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THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

8 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION, Church

Introit: Psalm 78:1-17, The Collects, BCP p. 215 ;

The Epistle: Ephesians 4:17-32, BCP p.216;

The Gospel : St. Matthew 9:1-8, BCP p.216-217;

A light breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9 A.M. – FAMILY MORNING PRAYER, Church

10:00 A.M. – SUNDAY SCHOOL

A full list of Sunday Classes and room assignments is available online at StJohnsSav.org/grow

11:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION, Church & Online

The nursery will be available for this service.

Music for this Sunday:

(9 a.m.) #311 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (Royal Oak)

(9 a.m.) #276 *Now Thank We All Our God* (Nun Danket)

#288 *O Worship the King* (Hanover)

#414 *O for a Heart to Praise my God* (Azmon)

Lead Me, Lord, S. S. Wesley

#413 *Lord, as to thy Dear Cross We Flee* (St. Bernard)

God be in My Head, Philip Wilby

#282 *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* (Lauda Anima)

Pastorale & Toccata on 'Hanover', Michael Burkhardt

MEETINGS & EVENTS UPCOMING

SUN. OCT. 15: 3 p.m. Free Concert, GSU Symphony String Camerata, with Jonathan Murphy, *harpsichord*. Works by Mozart, Vivaldi, et al. Church.

MON. OCT. 16: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. New Docent Training begins, Green-Meldrim House. Contact Director Jamie Credle at jcredle@greenmeldrimhouse.org

WED. OCT. 18: 4:30-6:30p.m. PACK (4 Mall Terrace, Savannah 31406)

FRI. OCT. 20: 5 p.m. Living Vine Dinner (Cranmer Hall 1st Fl. & Kitchen)

SUN. OCT. 22: Stewardship Sunday (conclusion of 2024 Stewardship Campaign)

5-7 p.m. Sunday Night Sessions #5 (Tripp Prince) & Youth Group
RSVP/ register at StJohnsSav.org/SNS or church office.

WED. & THURS. NOV 8-9:

Holly Days Bazaar (visit stjohnssav.org/hollydays)

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INSIDE OUT AND OUTSIDE IN

“Some day my change will come”: Make no mistake about it: being a Christian means transformation. It’s not about changing the world to suit our own needs; it’s about being changed, remade, recreated. The end of this change dazzles the imagination: “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed” (1 Cor. 15:51, 52). The whole of our humanity, the whole of our world, will be caught up in this great change which is both moral and physical: “delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God” (Rom. 8:21). Great as this outward change shall be, it begins almost invisibly, “like to a grain of mustard seed ... which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof” (Mt 13:31, 32).

Where is this almost imperceptible beginning? It is in the renewal of our our mind and will. As we read in this Sunday’s epistle lesson (Eph. 4:17-32), “be renewed in the spirit of your mind”. Our transformation is from the inside out: it involves a new perspective and outlook, in which we see the world and everything in it with new eyes. That involves a critical re-evaluation of everything the world

has taught us — everything we thought we knew. (Which is why Jesus says his Father has hidden the treasures of saving truth “from the

UPCOMING WORSHIP WEEK OF TRINITY XIX

Monday-Friday, October 16th –20th

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

Monday:

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

Tuesday:

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

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

(Eve of St. Luke)

Wednesday:

Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Chapel

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*, Chapel

Sunday, October 22nd

Trinity 20 (Stewardship Sunday)

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church

9 a.m. *Family Holy Communion*, Chapel

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Church/Online

12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour,
Green-Meldrim House

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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 CHAIR
8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
11:00 a.m. Mr. E. Brian Culver

USHER CHAIRS
Mr. Frank Somoskey
Mr. Robert L. Sparks

CHANCEL SOCIETY
Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr. (Barbara), Mrs. B. Ray Summerell (Melanie), Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea), Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr. (Sally), Mrs. Joseph R. Ross (Coren), Mrs. Paul M. Pressly (Jane), Mrs. William T. Moore (Jane), and Mrs. John Sheahan (Linda).

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Church this Sunday are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Jane Hass Philbrick by Mr. and Mrs. Brian D. Harlander and family.

And in loving memory of Thomas C. McCay, Sr., Lillian Helms McCay and Dr. Leslie Wilkes by Mick and Connie McCay.

And in loving memory of Margaret Altman, from Mr. and Mrs. Richard C.E. Jennings.

And in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Altman, in honor of Sarah Elizabeth DeWeese's birthday and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bradshaw Jr.'s 15th wedding anniversary by Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr. and family.

And in honor of my lovely bride, Susan Katherine Nahay Sills, and the 25th anniversary of our wedding at St. John's Church on October 10, 1998, by Mr. Jeffery Sills.

To offer flowers for the Altar, please call the Church office. After Sunday, the flowers are delivered to the sick, sorrowing, and shut-in.

Please remember St. John's in your will.

wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes" Mt. 11:25). As a parishioner recently put it to me, it's like his foundational years in a college of architecture, "where a primary objective was to break down ingrained thought processes and bias, then rebuild". Which is to say, this spiritual transformation involves death and resurrection. We begin the Christian life in baptism with our union with Christ in his death and resurrection for us, and the whole of Christian life is a continual dying and rising again in him, morally and finally physically.

"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:2). Our transformation is from the inside out: there is no Christianity without the conscious willing of God's will for us, whereby which his good and perfect will for the flourishing of his creation comes to fruition. And yet, though this transformation is from the inside out, it is also from the outside in. The renewal of our minds involves our bodies too, in speech and action. The outward, sacramental and ceremonial aspect of worship, whether elaborate or simple, is a bodily training of the soul in the ways of God's kingdom. It's the bridge from faith to works, from inward to outward. Our faith cannot take root, grow, and flourish, except as it is expressed in works; our soul cannot learn humility of faith, unless the body also bend the knee.

Perhaps we do not yet love our neighbour as we should; but acting as if we did is a kind of "holy hypocrisy", one in which we take the first halting steps in enacting and embodying love, as if in fact we did love; and in so doing, strengthen our own conscious willing conformity to love's command. That's why stewardship and outreach are such important spiritual practices. Robert

Crouse puts it this way, in observing that St. John the evangelist "speaks of love in terms of commandment [1 John 3:23, 24]; and that, perhaps, seems a strange way of putting it. How can love be commanded? We're used to thinking of love as something spontaneous, something that somehow just happens: one "falls in love". What sense does it make to command it? But St. John's approach is more realistic than conventional modern notions about the spontaneity of love. Our loves do not 'just happen'. They belong to a character formed by a long process of training and habit-making. And that process always begins with commandment and obedience. There is, certainly, a spiritual maturity, when our loves are spontaneously right. That is the condition we call "sanctity" or holiness. But our beginning and our growth are in obedience to commandment. 'And this commandment we have from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also' [1 John 4:21]".

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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
"THE HARVEST IS PLENTEOUS"

Our work at St. John's is to sow the seed of God's word, to reap the harvest of souls in the day of salvation. That's why we ask every parishioner to make a pledge of giving for the coming year (2024). Your pledge supports our mission: it enables the Vestry to budget for the year to come, and allows givers to grow in faith. **Please return your pledge card on or before Sunday October 22nd, Stewardship Sunday.** If you need a pledge card, see the back of church, contact the office, or simply fill one out online at stjohnssav.org/pledge.