

THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S*The nursery is available from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.***8 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION, Church***A light breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following 8 a.m. service.*

Introit: Psalm 100: BCP, p. 463

The Collect and Epistle, and Gospel: BCP, pp. 115-116

9 A.M. FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION, Church*A light breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following 9 a.m. service.***10 A.M. ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL, Chapel & Cranmer Hall****11 A.M. MORNING PRAYER, Church & Online****Music for This Sunday:**

Overture from the Occasional Oratorio, George Handel

#46 *Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning* (MORNING STAR)#545 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (WOODBIRD)

Sing praises unto the Lord, Henry Ruthven

#49 *From the Eastern Mountains* (VALOUR)

March from the Occasional Oratorio, George Handel

11 A.M. YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS, Cranmer Hall (3rd Floor)**12:15 P.M. COFFEE HOUR, Green-Meldrim House****HOPE HAVEN PROGRAM:
SPACE AVAILABLE**

St. John's new ministry, Hope Haven, kicks off **Thursday, Feb 13**, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.! We have space for a few more members. Do you have a loved one or friend living with dementia or another cognitive challenge that would benefit from four hours of social engagement? This new ministry meets in Fellowship Hall of Cranmer Hall and includes music, art, exercise, and lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Interested caregivers may learn more by calling 912-231-7310 or applying online at SavannahRespite.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Sun., Feb. 9**, 2-5 p.m. Super Museum Sunday, Green-Meldrim House
- **Wed., Feb. 12**, 5:30 p.m. Faith & Fiction, *Dr. Wortle's School*, GMH
- **Thur., Feb. 13**, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Hope Haven kickoff, Cranmer (1st Fl)
- **Feb. 14 & 15**, 5:30-7 p.m. Madeira Wine Event, Green-Meldrim House
- **Mon., Feb. 17**, Presidents' Day, Church office closed; no services
- **Tues, Feb. 18**, 11 a.m., Dementia Caregiver Support Group, Cranmer
- **Tues, Feb. 18**, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Hope Haven kickoff, Cranmer (1st Fl)
- **Wed., Feb. 19**, 4:30 p.m. P.A.C.K.
- **Sun., Feb. 23**, 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour, Green-Meldrim House

PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY/ANGLICAN WAY CONFERENCE (Feb. 20-21)

"These Holy Mysteries: What Anglicans Think about the Eucharist". St. John's is hosting this conference with registration open to all. Volunteers are also needed Thursday and Friday. Call the Church office if interested in helping.

The Parish Paper

OF

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH

It would be understandable that many a person drawn to Christ would be of two minds about joining a church and committing himself to fellowship with other believers. Christ's glory is so great, it can only expose the flaws and failures of those who bear his name! Relationships with other Christians can be challenging. Dealing with institutional structures can be frustrating. In the modern culture of individualism and consumerism it may seem that reading your Bible and saying your prayers on your own might be a best path for the Christian disciple.

Yet the New Testament says that Christ came to build himself a church (Matthew 16:18). The epistle to the Ephesians has a lot to say about this. The whole purpose of God is to "gather together in one all things in Christ" (1:11), and this purpose was accomplished in Christ, "when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places ... and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all" (1:20-23).

In Ephesians 2, after noting that "by grace are ye saved through faith" (2:8), the Apostle goes on to speak of the effect of grace, in the reconciliation of all sorts and conditions of men "in one body by his cross" (2:16). So the church is the realization of God's purpose in Christ, and to be united in the fellowship of the church is the effect of the gospel on those who

believe it. That makes sense, because a saving faith is one that is fruitful and active in works of love or charity (Gal. 5:6; cf James 2:26), and love unites us in fellowship with one another; so believers who are active in love will be united in his body, the Church.

**UPCOMING WORSHIP:
WEEK OF EPIPHANY V****Online Morning Prayer:**

8:15 a.m. Monday-Friday

Monday, Feb. 10:5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel**Tuesday, Feb. 11:**

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

Wednesday, Feb. 12:

8:30 a.m. *Morning Prayer*, Chapel
Noon *Holy Communion*, Church
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel
9 p.m. *Sung Compline*, Church

Thursday, Feb. 13:

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

Friday, Feb. 14:

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

Sunday, Feb. 16: Septuagesima

8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church
9 a.m. *Family Morning Prayer*, Church
10 a.m. *All Ages Sunday School*,
Chapel & Cranmer Hall
11 a.m. *Sung Eucharist & Sermon*,
Church/Online
11 a.m. *Youth Confirmation Class*,
Cranmer Hall

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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. R. Scott Howard

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COFFEE HOUR

Mrs. Lee M. Alderman, Jr. (Charlotte)

FLOWERS

The flowers in church this Sunday
are given to the glory of God, and
in memory of Louis Burnsed, Jr.,
brother of Ellen Burnsed Bolch,
who died January 29, 2025,
by Robbie and Eddies Culver.

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

LIVING VINE FUNDRAISER

The rescheduled Sips at the Station
event to benefit The Living Vine is
Feb. 18, from 5:30-7 p.m. at Ardsley
Station (102 E. Victory Dr.). If you
have any questions, please contact
Melanie Helmken.

LIVING VINE VOLUNTEERS

The Outreach Committee is still
looking for 1-2 more volunteers to
help with dinner at The Living Vine
on Sunday evening, **Feb. 16, from
5:30-7:30 p.m.** We'll serve dinner,
eat together, and work on a craft after
the meal. Please contact Holly
McClellan to volunteer: 912-247-2040
or hmccllellan01@gmail.com.

"Now therefore ye are no more
strangers and foreigners, but fellow
citizens with the saints, and of the
household of God; and are built upon
the foundation of the apostles and
prophets, Jesus Christ himself being
the chief corner stone; in whom all the
building fitly framed together groweth
unto an holy temple in the Lord: in
whom ye also are builded together for
an habitation of God through the
Spirit" (2:19-22).

Since this is what God has done for
us in Christ, Paul urges Christians to
make it their duty "to keep the unity of
the Spirit in the bond of peace":

There is one body, and one Spirit,
even as ye are called in one hope of
your calling; one Lord, one faith, one
baptism, one God and Father of all,
who is above all, and through all, and
in you all (4:3-6).

So the church as a united Body is part
of the gospel package; and active
participation in the church is integral
aspect to Christian discipleship.

By God's appointment, "the church
of the living God" is "the pillar and
ground of the truth" taught in the
Scriptures (1 Tim 3:15); and though
from the beginning this unity in the
truth has been a struggle, yet even in
times when the church has fallen into
confusion about the gospel, it has
preserved and transmitted the Scrip-
tures and the Rule of Faith they teach,
and thus preserved in itself the ground
of its own restoration. If we care about
the truth of the gospel, we honor and
support the church's gospel ministry
of word and sacrament.

By "church" we do not mean "self-
selected coterie of people like me".
The church is open to anyone who
professes Christian faith and accepts
baptism. It is in principle a universal
society (which is what the word
"catholic" means). It therefore brings

us into relationship with people "not
like me", and into a unity that harmo-
nizes difference. That can be a chal-
lenge – but it is also a gift; for by the
diverse gifts the Spirit distributes to
every member of the Body, each
contributes his own to the common
good (which is what the term "communion
of saints" means). Because Christians
are sinners, the church is also the place
where repentance and reconciliation are
taught and practiced (which is why we
call the church "holy", not as a museum
of saints but a hospital for sinners). It is
easy to find fault with the church, but
short of heaven, there is no church with
-out fault. And, as they say, if you find
a perfect church, *please don't join it*.

We are not religious consumers,
picking and choosing what suits our
tastes and wants, but members of one
Body in Christ, each confessing the
same faith, each contributing to the
common good, in a unity of truth and
charity. In Christ God has met every
need, and therefore we are set free
from anxious self-preoccupation for
grateful service of his glory and of our
neighbour in love. That unity of truth
and charity is most evident when the
church comes together in public
worship, for then it is fulfilling the end
for which it was made, to give glory to
God, to set forth the wonders of his
love, and in so doing, to enjoy his
infinite goodness for ever.

– GGD

CHURCH TOUR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for more volunteers
to help give tours of our beautiful
and historic church. If you have a
day or two each month, consider
being a docent. Tours are currently
offer Tuesdays or Fridays from 10
a.m. to 1 p.m. If you're interested,
contact Frank Somoskey at 830-608-
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