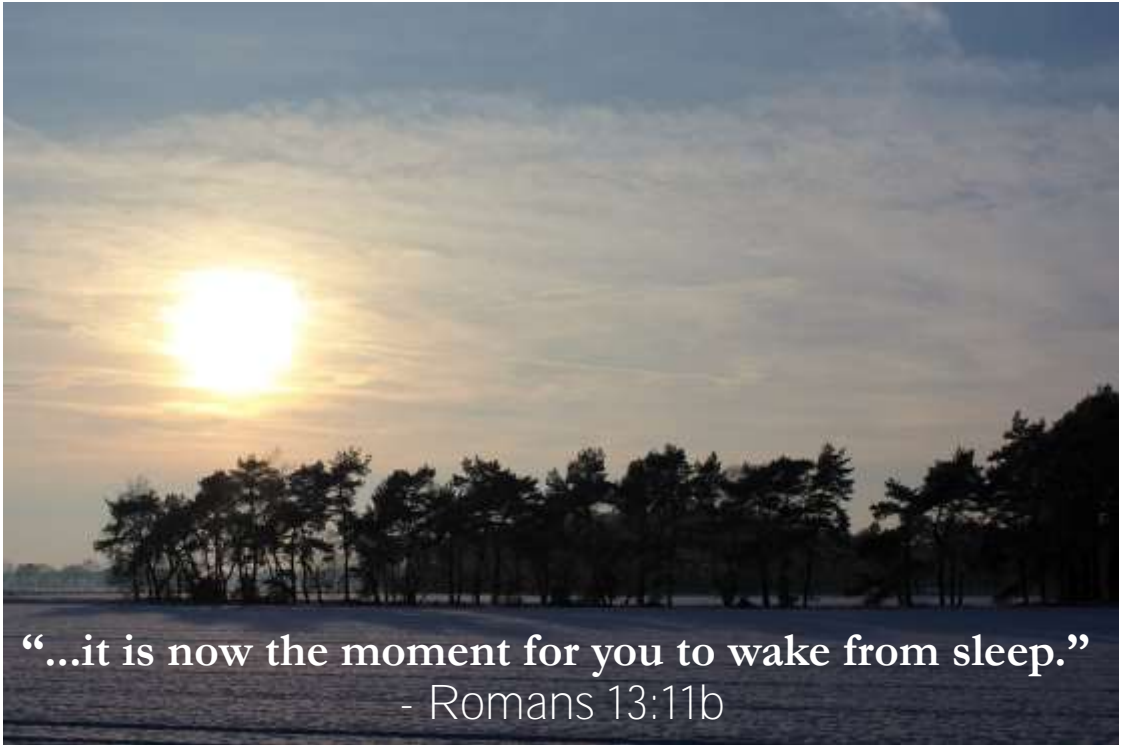


# Welcome to **St. John's Cathedral**



**“...it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.”**  
- Romans 13:11b

November 27, 2016 - 8 a.m.  
The First Sunday of Advent

LOVE *at the* CORE.

**Welcome to St. John's Cathedral! We are so glad that you are here.**

We worship God in the heart of the city. We are surrounded by the poor in an area of town that is often neglected. In his life, Jesus often ministered to the poor and needy, and we believe that by worshipping **God in the urban core, we can catch a glimpse of God's love.**

We welcome all people. Our nursery is open all morning on Sundays. We would love to get to know you better, and you can help us by filling out a visitor card located in your pew and placing it in the offering plate as it comes by, or by handing it to an usher. Please let us know if you need prayers and if you would like us to email you our online newsletter. Listening devices are always available for the hearing impaired and large-print bulletins for those who have trouble with their eyesight. Please ask an usher if you need these items or anything else. We want to help you feel at home here.

We believe that worship should be beautiful and sacred, a moment to hush the hurriedness of our lives and experience the peace of God. I **hope that you feel God's love this morning.**

Faithfully,

The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead,  
Dean

## CELEBRATING ADVENT AT THE CATHEDRAL

The word *Advent* comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning “coming” or “visit.” Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year in the Episcopal Church, and the first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle and continues until the birth of Our Lord is celebrated. Excitement surrounds Advent as we Christians anticipate, wait, prepare and decorate for the celebration of Christ's glorious birth, as well as for the time when Christ will come again and fulfill all that was promised to us from Genesis to Revelation!



Some historians believe that it was actually Saint Peter himself who first celebrated Advent. However, the oldest documented account is from a passage in the second book of the *History of the Franks* by St. Gregory of Tours stating that St. Perpetuus, the Bishop of Tours, had decreed a fast **three times a week, from the feast of St. Martin until Christmas in the year 480.** Today's Christians would barely recognize early Advent, as it had more of the look and feel of Lent with an emphasis placed on fasting and prayer. As the traditions of Advent evolved, the theme of prayerful, spiritual preparations for the second and final coming of the Lord were blended with the joyful preparations for the annual festive celebrations of the birth of Jesus.

Today is the beginning of Advent. Our annual Advent Wreath workshop starts at 10 a.m. in **Burwell Court and this Bishop's Garden.** Come and learn the symbolism behind the Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Christ candles and create your very own Advent wreath to add to your holiday decorations. This evening, you are invited to return to the cathedral for the Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols starting at 5 p.m. A nursery will be provided for this service.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent this year is Sunday, December 18. In our 9 a.m. service that Sunday, **we will present the Children's Christmas Pageant.** You are in for a special treat this year as an adorable assortment of sheep, donkeys, camels, angels, shepherds, wise men, Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus arrive in the cathedral! **All children, grandchildren, and neighbors' children are invited to participate in the pageant.** Costumes will be provided and we will rehearse on Saturday, December 17 at 10 a.m. Please contact Cheryl Bowen at [cherydi33@icloud.com](mailto:cherydi33@icloud.com) if you have any questions.

On the Eve of the Nativity, Saturday, December 24, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. A nursery will be provided for both the 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. services.

This year the birth of our Savior arrives on a Sunday! Please make certain to note that Holy Eucharist will be at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Day this year.

May you and your family be truly blessed this Advent season by all the Advent festivities we have planned for you at St. John's Cathedral.

*Terry Hunt, Director of Children's Ministries*

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*On each of the four Sundays of Advent, a candle is lit on the Advent wreath as the light of Christ comes into the world.*

In Procession, Hymn 56    “O come, o come Emmanuel” (St. 1 - 4)    *Veni, veni Emmanuel*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Celebrant*        Blessed be our God.  
*People*            For ever and ever. Amen.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant and the People say together*

### The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

*The Celebrant continues*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The People are seated.*

### The Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

*Lector*            A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Lector*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

*A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.*

*The Psalm is read in unison.*

## Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, \*  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

*A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.*

*The People stand.*

## The Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

*Gospeler*           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is**

coming at an unexpected hour.”

*Gospeler*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*The People are seated.*

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead

*A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The People stand.*

The Nicene Creed

*The Celebrant and People say*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *All remain standing as able.*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Hear us, good Lord, as we pray to you with the words, Lord, come among us.

Almighty God, we ask you to guide us as we seek to bring about your peace in this broken world. Help us to find a way to heal the division that threatens to divide this nation. Guide us to seek and serve justice. Keep our loved ones safe. Help us to show both mercy and compassion. You alone can guide us. Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

Be present with those who are sick or suffering in any way. Bless those who mourn. Comfort the lonely in this holiday season and come to the aid of those who are poor and in need. I invite you to speak aloud the names of those in need....Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

Embrace the souls of those who have died. May they see you face to face. I invite you to speak aloud the names of those who have died....Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

Bless this community, Lord, as we seek to worship and serve you without fear. Help us to make space for you in our busy lives so that we may be ready for the coming of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

We give you thanks for the many gifts that you have given us: for the love of family and friends, for our children, for the gifts of music, art and literature, for the freedom to worship you, and for this beautiful cathedral. Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

*The Celebrant concludes the prayers.*

## The Confession of Sin

*The People kneel.*

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*Celebrant and People*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*Amen.*

## The Peace

*The People stand.*

*Celebrant*      The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*        And also with you.

*The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Representatives of the congregation bring forward the People's offerings of money, and other gifts. The People stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.*

Hymn 380, stanza 3      **“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”**

*Old 100th*

# The Great Thanksgiving, from the Prayer Book of the Church of England

*The People stand.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever!

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

*The Celebrant and People say*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord! As a mother tenderly gathers her children you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it: and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends, and taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take eat: this is my body which is given for you

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*The Celebrant and People say*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



*The Celebrant continues*

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us into the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember Lord your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Bring us at the last with John and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendor for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by him, with him, and in him, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

*The Celebrant and People say*

*Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.*

*The Celebrant continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*The Celebrant continues*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. (Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.)

### ***Please join us at God's table.***

*All baptized people are welcome to receive communion. Everyone is welcome to come to the altar for a blessing. If you would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.*

### The Postcommunion Prayer

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant and People say together*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Blessing

May Almighty God watch over you who wait for Christ to come again, you who long to see His face. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

In Procession, Hymn 56 “O come, o come Emmanuel” (St. 5 - 8)

*Veni, veni Emmanuel*

The Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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*The flowers in Cummings Chapel and at the High Altar are given to the glory of God.*

## SERMON NOTES

# THIS SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, NOV. 27

► **Holy Eucharist**

8 a.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Holy Eucharist**

9 a.m. Cathedral

► **There are no Christian Formation classes**

this Sunday. Instead, all are invited to join us for Advent Wreath making and fellowship **in Burwell Court and the Bishop's Garden** at 10 a.m. Bring \$5 for all the supplies to make a beautiful, fresh evergreen wreath.

► **Please note: the last Sunday of Christian**

Formation classes for all ages before the holidays is December 11. Sunday classes will resume on January 8.

► **Holy Eucharist**

11 a.m. Cathedral

► **Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols**

5 p.m. Cathedral

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of Advent with a candlelit dramatic liturgy in movement around the inside of the cathedral. Carols from many lands and many ages are sung by the cathedral choir. A wine and cheese reception follows the service in Taliaferro Hall. The Cathedral Bookstore will also be open so you can get started on your Christmas shopping!

► **Birthday Blessings**

Sunday, November 27

Carol Abdelnour, Aaryn Cook, Kyle Horne

Monday, November 28

Barbara Perry, Rick Baker, Quinn Parman, Taylor Johnson

Tuesday, November 29

Christine Walsh-Marku, Bruce Chappell, Renee Klein, Susan Towson, Deborah Baker, Carrie Bachara, Molly Vines, Elaina Stewart

Wednesday, November 30

Nancy Wright, Sabrina Smid

Thursday, December 1

Billie Dodson, Dorcas Tanner, Douglas Walker, Sally Frisbie, Darrell Ramsey, Tyler Winkler, Drew Miller, Oliver Barakat

Friday, December 2

Margaret Maida, Thomas Madrigal-Hamilton, Alison Gallup

Saturday, December 3

Stacey Lowery

## ANNOUNCEMENT

► **Growing into the Fullness of God:**

Stewardship 2017

God is doing amazing things in and through St. John's Cathedral, and we are all invited to grow into God's fullness through a financial pledge to the life and ministry of the cathedral. Pledge cards are available in the church office and the back of the church. You may also pledge online at [www.jaxcathedral.org/pledge-2017/](http://www.jaxcathedral.org/pledge-2017/).

## THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, NOV. 28

▶ **Friends of Bill W.**  
5:30 p.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Boy Scouts**  
6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

TUESDAY, NOV. 29

▶ **Holy Eucharist**  
12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Yoga**  
5:45 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **EFM (Education for Ministry)**  
7 p.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Girl Scouts**  
7 p.m. Basement “Coffee House”

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

▶ **Holy Eucharist**  
7 a.m. Holy Communion Chapel  
12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **ESJ Upper School Eucharist**  
8:30 a.m. Cathedral

▶ **Wonderful Wednesday Dinner**  
5 – 5:30 p.m. Taliaferro Hall  
Dinner cost: \$5 per adult, \$3 per child under 12

▶ **Chorister Rehearsal**  
5:30 p.m. Choir Room

▶ **Discovery**  
5:45 p.m. Taliaferro Hall, with dinner at 6 p.m.

▶ **Art Class**  
6 p.m. Painting Place, Basement  
Fr. Lou Towson and the Rev. Jean Dodd lead this fun class. No experience necessary. Basic materials are provided, though participants are encouraged to bring their own materials.

▶ **Youth Group**  
6:30 p.m. Undercroft

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30 CONTINUED

▶ **Choir Rehearsal**  
7:30 p.m. Choir Room

THURSDAY, DEC. 1

▶ **Shakespeare Reading Group**  
9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge  
The group is currently reading *Much Ado About Nothing*. For more information about the Shakespeare Reading Group, contact Peter McCranie at [petermccranie1@gmail.com](mailto:petermccranie1@gmail.com).

▶ **Lectionary Bible Study**  
12 p.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Holy Eucharist**  
12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Celebration Singers Rehearsal**  
5:30 p.m. Ascension Chapel

FRIDAY, DEC. 2

▶ **The Cathedral Bards**  
9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge  
This group meets to have fun, in-depth discussions on poetry, examining poetic devices from the works of Mary Oliver, selected poems from master poets, and poems from members of the group. The group plans to publish an anthology of original poems in 2017. Contact Jerry Fluellen at [jerryfluellen@aol.com](mailto:jerryfluellen@aol.com) if you are interested in participating in this group.

▶ **Clara’s at the Cathedral**  
11 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

▶ **Contemplative Holy Eucharist**  
12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **ESJ Christmas Concert**  
7 p.m. Cathedral

## NEXT SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

► **See Sunday service times on page 11 of the bulletin.**

► **Christian Formation for all ages**

All Christian Formation classes meet at 10 a.m.

**Children's Formation**

Pre-K to Kindergarten - Room 5, Basement

1st - 3rd grades - Room 202, 2nd floor

Tweens Formation

4th - 5th grades - Room 302, 3rd floor

Youth Formation

6th - 8th grades - Undercroft

9th - 12th grades - Room 304, 3rd floor

Adult Formation

Centering Prayer - Room 306, 3rd floor

This is a time in community to experience centering prayer as well as explore appropriate readings and reflections. All are invited.

How to Celebrate Advent Alone or with Family  
- Taliaferro Hall

Join Dean Kate, Director of Parish Life Kym

**Johnson, and Director of Children's Ministries**

Terry Hunt for this presentation on special ways you can celebrate this holy season.

► **Verger Meeting**

12 p.m. Ingram Lounge

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

► **Send us your photos!**

If you have taken any photos from any cathedral events within the past year, we would love to include them in a year-in-review slideshow! This slideshow will be shown at our Annual Parish Meeting in early 2017. Please email all photos to Helen Likins, Communications Coordinator, at [hlikins@jaxcathedral.org](mailto:hlikins@jaxcathedral.org). You can also call Helen at the office (ext. 117) if you have any questions about sending your photos.

► **New Art Exhibit in Taliaferro Hall:  
"Imagination Cannot be Caged"**

A new exhibition by Nadine Terk, entitled "Imagination Cannot Be Caged," is in Taliaferro Hall until Sunday, January 15. Terk is the president of and a performer in the Civic Orchestra of Jacksonville, and is a marvelous visual artist as well as a gifted musician. The works in this exhibition are the result of her internship at the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival where she was the first Visual Artist in Residence.

The paintings in the exhibition are an exploration of movement and sound. Working in abstraction and thinking about mood and tempo, the paintings represent a bow moving through space as music is created. Terk, as you might suspect, plays the violin. The abstract images move in and out of space in patterns that suggest the musical compositions that are their inspiration. In one painting, Terk turns to nature, and the rays of the sun which appear from the clouds suggest images not unlike those in her other paintings. This magnificent world of nature and imagination that Terk evokes bursts forth and cannot be caged. A reception and gallery talk by the artist is being planned and will be announced at a later date.

# *Season's Blessings*

## *Advent and Christmas at St. John's Cathedral*

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

Senior Chorister Christmas Concert,  
10:30 a.m.

Our senior choristers will perform special songs for the season before the 11 a.m. service this Sunday.

Advent Healing Service, 5 p.m.

This service in Cummings Chapel is a time for anyone experiencing feelings or situations that make this holy season difficult.

Wednesday, December 14

Ye Olde English Christmas Dinner,  
6 p.m.

Save the date! Join us for this parish-wide holiday celebration of good food and good cheer!

Friday, December 16

Holly Jolly Christmas Sing-a-long  
Concert with Karim Zabaneh,  
7:30 p.m.

Join us for this Christmas spectacular featuring beloved songs of the season in Taliaferro Hall! Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from the church office. Proceeds will go towards the cathedral and Karim Zabaneh's education.

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Pageant, 9 a.m.

Celebrate the coming of Christ through story and art from our talented cathedral children.

*Messiah* Sing-a-long, 11 a.m.

Join us in the cathedral as Canon for Music Tim Tuller leads us in singing selections from

*Handel's Messiah*.

Saturday, December 24 -

Christmas Eve

4 p.m., Family Service with Holy Eucharist\*

6 p.m., Holy Eucharist with Bishop Howard and brass and tympani\*

11 p.m., Holy Eucharist with brass and tympani - incense will be used at this service.

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist in celebration of the birth of Christ.

Saturday, December 31 -

**New Year's Eve**

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, 5 p.m.\*

A candlelight service of Christmas scripture and traditional carols sung by the Cathedral Choir.

*\*Nursery available*

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

### ► Feed the Homeless

Monday, Dec. 5, Sulzbacher Center

Dinner preparation begins at 2 p.m. and is served at 6 p.m. Please call Don Wucker at 398-4776 for more information.

### ► Men's Grill 'n Chill

Monday, Dec. 5, 6 p.m. in Taliaferro Hall

All men of the cathedral are cordially invited to this fellowship dinner on the first Monday of each month in Taliaferro Hall. Bring your own steak (or chicken, or fish or veggie burger) to cook and a drink. The Brotherhood will provide a starch, vegetable, salad and bread. We suggest a donation of \$3. Men, please consider bringing your sons with you, regardless of age. This is a monthly opportunity for all the men of the cathedral to gather, so please join us!

## CALL FOR VESTRY NOMINATIONS AND CONVENTION DELEGATES

The Vestry bylaws provide for a nominating committee to nominate candidates for vacancies on the vestry as well as candidates for the offices of Delegate to the Diocesan Convention.

Qualifications for Vestry members (4 to be elected): A Vestry nominee must be a **communicant of St. John's Cathedral in good standing for a period of at least 12 months prior to election**; if a nominee has served two full terms (for a total of six years), there must be a two-year break before he or she may be nominated again; must be actively involved in the ministry of the Parish; must be willing to accept active leadership, including responsibility for decision making that represents the entire Parish; must, if called upon, serve on the boards of affiliated corporations of the Cathedral; must be willing to invest the time necessary in the ministry of leadership, including attendance at worship, Vestry meetings and other scheduled Vestry activities, special events, and satellite activities; and must be otherwise eligible. In addition to the above qualifications contained in the bylaws, the Vestry believes that nominees for service for the next three-year term should possess special skills, gifts and talents in visionary and strategic thinking, be courageous, and have skills in fiscal planning and policy.

Diocesan Convention Delegates (2 to be elected): **Per the St. John's Parish by-laws**, the Sr. Warden fills one of the 5 delegate positions. The remaining four convention delegates serve a two year term, with one or two rotating off each year. At the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting, we will elect two delegates and two alternates for the 2018 diocesan convention. It is critically important that you obtain the permission of your nominee before submitting his or her name to a Nominating Committee member. (Please note: the By-Laws have been amended so that parishioners choose Vestry members by election at the annual meeting rather than through a selection (lottery) process.) Send nominations to Helen Likins, Communications Coordinator at [hlikins@jaxcathedral.org](mailto:hlikins@jaxcathedral.org). Nominations will be forwarded to and reviewed by the nominating committee members: Bill Erwin, Don Lester, Ginny Myrick, John Adams, Deborah Baker, Tommy Donahoo and Faye Wisner.

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