



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday, December 18, 2022

11 a.m. A Procession with Lessons & Carols



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SAVANNAH

The Truth of the Bible

In the Beauty of the Anglican Tradition.

Believe. Worship. Love. Serve.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

Mission. St. John's Church is building 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.

Worship Schedule. Our non-holiday Sunday schedule is: 8 a.m. Holy Communion in the church; 9 a.m. Family Worship Service (Family Morning Prayer in the church on the first, second, third, and fifth Sundays of the month and Holy Communion in the chapel on the fourth Sundays); and 11 a.m. Holy Communion in the church on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month with Morning Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays. The 11 a.m. is also livestreamed. **Please see page 11 for our services this week or visit StJohnsSav.org.**

Children's Nursery. The nursery is available in Cranmer Hall from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

For Guests and Visitors. We extend a warm welcome to guests and visitors worshipping with us.

Interactive Worship. The congregation participates actively in worship, and this booklet is a guide to taking part in it. It is based on the **1940 Hymnal**, and the smaller **1928 Prayer Book**.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH IN SAVANNAH

Founded in 1841, the first rector, Stephen Elliott, who was also the first bishop of Georgia, consecrated the present church on May 7, 1853. In 1943, the Green-Meldrim House, became its Parish House and Rectory. Later, Macon Street in the block between the church and Green-Meldrim House was closed and laid out as the present garden Mall. Cranmer Hall, the Christian Education building, was renovated and enlarged in 2004. St. John's is one of a handful of parishes in the Episcopal Church that continues to worship using the classical Book of Common Prayer (in its 1928 edition). We are committed to transmitting to our posterity the historic Faith and Order it sets forth, within the fellowship of the Anglican Communion.

HOW WE WORSHIP AND WHY – LESSONS AND CAROLS

Beginning in the 19th century, services of Lessons and Carols for Christmas and Advent have become part of the season's traditions of worship, and most of them (including our own) are based on the famous Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols sung on Christmas Eve at King's College Chapel, Cambridge, since 1918, and broadcast worldwide since 1928. In the lessons we trace the promise of Christ, "the seed of the woman", first made to Eve, then again to Abraham, and third by the prophet Isaiah. The lessons end with the annunciation to the Virgin Mary, and his conception by the Holy Ghost. Appropriately, each lesson is followed by a carol or hymn celebrating the coming of the Redeemer, in which we experience anew the wonder, joy and hope of his coming in the flesh for our salvation. As we trace the promise of his coming, we prepare ourselves to receive him in Holy Communion on Christmas, and look with hope to his coming again in glory.

If you have questions or topics for this feature, please send them to the rector gdunbar@stjohnssav.org

I I A.M. A PROCESSION WITH LESSONS & CAROLS

Nursery Infants to age 3 - 8:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. during Advent.

Please silence all electronic devices. In the time before the service begins, we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Stand for hymns, sit for carols, unless otherwise noted.

FROM THE SANCTUARY

Advent Responsory (*Congregation remains standing*)Giovanni da Palestrina

LOOK from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another, Go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, Tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lit by Mr. Pierce Pollak

THE PROCESSION

Our King and Saviour draweth nigh;
O come let us adore Him.

Let us go forth in Peace;
In the name of Christ, Amen.

HYMN #2 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Sung by all)*Veni Emmanuel

AT THE STATION

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

O LORD, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. **Amen.**

Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause.
For all the earth is full of darkness.

HYMN #1 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Sung by all)*Stuttgart

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-15

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

Read by Dr. Wesley Krulic

CAROL *This Is The Truth Sent From Above (Congregation is seated)* Ralph Vaughan Williams
arr. James Kirkby

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| 1. This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love:
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all, both rich and poor. | 4. But they did eat, which was a sin,
And thus their ruin did begin.
Ruined themselves, both you and me,
And all of their posterity. |
| 2. The first thing which I do relate
Is that God did man create,
The next thing which to you I'll tell,
Woman was made with man to dwell. | 5. Thus we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose,
And so a promise soon did run,
That he would redeem us by his Son. |
| 3. Then, after this, 'twas God's own choice
To place them both in Paradise,
There to remain, from evil free,
Except they ate of such a tree. | |

SECOND LESSON: Genesis 22:15-18

A blessing promised to all nations in the seed of Abraham.

Read by Miss Smith Pollak

HYMN *Saviour of the Nations, Come (Sung by all)* Nun Komm, der heiden heiland



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| 1. Saviour of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here thy home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth | 4. From the Father forth he came,
And returneth to the same,
Captive leading sin and hell -
High the song of triumph swell |
| 2. Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh
Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh. | 5. Thou the Father's only Son,
Hast o'er sin the victory won.
Boundless shall thy kingdom be
When shall we its glories see? |
| 3. Wondrous birth, O wondrous Child
Of the Virgin undefiled!
Though by all the world disowned,
Still to be in heaven enthroned. | 6. Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be,
Ever and eternally. Amen. |

Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

Words, St. Ambrose 340-397, Martin Luther, 1524, trans. William M. Reynolds, 1860, alt.

THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-15

The Prophet declares the sign of God's deliverance.

Read by Mr. Matthew Sparks

CAROL *Comfort, Comfort (Congregation is seated.)*.....Freu dich sehr
Geneva, 1551, arr. John Ferguson

1. "Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God. Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load. To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them! Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever!
2. For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near, calling us to true repentance, since the Kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way! Let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!
3. Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain! Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign!
For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad, and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 40:9-11

The Prophet calls the Church to proclaim the Advent of the Saviour.

Read by Ms. Julia Sparks

HYMN *Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth (Sung by all)*..... Praetorius, Veni, Redemptor gentium

1. Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
Come, testify thy Virgin-birth:
All lands admire, all times applaud:
Such is the birth that fits a God.
2. Forth from his chamber goeth he,
That royal home of purity,
A giant in twofold substance one,
Rejoicing now his course to run.
3. From God the Father he proceeds,
To God the Father back he speeds;
Runs out his course to death and hell,
Returns on God's high throne to dwell.
4. O Equal to thy Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshy mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.
5. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene,
And twilight never intervene.
6. All laud, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Ghost, for evermore. Amen.

Words, St. Ambrose, 340—397, trans. J. M. Neale; Music, M. Praetorius, 1571—1621

FIFTH LESSON: Saint Luke 1:26-35

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Read by Mrs. Heather Cross

CAROL *The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came (Congregation is seated)*.....An Old Basque Carol
arr. Edgar Pettman

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| <p>1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail" said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady," Gloria!</p> <p>2. For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee, thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold." "Most highly favored lady", Gloria!</p> | <p>3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said, "My soul shall laud and magnify his Holy Name." "Most highly favored lady", Gloria!</p> <p>4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say "Most highly favored lady", Gloria!</p> |
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SIXTH LESSON: Saint Matthew 1: 18-25

The Angel tells of the coming birth of Jesus.

Read by Mr. Rob Sparks

HYMN #775 *Joy to the World (Sung by congregation, all standing)*Antioch

THE PRAYERS

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Thou that sittest upon the Cherubim,
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come, and help us.
Drop down, ye heavens, from above, And let the skies pour down righteousness.
Let the earth open, and bring forth salvation.
Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts;
Show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

GRANT, O Almighty God, that as thy Son Jesus Christ at His first Advent did 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 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. **Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

OFFERING & BLESSING

Sentences

ANTHEM *O Thou the Central Orb (Congregation is seated)*..... Orlando Gibbons

1. O Thou, the central orb of righteous Love, pure beam of the Most Hight, eternal Light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.
2. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move as stars about Thy throne set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measured grace to each Thy pow'r to prove.
3. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls ere-while unclean now pure within.

Refrain: Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine, guiding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF ALMS Doxology #139

RESPONSORY

(Sung by Cantor and Choir)

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, He will be with you.

Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord;
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, He will be with you.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord; He will be with you.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

(Sung by Priest and People)

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray:
We wait for thy loving-kindness, O Lord;
In the midst of thy temple.

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Open wide, O Lord, the gate of heaven
and visit thy people in peace;
**Send forth thy Spirit from on high
that their hearts may be uplifted unto Thee.**

O Lord, who for our sake wast of a Virgin born;
Make holy thy people and bless thine heritage.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and abide with you forever. **Amen.**

HYMN #236 *Once in Royal David's City*..... Irby

(Congregation is seated for the first two stanzas, which are sung by the Choir.)

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| <p>1. Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby
In a manger for His bed,
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.</p> | <p>2. He came down to earth from Heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.</p> |
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(Congregation stands and joins in the hymn.)

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| 3. And, through all his wondrous childhood,
He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he. | 4. For he is our childhood's pattern;
Day by day, like us he grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness. |
| 5. And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in Heav'n above,
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone. | 6. Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in Heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around. |

VOLUNTARY *Sleeper's Wake* (BWV 645).....J. S. Bach



12:15 P.M. — SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR, Green-Meldrim House
We invite everyone to join us for a special coffee hour today with eggnog.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRS

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed

11 a.m. Mr. Joseph R. Ross (Rusty)

USHER CHAIR

Mr. R. Scott Howard

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr. (Barbara), Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea), Mrs. B. Ray Summerell (Melanie), Mrs. John G. Bradshaw (Sally), Mrs. David A. Young (Pam), Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish, Jr. (Laura), Ms. Linda H. Pounds, Mrs. Jeanne Howell McMillan, and Mrs. I. David Futrell, Jr. (Penny)

COFFEE HOUR CHAIR

Ms. Linda H. Pounds

Featuring Myrtrice Lewis's Eggnog

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Church this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Shack B. Wimbish, Jr., Stephen Wimbish, Suzanne W. McElwee, and dear friends in my church family by Laura Wimbish.

And in loving memory of Dr. Edwin Collier Shepherd and Betty McCuen Shepherd by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shepherd, Jr. and family.

If you would like to offer flowers for the Altar, call the Church Office at 912-232-1251. After Sunday, the flowers are delivered to the sick, sorrowing, and shut-in: if you would like to volunteer for this ministry, call Margaret Wyllly at 912-656-6235.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday–Friday, Dec. 19–23rd

8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Online

Monday: 5 p.m. *Evening Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*

12 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Church

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

9 p.m. *Sung Compline*, Church

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*

with Holy Communion, Chapel

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*

with Holy Communion, Chapel

Friday: 5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*

with Holy Communion, Chapel

Saturday, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Musical Prelude

5 p.m. Children's Pageant &

Family Eucharist, Church/Online

(Nursery is available.)

10:30 p.m. *Musical Prelude*, Church/Online

11 p.m. *Solemn Eucharist*, Church/Online

Sunday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day

No Sunday School, Breakfast, or Youth Group

11 a.m. *Sung Eucharist*, Church/Online

Monday, Dec. 26th, Feast of St. Stephen

Church office is closed.

8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Online

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel

Tuesday, Dec. 27th, St. John's Day

8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Online

5 p.m. *Holy Communion (No Evening Prayer)*, Chapel

5:30 p.m. *Trolley & Caroling*,

Green-Meldrim House Mall

Wednesday, Dec. 28th, Holy Innocents

8:15 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Online

12 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Church

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

No Compline Today

Christmas at St. John's



SATURDAY, DEC. 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 p.m. Musical Prelude

5 p.m. Christmas Pageant
& Holy Eucharist
(Nursery available)

10:30 p.m. Musical Prelude

11 p.m. Solemn Sung Eucharist

SUNDAY, DEC. 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist

TUESDAY, DEC. 27, 5:30 –7 P.M.

St John's Day Trolley & Caroling

Help us celebrate the third day of Christmas!

Join us for light refreshments and Christmas

caroling on trolleys through Savannah! Sign up

is required. Email jjameson@stjohnssav.org.



Coming in the New Year

THURSDAYS, 12:15-1:15 P.M.

The Word At Work

Tools to Read the Bible with

Confidence and Understanding

An eight-part lunch series on how different parts

of the Bible fit together begins Thursday, Jan.

12th and meets on second and fourth Thursday

of the month from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in Cranmer

Hall. Registration is required: \$25 per session or

\$200 for the series. Lunches will be catered by

The Dive Savannah, a business with a ministry

for the homeless and struggling veterans.

To learn more or sign up,

visit StJohnsSav.org/Word



NEW & NOTEWORTHY

ST. JOHN'S DAY TROLLEY & CAROLING

Look for the Sign-Up Table after Today's Service

Help us celebrate the third day of Christmas on **Tuesday, Dec. 27th** from 5:30-7 p.m. We will gather in the Green-Meldrim House Mall for light refreshments then board trolleys for Christmas caroling through Savannah. If you are interested, visit the sign-up table after the 10 & 11 a.m. services today. If you have any questions, please email Fr. Jameson at jjameson@stjohnssav.org.

A FESTIVE DECEMBER FAITH + FICTION



Join us this **Wednesday, Dec. 21st** at 5:30 p.m. in the Green-Meldrim House for a Christmas-themed Faith + Fiction event! We will discuss *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* (Simon Armitage

translation), a 14th-century chivalric romance in verse, while enjoying festive drinks, snacks, and late-Advent merriment. E. Shaver Books will have copies available for purchase.

A PIECE OF ST. JOHN'S HISTORY

For a \$100 donation, you may own a unique piece of St. John's Church history with a very special, limited-edition memento of a wooden plank of the Nave's original flooring, which were uncovered during recent renovation work. These planks include a beautiful commemorative plate on the front and the limited-edition number on the back. Email crmccay50@comcast.net with your details and we can ship to you.

Funds raised from these planks of the Nave's original flooring will be used for a much-needed refurbishment of the Choir Room, on the third floor above office and chapel, where the organist and choir prepare the music that adorns our worship.

STRINGS & BRASS AT CHRISTMAS

Would you like to contribute to the sound of strings or brass during this year's Christmas services? Forms are available on page 15, at the back of the church, at StJohnsSav.org/Christmas, and the Church office. Donations received by **Friday, Dec. 23rd** will be published in the Jan. 8th Parish Paper.

ART INSTALLATION FOR ADVENT

We are showcasing six artworks by Ukrainian artist, Ivanka Demchuk. These modern iconographic works play on the starkness of the world as we encounter it — broken by sin and death — while also allowing the eternal to break through, even in the ordinary, with beauty and with “healing in his wings.” She writes of her work: “In my art, God comes to man again in human form.” Her artworks will be featured in the arches at St. John's through **Epiphany, Jan. 6th**.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Parishioners, please pick up your 2023 offering envelopes, which are available in the church, in alphabetical order. If you give regularly by cash or check, we encourage you to use an envelope as it helps the Church office.

P.A.C.K. UPDATE

Please note that we will not meet Dec. 21st at P.A.C.K. Volunteers from St. John's will resume packing bags on **Wednesday, Jan. 4th** from 4:30-6 p.m. Volunteers pack bags from 4:30-5:30 p.m. with time to restock from 5:30-6 p.m. All children must be accompanied by at least one parent. To learn more, email cathybaxter@gmail.com.

If you are unable to pack bags, you may choose to sponsor a year's worth of food for one child by donating \$200, or \$1,000 to sponsor an emergency cabinet. You may make donations to St. John's Church with “PACK” written in the memo.

New! THE WORD AT WORK: Tools to Read the Bible with Confidence and Understanding

We're starting a new eight-part lunch series on how different parts of the Bible fit together, which will begin **Thursday, Jan. 12th** and meet every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in Cranmer Hall. Registration is required: \$25 per session or \$200 for the series. Lunches will be catered by The Dive Savannah, a business with a ministry for the homeless and struggling veterans. *God's Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible* by Vaughan Roberts is the optional companion reading. For more information about this series and to register, you may visit StJohnsSav.org/word.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE EVERY TUESDAY

A weekly exploration of a theological topic with Fr. Dunbar, Fr. Jameson, and Steven Vanderlip is ongoing and open to everyone. If you have time off during the holidays, we encourage you to join us for our upcoming coffees on **Tuesday, Dec. 21st** and **Tuesday, Jan. 3rd** at 9:15 a.m. (after 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion in the chapel). This informal group discussion meets in the Reading Room (3rd floor) of Cranmer Hall.

SAVANNAH ANTIQUES & ARCHITECTURE WEEKEND (SAAA W) March 9-11, 2023

The seventh annual Savannah Antiques & Architecture Weekend presents: *Home Is Where the Art Is*. Celebrate the influence of Savannah's antiques and architecture on great works of art, while helping to preserve the Green-Meldrim House and the Andrew Low House Museum. To learn more, purchase tickets, or become a patron, please visit SavAntiquesWeekend.com. Tickets make great gifts for the art and antique enthusiasts in your life!

BECOME A URBAN HOPE TUTOR

Looking to get more involved in the New Year? Our long-time outreach partner, Urban Hope, is in need of tutors during their afterschool (3-5 p.m.) program for students who range from elementary to high school. No experience is needed, and you may set your own schedule. Any time you are able to help is appreciated. Background checks are required. Please contact the Church office at 912-232-1251 if you are interested in learning more.

CLERGY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

At St. John's, the offerings made in the envelopes marked "Communion alms" are designated for the Rector's (or Clergy) Discretionary Funds. Monies set aside for use at the discretion of the priest for charitable purposes, especially helping parishioners and non-parishioners in need. If you would like to contribute to the Discretionary Fund, make out the check to St. John's and write "Discretionary Fund" in the memo. All donations are tax deductible.

WAYS TO GIVE

1. **Collection Plate** – You may give in the offering at the Eucharist or morning prayer, perhaps using an offering envelope.
2. **Text** – Simply text **1928BCP** to 73256 and receive a link where you may donate online.
3. **Online** – Visit StJohnsSav.org and click GIVE (top right of menu) to make a one-time donation or recurring gift.
4. **Automated** – You may have your donation given automatically by setting up bill pay through your checking account.
5. **Mail** – During the week, you may mail your gift to St. John's Church, 1 West Macon St., Savannah, Georgia 31401.

PARISH PAPER ESSAY

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

“The Spirit and the bride say, come. And let him that heareth say, come.” (Revelation 22:17). With the voice of the Spirit and of the Church we are invited to join our own, as demanding the fulfilment in Christ of God’s purposes for us and for creation. “Let him that heareth say, come”. The “great O” Antiphons of the final days of Advent are an invitation to join in the prayer of the Spirit and the Church. To pray these with heart and mind, is to pour our griefs and sorrows, our hopes and aspirations, into the coming to us of the one who alone can redeem our hopes from futility, and make all sad things untrue. “Even so, come, Lord Jesus”.

– GGD

THE GREAT O ANTIPHONS *Said before and after the Magnificat.*

O Sapientia. Friday, December 16

O Wisdom, which camest out of the mouth of the most High, and reachest from one end to another mightily, and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence. (Eccles. 24:3; Wisd. 8:1; cf. 1 Cor. 1:24; Prov. 1-9)

O Adonai. Saturday, December 17.

O Lord of Lords, and Leader of the House of Israel, who appearedst in the bush to Moses in a flame of fire, and gavest him the Law in Sinai: Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm. (Exod. 3:14; John 8:58).

O Radix Jesse Sunday, December 18

O Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall shut their mouths, and to whom the Gentiles shall seek: Come and deliver us, and tarry not, we beseech thee. (Isaiah 11:10; Rev. 22:16)

O Clavis David. Monday, December 19.

O Key of David, and Sceptre of the House of Israel; that openest, and no man shutteth, and shuttest, and no man openeth: Come and bring the prisoner out of the prison-house, and him that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death. (Isaiah 22:22; Rev. 3:7; Isaiah 42:7; Luke 1:79)

O Oriens Splendor. Tuesday, December 20.

O Dayspring, Brightness of the everlasting Light, and Sun of Righteousness: come and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death. (Wisd. 7:26; Heb. 1:3; Mal. 4:2; Luke 1:79)

O Rex Gentium. Wednesday, December 21
(Feast of St. Thomas)

O King and Desire of all nations, the Cornerstone who makest all one: come and save mankind, whom thou hast formed out of clay by thy hand. (Haggai 2:7; Isaiah. 28:16; Genesis 2:7)

O Emmanuel. Thursday, December 22

O Emmanuel, our King and our Lawgiver, the Desire of all nations, and their Salvation: come and save us, O Lord our God. (Isaiah 7:14; Haggai 2:7; Matt. 1:23).

O Virgo Virginum. Friday, December 23.

O Virgin of virgins, how shall this be? For neither before thee was any like thee, nor shall there be after. Daughters of Jerusalem, why marvel ye at me? The thing which ye behold is a divine mystery. (Luke 1:34)

This ancient series is echoed in the final stanza of Phillip Brook’s great Christmas hymn:

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray!
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels,
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!



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