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THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

8 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION, Church

Introit: Psalm 47, BCP p. 398-399
The Collect, Epistle, Gospel, BCP p. 198-199
(Romans 6:19-23 and St. Mark 8:1-9)

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

There is no Adult Sunday School today.

10:30 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER & SERMON, Church & Online

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:11-20

The New Testament Lessons: Romans 6:19-23 and St. Mark 8:1-9

The nursery will be available for this service;

childrens' lesson & activity will be held in the Chapel during the sermon, led by Mr. Steven Vanderlip & Mrs. Sarah Ross

11:45 A.M. – COFFEE HOUR, Green-Meldrim House

All are welcome to this time of fellowship & refreshment.

Music for this Sunday:

#367 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (Laudes Domini)
Canticles: *Venite, exultemus; Te Deum laudamus; Benedictus*
#414 *O For a Heart to Praise my God* (Caithness)
#371 *Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid* (Attwood)

CHANGE IN PARISH PAPER MAILING & DELIVERY

Due to the many reports of postal issues and delays of late, in the next few weeks we will stop sending the Parish Paper out by bulk mail.

This will also save considerable costs in printing and postage each week. Instead, we will "deliver" a digital version of the PP through the eblast on Wednesdays, along with the printable PDF copies already on our website.

Paper copies will still be available for the 8 a.m. Holy Communion service.

We will also **mail a copy** in a first class envelope to any of our subscribers who would like to have one. To add yourself to that weekly first-class mailing list, please call the office, or write to Doreen Karls,

Parish Administrator, at dkarls@stjohnssav.org.

To be added to the digital list, or for any questions and comments: Abbey Terry, Communications Coordinator aterry@stjohnssav.org

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SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN II

Though the Scriptures are silent on the question of whether to baptize infants or not, other texts do shed definitive light on the question: those that speak about circumcision (the Old Testament sign that corresponds to Baptism), and the participation of the children of the covenant people in the blessings of the covenant. In modern times hyper-individualism has obscured the corporate solidarity of the family and people of God which we find in Scripture. But Peter could tell the crowds on Pentecost that "the promise is unto you and your children" (Acts 2:39); Paul could speak of the children of Christian converts as "holy" rather than "unclean"; and Paul is reported to have baptized entire households (Acts 16:15, 33; 1 Corinthians 1:16), some of which may have included children unable to make a mature profession of faith. In that context, it is significant that Scripture does not prohibit the baptism of infants. If believing Jews needed to be told that the promised blessings did not apply to their children, surely this would have been made explicit.

The Biblical text which in the Christian tradition has received as the touchstone of thinking about infant baptism is St. Mark 10:13-16 – the account of the little children welcomed and blessed by Jesus. The best commentary on this lesson is the one that used to follow it in the Prayer Book service of baptism, until a misguided abbreviation pruned it out

in 1928: "Beloved, ye hear in this Gospel the words of our Saviour Christ, that he commanded the children to be brought unto him; how he blamed those that would have kept them from him; how he exhorted all men to follow their innocency. Ye

UPCOMING WORSHIP: WEEK OF TRINITY 7

No Online Morning Prayer
Due to clergy travel, Online MP will resume Thursday July 18th at 8:15 a.m.

Monday:

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer, Chapel*

Tuesday:

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer Chapel*
12 p.m. *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*

There is no compline this evening.

Thursday:

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

Friday:

5 p.m. *Evening Prayer, Chapel*

Sunday, July 21:

St. Mary Magdalene (Trinity 8)
8 a.m. *Holy Communion, Church*
9:30 a.m. *Adult Sunday School, Chapel*
(Rector's class only)
10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Sermon, Church/Online

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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
10:30 a.m. Mrs. Duncan Pindar (Terry)

USHER CHAIRS

Mr. Robert L. Sparks

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Mrs. R. Leslie Johnson (Robin)

FLOWERS

In loving memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas D. Miller, Sr. &
Mr. & Mrs. William E. Dillard, Jr. by
Mr. & Mrs. William E. Dillard III.

And in loving memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Howard John Hoffman
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Brian Culver
and Mr. & Mrs. Randolph
Bryan Jones, Jr.

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

CONDOLENCES

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Helen Rowland Lynah, mother of Helen Lynah Stone of this parish, who passed away on July 5th, 2024;

And to the family & friends of Bryan Russell Lemons, father of Aleah Lemons of the St. John's Choir, who passed away suddenly on July 6th. A funeral service will be held at noon, Thursday, July 11th, at the Allison Memorial Chapel in St. Mary's, GA.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

perceive how that by his outward gesture and deed he declared his good will toward them; for he embraced them in his arms, he laid his hands upon them, and blessed them. Doubt ye not therefore, but earnestly believe, that he will likewise favourably receive this present Infant; that he will embrace him with the arms of his mercy: that he will give unto him the blessing of eternal life, and make him partaker of his ever-lasting kingdom. Wherefore we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father towards this Infant, declared by his Son Jesus Christ" – this is where the present exhortation on page 276 begins, "let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him...." That this gospel does not say that Jesus baptized these children is immaterial: according to Saint John's gospel, Jesus baptized no one (John 4:2). The argument for baptism is this: if Christ receives infants brought to him, and blesses them, then we can hardly deny them the outward and visible sign of his receiving and blessing them, which is baptism. Likewise, if Christians teach their children to call upon God as "Our Father, who art in heaven", and to sing "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so" – then they can hardly deny that they believe that these children have indeed been received by God as his own children, and received by Christ as members of his own body. Either this belief is ill-founded, and such Christians are teaching their children lies, or it is true: and if it is true, then they should not withhold from their children the sign of that grace and mercy conferred in Christ.

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To be continued

SUMMER CONCERT #3:

An evening with Jacob Evans,
local Savannah singer-songwriter
Friday, July 19 at 7 p.m.
Food trucks on site.
St. John's Garden Mall

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
LIVING VINE DINNER
THIS SUNDAY JULY 14**

The Outreach Committee is looking for 4-6 volunteers to help with a picnic dinner for the mothers and babies of The Living Vine. The picnic is scheduled for the evening of Sunday, July 14th from 6-8pm at The Living Vine. Volunteers are simply asked to bring a potluck dish to share and help with serving dinner and cleaning up. Anyone interested can call or email Holly McClellan for complete details. (912-247-2040; hmcclellan01@gmail.com).

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Please keep our St. John's outreach partner, The Living Vine, in your prayers. Please pray for the mothers, babies, and staff of this Christ-centered program providing protection, provision, and preparation to empower pregnant women in crisis.

www.thelivingvine.org

URBAN HOPE KID ART SHOW

JULY 26, 2024 6-8 P.M.

WHITEFIELD CENTER

106 E. 37TH ST, 31401

Please join Urban Hope, our 2021-2023 outreach partner, for their Annual Garden & Art Show, featuring paintings from the children in the Fine Arts Class. Each student will showcase their work and keep a portion of the proceeds.