



THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

Sunday, November 26, 2023

11:00 a.m. Choral Mattins & Sermon



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 regular Sunday schedule is: 8 a.m. Holy Communion in the church; 9 a.m. Family Worship Service (Morning Prayer in the church on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month and Holy Communion in the chapel on the second and fourth Sundays); and 11 a.m. Main Service (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. Morning Prayer is online each weekday at 8:15 a.m. **Please see page 7 for this week's services or visit StJohnsSav.org.**

Children's Nursery. This nursery is available in Cranmer Hall for the 11 a.m. service.

For Guests and Visitors. We extend a warm welcome to guests and visitors worshipping with us today and look forward to getting to know you!

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**.

Ways to Give: To support the ministries at St. John's Church, you may choose to give in several ways.

- **Collection Plate** – You may give in the offering, perhaps using an offering envelope.
- **Text** – Simply text 1928BCP to 73256 and receive a link where you can donate online.
- **Online** – Visit our website at StJohnsSav.org and click GIVE (top right of menu)
- **Automated** – Give automatically by setting up bill pay through your checking account.
- **Mail** – Send your check to St. John's Church, 1 West Macon Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

HOW WE WORSHIP AND WHY – CHORAL MATTINS

There is an old saying – *bis orat qui bene cantat*; “he prays twice who sings well”. Music has that power to lift our hearts out of torpor into fervent worship. Normally our own voices are the vehicles of our own praise. That's the tradition of *congregational* singing, in which untrained voices join together, usually in unison, for the singing of metrical psalms, hymns, and simple chants. The other is *choral*, where a choir of trained and skilled voices *is* the congregation, or sings on its behalf. Normally our service is a bit of both, but on this Sunday, though the congregation does join in for hymns and some prayers, the service is chiefly choral; and therefore we must use the choir as our representatives and make their singing the outward expression of our own aspirations. This requires from us a sustained effort to follow the outward singing of their voices with the inward lifting up of the heart; but, as Colin Dunlop said, when trained voices sing some of the finest pieces of sacred music ever written, “the total offering to God can be something in comparably more precious than would be the case if the musical standard were levelled down to the capacity of the least gifted singer”. Indeed, it is perhaps when our own voice is not the vehicle, and we are not focused on producing the right sounds, or exulting in our own performance, that we can most completely fulfill the apostle's exhortation, to “be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody *in your heart* to the Lord” (Ephesians 5:18, 19).

THE ORDER FOR
CHORAL MATTINS
ON THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of thy love.



HYMN #484 *Lift Up Your Heads*.....Truro

PREPARING IN PENITENCE

Sentences and Exhortation..... Prayer Book, pages 3-5

General Confession (*said by all, kneeling*)

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. **Amen.**

(*Continue kneeling as priest stands to pronounce the Absolution*)

Absolution.....Prayer Book, page 7

Lord's Prayer (*said by all, kneeling*)Prayer Book, page 7

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.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S PRAISE

PRECES (*sung by the Choir*) (Prayer Book, page 7) *Canterbury Responses, Set Two*.....Martin How

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO (Psalm 95; Prayer Book, page 459) William Boyce
(*sung by Choir; Congregation may sit until 'Glory be to the Father'*)

PSALM #85 *Benedixisti, Domine* (Prayer Book, page 446) Kellow J. Pye
A prayer for the Lord to complete the work of salvation by his coming in glory.
(*Choir only; Congregation may be seated until the Gloria*)

First Lesson (all sit) Jeremiah 23:5..... Prayer Book, page 225
The promise of a new and greater king like David, and a new and greater redemption like the Exodus.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS (Prayer Book, page 10-11) *Service in B Flat Major* C.V. Stanford
The praise of the Creator by the whole creation, and by the church.
(*Choir only; Congregation may be seated until the Gloria*)₃

Second Lesson (all sit) St. John 6:5Prayer Book, pages 225-226
Jesus manifested as the prophet of the new Exodus, in the multiplication of loaves and fishes.

BENEDICTUS (Prayer Book, page 14) *Benedictus: Tonus Peregrinus & Faux Bourdons*..... Philip Moore
Thanksgiving for our redemption in Christ.
(Choir only; Congregation may be seated until the Gloria)

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S GRACE

Apostles' Creed (all standing)..... Prayer Book, page 15

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.**

RESPONSES (sung by the Choir) (Prayer Book, page 16) *Canterbury Responses Set Two* Martin How

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray (**all kneel**)

(The priest may make special biddings to prayer.)

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (said by all)..... Prayer Book, page 7

Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Minister: O Lord, save the State.

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister: O Lord, save thy people.

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir: For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect of the DayPrayer Book, page 225

Collects for Peace and for Grace, Other PrayersPrayer Book, pages 17-20

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Minister: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

Answer: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Minister: May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

The Grace.....Prayer Book, page 20

Welcome and Announcements (*all sit*)Father Dunbar

ANTHEM *O Thou, the Central Orb*..... Charles Wood

O thou, the Central Orb of righteous Love; Pure beam of the Most High, eternal Light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy luster round Thee move, As stars about Thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight Gives measur'd grace, to each, thy pow'r to prove. 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. Amen.

Sermon (*all sit*)Father Dunbar

OFFERING IN GRATITUDE

Sentences (*all stand*)

NOT every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. *St. Matthew 7.*

HYMN (*all stand*) *The God of Abraham Praise*.....Leoni

Presentation of Alms (*all stand*) Doxology #139 and America Hymn #141 (Stanza 4)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Our fathers' God, to Thee, / Author of liberty, / To Thee we sing; / Long may our land be bright /
With freedom's holy light; / Protect us by Thy might, / Great God, our King. **Amen.**

At the offering: All things come of thee, O Lord; **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

General Thanksgiving (*all kneel; said by all*).....Prayer Book, page 19

The Blessing

The Lord bless ✠ you, and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. **Amen.**

HYMN #357 *Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus*.....In Babilone

FINAL VOLUNTARY *Nun danket alle Gott* (Now all thank God).....Franz Liszt



In this celebration of Choral Mattins, we wish to acknowledge and thank the many musicians who have served at St. John's, as we come to the end of this church year, and look forward to the new one:

Anne Acker, *harpsichord*
Justin Addington, *baritone, organist, conductor*
James Allen, *tenor*
Audrey Allgaier, *soprano, flute*
Erika Andres, *flute*
Madison Alva, *treble*
Nayaraq "Raqi" Armstrong, *tenor, treble*
Alexandra Backfisch, *treble*
Carver Blanchard, *lute*
Steven Branyon, *organist & choirmaster, composer*
Marcy Brenner, *viola da gamba, harpsichord*
Kristi Bryson, *soprano*
Demetri Chrissos, *bass*
Ben Cork, *violin*
Brian Dean, *tenor*
Brenna Dudley, *soprano*
Leah Dutton, *cello*
Sarah Eliasoph, *alto*
Larisa Elisha, *violin*
Steven Elisha, *cello*
Angela Fisher, *organist, alto*
Paul Fisher, *voice teacher*
Joe Flanders, *classical guitar*
C. Douglas Foran, *bass*
Ryan Fruchtl, *tenor*
David & Joanne Goodman, *tenor & soprano*
Georgia Southern Symphony String Camerata
Andrew Hillis, *baritone*
Jay Jones, *baritone*
Kai Jorgensen, *bass*
Drew Nathaniel Keane, *tenor*
Kristi Kiene Anderson, *oboe*
Kristin King, *harp*
Wesley Krulic, *tenor*
William Lavis, *tenor, voice teacher*
Aleah Lemons, *mezzo-soprano, alto*
Angela Lanier Martin, *soprano*
Demark Manigo, *countertenor*

Abby McMichen, *soprano*
Amare McJolly, *tenor*
C. Richard Morgan, *organist, harpsichord*
Janet Morris, *alto*
Jonathan Murphy, *tenor, harpsichord,*
organist & choirmaster
Paul Nielsen, *baritone*
New Arts Ensembles
North Carolina Baroque Players
Ricardo Ochoa, *violin*
Joel Paskauskas, *baritone, harpsichord*
Madison Patrick, *soprano*
Wesley Perkins, *countertenor, bass, conductor*
Larry Preston Roberson, *tenor, trombone*
Ruth Ann Roberson, *soprano*
Sierra Sanders, *alto, conductor, piano*
Julia Sellman, *violin*
Seth Lynch-Stanley, *countertenor*
Taylor Sutterfield, *soprano*
Abbey Terry, *soprano, mezzo, alto, voice teacher*
Logan Turpin, *tenor*
Patti Victor, *alto*
Tina Zenker Williams, *soprano, voice teacher*
Kaleb Wimes, *bass, conductor, composer*
Billy Wooten, *tenor*
Rick Wright, *baritone*
Amanda Zhang, *viola*
BRASS ENSEMBLES
Bryan Agan
Avante Brass Quintet, Georgia Southern U.
Michael Daly
James F. Hendricks
Christopher A. Heldt
Jalen Johnson
Paul Lott
Nick McGouirk
Grayson McHugh
Nigel Olmedo
Carl Polk
Thomas Schandolph
Serenade Savannah
Pam Titus
Paul Vogel

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed
11 a.m. Paul M. Pressly (Jane)

USHER CHAIRS

Mr. Charles B. Compton, Jr. (Chip)
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. Jeanne Howell McMillan, Mrs. Clarkson C. Logan (Meta), Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish, Jr. (Laura), Ms. Linda H. Pounds, and Mrs. John C. Wylly, Jr. (Margaret)

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for Thanksgiving Day were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. Albert Sidney Newton
by Dr. and Mrs. Roland S. Summers;

And in church this Sunday, the flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, by Mr. and Mrs. William E. Johnston;

And in loving memory of Louis Woodbury (Ray) Schmidt on the 108th anniversary of his birth, by his daughter, Susan, and his son, Peter.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Belford, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Belford;

And in loving memory of Jettie Johnston from her husband Dr. Thomas S. Johnston and her daughters Jettie Lynn Hearne and Julia Umberger.

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

UPCOMING WORSHIP WEEK OF TRINITY XXV (THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT)

Mon.-Fri. , Nov. 27th –Dec. 1st

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

Wednesday:

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: Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle & Martyr

8:30 am. *Morning Prayer with
Holy Communion*, Chapel
12 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer with
Holy Communion*, Chapel

Friday:

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

Sunday, December 3rd (Advent I)

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
9 a.m. *Family Morning Prayer*, Church
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. *Holy Communion*,
Church/Online
12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour,
Green-Meldrim House

PARISH PAPER ESSAY

GATHER UP THE FRAGMENTS

In Tolkien's great mythic parable, *The Lord of the Rings*, the races of hobbits and men are latecomers in a history that began long before they arrived on the scene, and whose deeper significance is not readily apparent. So one of the significant moments is when the representatives of hobbits and men meet in council at Rivendell with those like Elrond, whose memories go back to the "elder days", and who can set the challenges the hobbits and men both face in a larger and illuminating perspective. Only thus can they know what and how their own mission must be accomplished.

Robert Crouse was not of elven race, but in him the memory of the "elder days" lived on, with rare perspicacity of understanding, and a gift for imparting its deep spiritual wisdom. Born in a mill village of his ancestors, Crousetown, Nova Scotia, he was a Canadian Anglican priest; held a doctorate from Harvard; was a professor of Classics at King's College, Halifax; a profound scholar of the Platonic and Augustinian tradition right up to Thomas Aquinas and Dante; Vice-President of the Prayer Book Society of Canada (along with the great evangelical teacher J. I. Packer); the teacher and mentor of Prayer Book Anglican clergy like me and many others. He had a rare gift for concise and lucid utterance conducive both to understanding and to prayer. Both in conversation in teaching, his words were few, but always worth waiting for.

Notoriously, he did without a telephone, but accepted the new invention of the fax machine, because it allowed for reflection before making a response to the questions that came his way on points of faith and theology. I have my own treasured file of faxes to the questions I posed him, and I only wish I had sent him more.) In his later years, his reputation grew, and as his students multiplied and scattered across North America and Europe, so his invitations to speak increased, and he found ready audiences not only among high church Anglicans like himself but among Evangelicals and Roman Catholics. Notably, in his later years, though a Prayer Book Anglican to his bones, he was a regular visiting

professor at the Augustinianum in Rome, the only non-Roman Catholic to be so honored.

Until his death in 2011, he was a frequent visitor to St. John's, a cherished friend of this parish, and a regular conductor of the Elliott House clergy seminars on classic works of theology like Dante, Augustine's *Confessions* and Boethius' *Consolation of Philosophy*. I know he is remembered by many parishioners from that time; but along with a number of his other former students, I have been involved in a project of publishing his works, and making them available to larger audiences. The first work has just been published, a slim volume of spiritual meditations called *Images of Pilgrimage: Paradise and Wilderness in Christian Spirituality*. It will be followed by two volumes of selected sermons, entitled *The Soul's Pilgrimage*. These are volumes for the general reader, but they nonetheless demand a reflective, unhurried reading: Crouse knew that the most effective communication often is found as much in what is not said explicitly, but only implied.

This Sunday's gospel lesson (John 6:5-14) was one to which he often referred. When the multitude have eaten and are full, Jesus bids the disciples "gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost", an act of gratitude, but also of provision, for when they do so, they fill twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves so wondrously multiplied by Christ – enough, that is, for the twelve apostles of the Lamb to feed the twelve tribes of God's new Israel, the Church and people of God among all nations. "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost": this spoke too to his work of ingathering the great legacy of spiritual wisdom, which has come down to us from the witnesses of Christ in every age, that it may continue to nourish the spiritual hungers of our own age, and sustain the renewal of the Church so sorely vexed and distressed in our time. Fr. Crouse's learning – his memory of the elder days – was never mere nostalgia, or antiquarianism: it was always directed to the renewal of the Church, of its faith, and hope and love for God, by these gifts of God the Holy Spirit.

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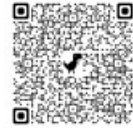
Marcellus Coffermans, *Adoration of the Shepherds*

COELORUM GAUDIA:

FREE CHORAL CONCERT BY RALSTON COLLEGE

Please join us for Ralston College's Season Choral Concert, *Coelorum Gaudia*, on Friday, December 8th at 6 p.m. in church. This year the professional vocal consort will be joined by the *Ralston Chorus* in a concert of sacred and secular carols and readings. Free admission.

To learn more and register, follow the QR code



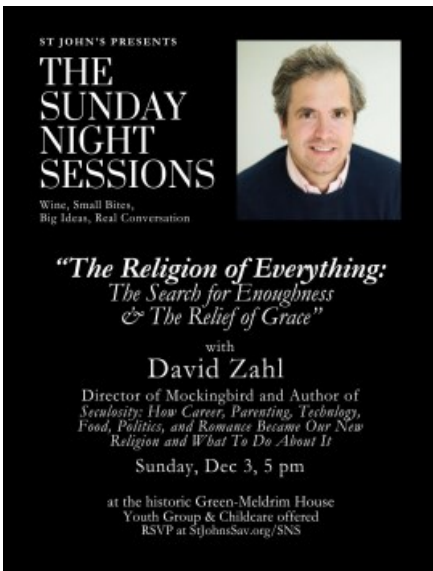
OUTREACH: COATS FOR URBAN HOPE

Child and adult size coats are needed for Urban Hope, new or gently used. To donate, bring them to 1601 Barnard St. 31401, or write to Holly McClellan at hmcclellan01@gmail.com.



URGENT NEED: CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR P.A.C.K. (BY DECEMBER 11)

Personal care kids, board games, art kits, basketballs, and footballs are needed for 500+ kids by our Outreach Partner, PACK. Gifts may be sent directly to Melanie Finnegan or brought to Cranmer



The Sunday Night Sessions

Wine. Small Bites. Big Ideas. Real Conversation.

Sunday at 5 p.m., December 3rd, our guest will be David Zahl, presenting "*The Religion of Everything: The Search for Enoughness and the Relief of Grace.*"

While American organized religion may be declining, the desire to fill the void with everyday life pursuits is another form of worship. At the heart of our society lies a universal yearning not to be happy so much as to be *enough*. To fill the emptiness left by religion, humans look to all sorts of activities -- food, family, relationships, social media, elections, social justice movements -- for identity, purpose, and meaning once provided by organized religion.

In our striving, we chase a sense of *enoughness*. But it remains out of reach. Human effort and striving is causing burn out, depression, and anxiety. Even our leisure activities, such as dating and movie watching, become to-do list items. Dave Zahl, in his work, challenges the conventional narrative of religious decline claiming society has become religious about busyness and accomplishments. Alternately, Zahl offers a fresh appreciation for grace -- the grace of God in all its countercultural wonder. To RSVP/register, visit www.stjohnssav.org/sns



A Choir for Boys at St. John's Church

We are excited to announce the refounding of the St. John's Boys' Choir under the direction of parishioner **Kristi Bryson** (Professional soprano and graduate of the Royal College of Music). St. John's Church has a long tradition of musical excellence in Savannah and we aim to bring the boys of our city the joy of choral singing at a high level: singing the best repertoire of the Anglican tradition with the benefit of professional vocal training. The choir welcomes boys from the parish and from the broader community. Interested boys and their families need no other qualifications than an interest in music and a willingness to commit to regular rehearsals. Prospective choristers should be at least 7 years of age.

The choir will meet once a week to rehearse and will perform once per term at evensong, typically on Sunday evenings. Placement tests will be held the week of November 27. Interested families should write to kristi.richardson.bryson@gmail.com to schedule an appointment. For more information, visit www.stjohnssav.org/choir

Image: *Choir Boy, Belle Silveira, 1930. Pencil Sketch. Smithsonian Institution.*

Outreach: Advent Angel Tree for the Living Vine Maternity Home



The Outreach Committee is sponsoring an Angel Tree initiative this Advent season to provide Christmas gifts for the moms and babies at The Living Vine (our outreach partner for the next three years). The Angel Tree will be located in the lobby of Cranmer Hall beginning this Sunday, November 26th. Parishioners who wish to participate may pull the gift tag for a mom or baby off of the tree and shop for her requested items.



To make shopping easier, an Amazon list has been created (see QR code, left). Purchases made from Amazon can be shipped either to the parishioner or to Holly McClellan. Any gifts not purchased through Amazon or sent to Holly should be delivered to the church office, wrapped, no later than **Friday, December 15th**.

Please contact Holly with questions at 912-247-2040 or hmcclellan01@gmail.com.

Offering Envelopes for 2024 are Here

Offering Envelope Boxes for 2024 have arrived and may be picked up from the tables at Cranmer Hall this week. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. Thank you!



CELEBRATE
80 YEARS

Anniversary Celebration: 80 Years of Our Parish House Friday, December 1, 2023, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a lively party as we celebrate St. John's acquisition of the Green-Meldrim House as our Parish House in December 1943! Tickets are 50\$. Please RSVP to the church office by Nov. 27 with checks payable to St. John's Church, or register easily online at stjohnssav.org/gmhparty

MEETINGS & EVENTS UPCOMING

- THURS. NOV. 23:** 11 a.m. **Sung Eucharist for Thanksgiving Day** (church office closed)
- FRI. NOV. 24:** Church Office closed.
- SUN. NOV. 26:** 11 a.m. **Choral Mattins & Sermon**
- MON. NOV. 27:** TBD **Placements begin for St. John's Boy Choir** (see ad, next page, for more)
- FRI. DEC. 1:** 5:30 p.m. **Anniversary Celebration of the Green-Meldrim House Purchase**
(visit stjohnssav.org/gmhparty to RSVP or contact the church office)
- SAT. DEC. 2:** 4:30 p.m. **First Saturday at Starland Yard** (2411 De Soto Ave 30401)
TBD **Mother-Daughter Visit to the Living Vine Christian Maternity Home**
(contact Sarah Ross at sross@stjohnssav.org for more information)
- SUN. DEC. 3:** 10 a.m. **Wreath Making for All Ages.** Cranmer Hall First Floor
5-7 p.m. **Sunday Night Sessions #7: Dave Zahl** (see : stjohnssav.org/sns)
5-7 p.m. **Youth Group: The Royal Priesthood,** Cranmer Hall
- FRI. DEC. 8:** 6 p.m. **Coelorum Gaudia: A Ralston College Seasonal Choral Concert.** Church.
- SAT. DEC. 9:** 9:30 a.m.– 11 a.m. **Breakfast with Santa.** Hosted by Children's School. Cranmer Hall
- SUN. DEC. 10:** 3:30 p.m. **Pageant Rehearsal.** Church.
4:30 p.m. **Tree Trimming.** All ages welcome; with music & snacks. Church Mall.
- WED. DEC. 13:** 5:30 p.m. **Faith + Fiction Book Group.** *The Scarlet Letter.* Green-Meldrim House.
- SUN. DEC. 17:** 5-7 p.m. **Sunday Night Sessions #8: Tara Isabella Burton** (see : stjohnssav.org/sns)
5-7 p.m. **Youth Group: The Royal Priesthood,** Cranmer Hall
- SUN. DEC. 24:** 11 a.m. **Lessons and Carols.** Church
5 p.m. **Christmas Eve Pageant & Family Communion Service**
11 p.m. **Solemn Eucharist & Sermon (Midnight Mass)**
- MON. DEC. 25:** 11 a.m. **Solemn Holy Communion for Christmas Day**
- WED. DEC. 27:** 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **St. John's Day: Christmas Caroling on Trolleys.**
(please RSVP to the church office so that we may have an accurate count)

For a complete and updated list of the many events and meetings
in this season at St. John's Church in Savannah, visit

stjohnssav.org/calendar

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