haddon Watson Whit Watson

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edna and Jack Fitzpatrick and loved ones by their family.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney T. Nutting, Sr. and Mr. Sidney T. Nutting, Jr. by their families.

And in loving memory of Virginia L. Brower by her family.

And in honor of Edwin H. Culver's birthday by the Backus Family

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Mrs. James S. McClellan, Sr.

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Mrs. Christian M. Arden-Joly

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH:

Cranmer Hall – 3rd Floor

Middle School – David Svihel
High School – Rick Wright & Martin Sullivan

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:

Collects Study with Father O'Brien, Will & Mary Helen Burdell – CH3-Reading Room
Father Dunbar's Class on *2 Kings* – Chapel
The Gospel According to John with Jack Wray – CH3-Room 309

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday - *Jeremiah* with Father Dunbar
7:00 a.m., Cranmer Hall – 3rd Floor

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Thursday Book Study: "The Spire" by William Golding
with Father O'Brien at 9:15 a.m., CH3-Reading Room

YOUTH OF ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

High School -- Rick Wright & Martin Sullivan
Middle School -- David Svihel

BOWLING AND GAMES

Youth of St. John's (6th-12th grade) Join us this Sunday, September 23rd from 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. at **Frames and Games** in Pooler. The cost is **\$15 per person** for 2 hours of bowling plus a \$5 game card. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. at **Frames and Games**. Contact David Svihel at dsvihel@stjohnssav.org to RSVP or if you have any questions.

Youth Fall Retreat: November 16th - 18th at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island. More details and registration information coming soon.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

Church, “walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” Paul could have simply told the Ephesians to live a life of holiness because of their salvation in Christ, but he goes further. Notice all the commands Paul gives to the Ephesians: they all assume the Christian life is being lived in the community of the kingdom of God. We cannot be humble, gentle, patient, loving, unified, and peaceful by ourselves! We need each other to faithfully follow Jesus as disciples. This life of Christian community and discipleship is where the kingdom of God is found.

More specifically, discipleship engages the whole person in habits and practices that form our love and devotion to God and our neighbor. This includes involvement in the ministry of the church such as Children’s, Youth, or Men’s/Women’s ministry. It also involves meaningful Christian friendship, generous giving, and acts of service. Participation in the sacramental life of the Church also makes us more faithful disciples and a closer community. The goal is not to guilt you into greater church involvement, or give you something else you need to do, but to help us all truly flourish by participating in the life of God’s kingdom and experiencing the abundant life Jesus promised to his disciples.

Why Discipleship?

We are all learning a language. We are all disciples. The question is: what language are you learning and who are you following? Every religion and every belief system include an answer to the question, “what is the good life?” Society bombards us with conflicting answers to this question and we are often left with conflicting ways of thinking and conflicting habits pulling us in multiple directions. How do we achieve true human flourishing?

Jonathan Pennington describes flourishing in the kingdom, “This flourishing is only experienced through faithful, heart-deep, whole-person discipleship, following Jesus’ teachings and life, which situate the disciple into God’s community or kingdom. This flourishing will only be experienced fully in the [future], when God finally establishes his reign upon

the earth. As followers of Jesus journey through their lives, they will experience suffering in this world, which in God’s providence is in fact a means to true flourishing even now.”

As those who have been baptized into Christ Jesus, we have been given a new identity as children of God, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto. As citizens of the kingdom of God, we learn how to live in it by discipleship. Discipleship helps us become who we are and gives our allegiance to Jesus. Those other kingdoms cannot keep their promises. Jesus is the only king who can fulfill all his promises.

DMS

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCIENCE & TRUTH

Is there room for God in our understanding of reality?

Five Talks by Jon Sprague

Four Remaining Sessions on Thursdays

Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18

at 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

- **Come to all, or come to one.** The first four talks can stand alone. The fifth is where the themes are pulled together.
- **Free Admission**

GET CONNECTED

This Sunday, September 23rd

Staff and volunteers will be available after 8:00 a.m. service and before and after 10:30 a.m. service, to help parishioners “get connected” with St. John’s online/smartphone directory. You will also have an opportunity to have your portrait taken for the online directory.

MICHAELMAS BRASS

Sunday, September 30th

If you would like to contribute to the Brass ensemble at 10:30 a.m. service, please send a cheque marked “brass” in the memo line, and include a note of your intention (memorial, thank-offering, anonymous, etc.).

MISSION WINDS CLARINET QUARTET

This free concert has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 28th at 4:00 p.m. at St. John’s.

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE & GOSPEL Prayer Book, page 213
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

Nursery for birth - age 3 (Cranmer Hall, 1st floor)
is available from 9:15 a.m. till 12:15 p.m.

9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER, SERMON & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

HYMN: #149 *Awake, My Heart* Selnecker
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer Prayer Book, pages 3-7
Versicles and Responses 7-8
VENITE: #608 9
Psalm #132, 133..... 508, 509
First Lesson: 1 Kings 12 *How pride provoked anger and destroyed unity*
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS #613, #617 10
Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:1 & Luke 14:1 213
BENEDICTUS#638 14
Children may exit for CHILDREN’S CHURCH, following the Cross.
Apostles' Creed 15
Responses 16
Collect of the Day 213
Collects for Peace and for Grace, other prayers 17-20
Welcome and Announcements The Rector
HYMN: #418 *Blest Are The Pure in Heart*..... Franconia
Sermon Canon Frank Logue

OFFERING

Sentences
Anthem: *Draw Us In The Spirit’s Tether*..... J. H. Ossewaarde
Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)
General Thanksgiving (*said by all*) and Aaronic Blessing..... 19
HYMN: #396 *The Church’s One Foundation* Aurelia
VOLUNTARY: *Postlude in A* Robert J. Powell

*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.*

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