

# The Parish Paper

OF  
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Third Sunday in Advent

December 16, 2018

## 8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

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*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

NURSERY for birth - age 3 from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (*Cranmer Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*)

## 9:00 A.M. – FAMILY ADVENT SERVICE (*Chapel*)

## 9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(*Cranmer Hall, Green-Meldrim Library*)

## 10:30 A.M.—SUNG EUCHARIST, SERMON & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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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..*

## 12:00 P.M. (Noon)—HOLY COMMUNION

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## UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

### ◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

#### Monday-Friday

Holy Communion with  
Morning & Evening Prayer  
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m., Chapel

#### In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. Litany, Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Chapel

#### In addition, on Saturday,

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion, Chapel

#### Next Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Church  
9:00 a.m. Advent Family Service, Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Lessons & Carols, Church  
Noon Holy Communion, Chapel

## O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

“The Spirit and the bride say, come.  
And let him that heareth say, come.”  
“Even so, come, Lord Jesus”  
(Revelation 22:17, 20). In this prayer,  
the voice of the Spirit and of the  
Church, the bride of Christ, call on the  
Lord to draw near, and bring to  
fulfilment the redemption he has  
wrought for us. With their voice we  
are invited to join our own, as we  
do in the haunting Advent hymn,  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*.

Like much of the modern hymn  
repertoire, its current popularity be-  
gins in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, with its trans-  
lation by one of the great hymnog-  
raphers, John Mason Neale. Neale's  
convictions were Anglo-catholic

(he was a co-founder of the first  
Anglican nunnery since the Reform-  
ation). He was also a formidable  
classical scholar–compiler of a stand-  
ard dictionary of classical Greek. Both  
aspects made him one of the great  
hymnographers of our tradition, spe-  
cializing in translations from Latin  
and Greek, as well as fresh composi-  
tions. (There are 44 hymns by him in  
the 1940 Hymnal—including “Good  
Christian Men Rejoice”, “All Glory  
Laud and Honor”, and “Come ye  
faithful raise the strain”). He accom-  
plished all this, despite suffering from  
chronic lung disease.

Neale published the first translation  
of this hymn in 1851. The original  
Latin text came from an 18<sup>th</sup> century  
Psalter published in Cologne, but it is  
based on the "Great O Antiphons" of  
ancient origin (Boethius seems to al-  
lude to them, and they were in wide  
use in the 8<sup>th</sup> century). These refrains  
addressed to Christ that begin with the  
vocative particle “O” were sung in the  
old Latin rites before and after the  
Magnificat on the last seven or eight  
days of Advent. In melismatic plain-  
song, they call on Christ in a  
rich range of scriptural images. Thus  
*O Emmanuel*, (originally sung on  
December 22<sup>nd</sup>), had this text:

*O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster,  
exspec-tatio Gentium, et Salvator  
earum: veni ad salvandum nos,  
Domine, Deus noster.*

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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. R. Gilbert Wells

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. R. Scott Howard

**ACOLYTES**

8:00 a.m. Jackson McClellan  
10:30 a.m. Phillip Inglesby, Henry Osborne,  
Daniel Sills, William Sills, William Taylor,  
Haddon Watson, and Whit Watson

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marshall F. Campbell, Jr. and her grandson, Alexander Mueller Archie by Dr. and Mrs. H. Emerson Thomas, Jr.

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr.,  
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Mrs. Robert J. Merritt, Jr.

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Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH:**

Cranmer Hall – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:**

*God's Promise to David* with Fr. Dunbar  
CH3-Reading Room

*Collects Study* with Father O'Brien, Will & Mary Helen Burdell, Green-Meldrim House  
(in the library)

*The Gospel According to John* with  
Jack Wray – CH3-Room 309

**MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Tuesday Breakfast and *Colossians* with  
Father O'Brien, 6:45 a.m., Parish House

Thursday *Jeremiah* with Fr. Dunbar,  
7:00 a.m., CH3-Reading Room

**WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Thursday *A Glastonbury Romance* with  
Fr. O'Brien, 9:15 a.m., CH3-Reading Room

**YOUTH OF ST. JOHN'S**

Mark your calendars for the Food + Fellowship Christmas Party on **Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**. The Youth of St. John's will meet at the Svihel's home for food, fellowship, and faith from 6-7:30 p.m. at 24 N. Parkwood Dr. Savannah, GA. While RSVP's are appreciated they are not necessary. You are welcome to bring a friend or two.

[O Emmanuel, Our King and our Lawgiver, the Desire of nations, and their salvation: come for our salvation, O Lord our God.]

"Emmanuel", of course, is a reference to Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:23; "desire of nations" is Haggai 2:7; "our lawgiver" and "their salvation" alludes to a wide range of Scripture.

At some point after the 8<sup>th</sup> century (no one is quite sure when), they were versified into meter, and supplied with a refrain. It was Neale and his musical collaborator Thomas Helmore who first combined the translated text with the present tune, whose origins were a mystery for over a century. Neale said it was "adapted from a French Missal", though no one could ever locate this source. Some thought it was written by Helmore himself; but in 1966 an eminent Cambridge plainsong scholar and nun, Mother Thomas More (AKA Dr. Marion Barry) discovered the tune in Lisbon, in a funeral litany in an 15<sup>th</sup> century procession compiled for the use of Franciscan nuns. Dr Barry (Mother Thomas More) commented: "Perhaps it is a measure of Helmore's genius that he detected in this melody an appropriate Advent sound as well, one which conveys an unmistakable sense of solemn expectancy, not only for the Nativity of Christ, but also for his Second Coming .... Helmore was shrewd enough, also, to have been aware that an indubitable link exists between the theology of Advent and a

procession marking the passage from death to eternal life". In living and in dying, in joy and in sorrow, in work and in rest, we invite Christ's coming 'to make all sad things come untrue': "O Dayspring, Brightness of the everlasting Light, and Sun of Righteousness: come and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death".

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**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT  
REHEARSAL/TREE TRIMMING**

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Noon – 1:15 p.m.** All children performing in the pageant will meet in the Fellowship Hall in Cranmer Hall for a light lunch after church. The children will change into costume and do a few run-throughs in the church.

**1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Children, youth and their families are invited to trim the Parish House tree and sing carols in the Green-Meldrim House. Lemonade and cookies will be provided.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

For anyone interested in giving a poinsettia, wreath, or garland as Christmas decorations for the Church., **please submit your form by December 17<sup>th</sup>** to be included in the December 30<sup>th</sup> Parish Paper. Forms submitted after December 17<sup>th</sup> will be included in the January 6<sup>th</sup> Parish Paper. Forms are available online, at the back of the church, in Cranmer Hall, and at the Church Office. Poinsettias are \$30 each. Wreaths and Garlands are \$80 each. Send forms with a check (payable to **St. John's Chancel Society**) to the Church Office. Call (912) 232-1251 with any questions.

**MEN OF ST. JOHN'S**

The Men of St. John's will meet this week on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, but will not meet on December 25<sup>th</sup> or January 1<sup>st</sup>. Meetings will resume January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Light in our Darkness:  
*Discovering the  
Hope of Advent*  
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - SAVANNAH  
Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel

