

THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S*The nursery is available from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.***8:00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION, Church**

Introit: Psalm 25: BCP pp. 369-370

The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel: BCP pp. 90-92

*No breakfast in Cranmer Hall this Sunday***9:00 A.M. FAMILY MORNING PRAYER, Church***No breakfast in Cranmer Hall this Sunday***10:00 A.M. ADVENT WREATH MAKING, Cranmer Hall***All ages are welcome to join us and make Advent Wreaths.***For a full list of all the Advent events at St. John's Church, please visit StJohnsSav.org/Advent.****11:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST & SERMON, Church & Online****MUSIC FOR THIS SUNDAY:**

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 660, Johann S. Bach

#1 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*, STUTTGART#9 *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*, MERTON*Benedictus*, Charles Stanford#210 *Deck Thyself, My Soul*, SCHMUECKE DICH#3 *Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying*, SLEEPERS WAKE

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ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH: ANGEL TREE

Help make Christmas special for St. John's outreach partner, The Living Vine Maternity Home. Select a tag from the Christmas tree in Cranmer Hall, shop for requested items, and return gifts to the bin in Cranmer Hall's lobby. You may also use the Amazon Wishlist (StJohnsSav.org/angeltree) and ship directly to you or Holly McClellan by **Sunday, Dec. 15**. If you have questions, please contact Holly McClellan at 912-247-2040 or hmcclellan01@gmail.com.

**Sunday Night Session, Dec. 8**

Victor Lee Austin, priest & theologian, will discuss, "What's Good About Marriage?", on **Sunday, Dec. 8**, at 5 p.m. in the Green-Meldrim House. The cost is \$10 for guests and \$20 for patrons. Visit StJohnsSav.org/arts to reserve your spot. Youth Group + Nursery will also meet that night in Cranmer Hall, 5-7 p.m.

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **Wed., Dec. 11**, at 5:30 p.m., Faith + Fiction, *A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens, Green-Meldrim House
- **Sun., Dec. 15**, at 4 p.m. Christmas Tree Trimming, Outside/Mall
- **Tue., Dec. 17**, at 11 a.m. Hope Haven's Dementia Caregivers Support Group, Cranmer Hall

The Parish Paper

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THE CHURCH'S YEAR

One of my favorite collects (Trinity 4) makes this petition: "that [God] being our ruler and guide, may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal". It's a prayer for the right use of time, a prayer that our passage through time might not end in darkness, but in life with God. In the cycles of the sun and moon, the rotation of the earth, nature provides markers for the passage of time, in days, seasons, and years. But in Scripture there is an organization of time which is not determined by the natural cycle, and that is the weekly memorial of creation, culminating in the seventh day's observance as the Sabbath (Genesis 1:1-2:3). The Scriptures of the Old Testament also appoint specific holy days for the people of God to give thanks for redemption or in repentance for sin, such as Passover, and the Day of Atonement.

In the freedom of the gospel, however, the church is not bound by the ritual observances of the Old Testament law, which belong to the time of preparation for Christ, not its fulfilment in his coming. The fact of Christ's resurrection on the first day of the week established it as "the Lord's Day" in distinction from the Sabbath. Likewise, the fulfilment of the Passover hope in his resurrection establishes the Christian Passover (Easter), on a date that by intention never coincides with the Jewish Passover. Thus the structure of the Old Testament year is remade to reflect the newness of Christ. In its inception, though centered on his resurrection, Easter was a unitary celebration of the entirety of Christ's redemptive work – from his first coming to

**UPCOMING WORSHIP:
WEEK OF ADVENT I****Online Morning Prayer:**
8:15 a.m. Monday-Friday**Monday, Dec. 2:**8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Chapel
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel**Tuesday, Dec. 3:**8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel**Wednesday, Dec. 4:**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, Dec. 5:**8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel**Friday, Dec. 6:**8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*
12 p.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel**Saturday, Dec. 7:****Eve of Conception of Blessed Mary**
11 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Chapel**Sunday, Dec. 8 (Advent II)**8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
9 a.m. *Family Holy Communion*, Church
10 a.m. *Sunday School (all ages)*, Chapel & Cranmer Hall
11 a.m. *Morning Prayer & Sermon*, Church/Online
12:15 p.m. *Special Coffee Hour for Angela Fisher's Retirement*, Green-Meldrim

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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 a.m. Mr. Charles J. Ezelle

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Mr. Robert L. Sparks
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FLOWERS

The flowers in church this Sunday are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Sally O'Donnell Whittington; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George O'Donnell; and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Cook; by Mr. Floyd G. Whittington, Sr. and sons; Floyd, Jr. and George.

And in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Belford on the anniversary of their wedding; by their loving grandson, William Lee Belford III, and his parents.

And in thanksgiving for and on the occasion of the birthday of Max Cooper Hamilton ; by Mrs. Patti Cooper.

And in appreciation of the "Elegant Eight Plus" by the Men of St. John's.
And in honor of Mrs. Henry Ingelsby Jr. (Tracy) for her continued love and support of the Chancel Society

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

Offering Envelopes for 2025

For parishioners who use offering envelopes, they are available for pick-up today in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to grab your box, which is arranged in alphabetical order, from the table.

his second. By a natural process, its constituent aspects were gradually "spun off" into observances of their own, so that the principal moments of his redemptive action each have their proper commemoration, accompanied by times of preparation and fulfilment – his birth and appearing, in Christmas and Epiphany; his passion, in Holy Week; his triumph, in Ascension and Pentecost.

The development of the Church year was completed in the 6th century with the season of Advent, beginning the fourth Sunday before Christmas. Advent, which means "coming" or "arrival", is a season that looks two ways at once, in a perspective that is both "now" and "not yet" – back to Christ's first coming, in all humility, to accomplish our redemption; and forward, to his second coming, to the fulfilment in us of the redemption he accomplished. Advent means that we begin our journey through time to eternity, with the recognition that our going to God begins – and can only begin - with his coming to us. There is no attainment to the infinite if we begin from the finite. Only if we begin from God can we attain to God. And so our prayer in Advent is taught by Psalm 80:

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim. Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up thy strength, and come and help us.

"Hear.. show thyself ... stir up thy strength...come!" The purpose of Advent is to teach us to look for and long for his coming in the power of his Spirit, in saving grace and judgment, so as to receive him when he comes.

The Christian year does not exist in abstraction, but in its outward expression – in ceremony and song, in

ornament and vestment, but primarily in the reading of the Scriptures at the Lord's Supper, in a pattern of lessons (or lectionary) that took final form in late antiquity, and is retained in the historic Prayer books, up to and including that of 1928, which we use at St. John's. (One of the sad mistakes of the Episcopal Church in the current Prayer Book, of 1979 was to abandon that ancient eucharistic lectionary). They are short passages, which we may quickly read, but if we slow down, linger over them, meditate on them, become intimately familiar with them, both in word and in meaning, they nourish our minds and exercise our wills for our pilgrimage to God in the way of Christ. GGD

Note: The Rector's Sunday School class begins a detailed study of the book of Isaiah this Sunday, December 1st at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.

1st Saturday at Starland Yard

Our monthly fellowship at Starland Yard on the first Saturdays of the month is on hiatus until the new year.

Women of St. John's:

A Victorian Holiday Celebration

The Women of St. John's seasonal celebration is Wed., Dec. 4, at 5:30 p.m. in the Green-Meldrim House. Join them for caroling, a performance from The Boys Choir, high tea with sparkling wine, and a holiday craft. Friends and spouses are welcome!

Coffee Hour to Celebrate Angela Fisher's Retirement

The Coffee Hour on Sunday, Dec. 8, will be in Angela Fisher's honor in recognition for her contributions before her retirement as the Assistant Organist of St. John's Church on Dec. 31, 2024. Please plan to attend to thank Angela for her hard work and talent and to wish her well in her next chapter.