

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



“The voice of the Lord is upon the waters...”
- Psalm 29:3a

January 8, 2017 - 8 a.m.
The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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

REMEMBERING THE WISE MEN

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him.” - Matthew 2:10-11

Dear Friends,

As the Christmas season draws to a close, we remember the Wise Men who arrived at the manger. January 6 marks The Epiphany, or the twelfth day of Christmas, on which the Wise Men arrived. Scholars believe that the Wise Men actually arrived much later, when Jesus was a toddler, about two years after his birth. The Gospel of Matthew does state that the Wise Men entered a house, so at least the Holy Family had a place to live.



What does it mean to be wise? Most of us still think of intelligence and wisdom as synonymous, but they are not necessarily the same thing. The storing of knowledge in the human mind does not make someone wise. Education can expand our knowledge and expose us to wise people, but it **doesn't make us wise**. **The internet contains more information that any human could ever retain**, but the internet is not wise. No, wisdom involves something much deeper, something much more profound.

The men who travelled to see the Christ child are described as wise, so let us look closely at their behavior. Perhaps they can give us a glimpse of what wisdom really is.

The wise men were listening. They were watching the stars. They were meditating on God. They were awake. And they were willing to admit that the answer to their lives was to be found by taking a journey of discovery, a journey in which they were willing to ask for directions.

The wise men knew how to stand in awe of God. They knew how to give gifts to God and finally, they knew how to change. When one path was no longer viable, they took another road.

I think that wisdom has everything to do with an awareness of God's presence and with the intense process of listening for God. The wise men were willing to empty their minds and listen.

Thank God for them.

In Christ's love,
Kate+

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

A joyous and warm welcome to our visitors and guests. Please know how happy our Cathedral community is to have you worship with us. We'd love to know our guests, so please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the offering plate as it comes by.

In Procession, Hymn 121 “**Christ, when for us you were baptized**”

Caithness

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 Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant continues

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

The Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The People stand.

The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon David Erickson

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.*

Lector Almighty God, we gather in this house of prayer to give you thanks, to pray for the sick and suffering, and to ask for your light to enter the world. Let us pray together will all our hearts saying, Christ, be our light.

Lector For the world, that all the nations of the earth may come to honor and respect one another. We pray especially for the people of the Middle East and Europe. May we all come to know the peace of God.

Let us pray together saying:

People *Christ, be our light.*

Lector For the suffering: the hungry and the sick, the refugee and the prisoner, those who grieve **and those who are alone. I invite you to speak the names of those in need....**

Let us pray together saying:

People *Christ, be our light.*

Lector For our families, friends, and all those we love, for all those we encounter in our daily life and work, for those estranged from us, for those who hate us, and for those who feel unloved.

Let us pray together saying:

People *Christ, be our light.*

Lector For the earth, that we may use its resources wisely, and be thankful for the gift of all creation.

Let us pray together saying:

People *Christ, be our light.*

Lector For those who have died, both known and unknown to us. May they receive the joys of **heaven. I invite you to speak the names of those who have died...**

Let us pray together saying:

People *Christ, be our light.*

Silence

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.

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 continues

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

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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 for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

The Celebrant and People say

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

The Celebrant blesses the people.

In Procession, Hymn 135 “Songs of thankfulness and praise”

Salzburg

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,
in thanksgiving for the 70th wedding anniversary of Oliver and Evelyn Oswalt, by Anthony Oswalt,
and in thanksgiving for all those being baptized today.*

THIS SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, JAN. 8 -
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

► **Holy Eucharist**

8 a.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Holy Eucharist w/Baptisms**

9 a.m. Cathedral

► **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.

God and Human Conflict: Living Faithfully in a Violent World - Taliaferro Hall

Dean Kate and various speakers will discuss topics concerning the relationship between faith and past and present conflicts. Today's guest speaker is John Delaney, President of UNF.

► **Holy Eucharist w/Baptisms**

11 a.m. Cathedral

► **Verger Meeting**

12 p.m. Ingram Lounge

► **Birthday Blessings**

Sunday, January 8

Jennifer Altman, Anthony Edwards

Monday, January 9

Elizabeth Abdelnour, Lori Toro,

Judi Rosenvold, Olivia Drury

Tuesday, January 10

Carole Clifford, Ida Rivera, Amelia Erwin,

Grayson Eng

Wednesday, January 11

Mary Jean Hirsig, Gail Weltsek, Martha Cox

Thursday, January 12

Margaret Faulkner, Carl Worrell, Diane Parker,

Anthony Oswalt, Catherine Towers, Will Riggs

Friday, January 13

Jerry Chappell, Bob Skeels, Lauren McDaniel,

John Haley

Saturday, January 14

Donna Meyers-Perry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

► **St. Mary's Bag-a-month Club** - January Items

Donate to those in need at St. Mary's! The theme for January is pasta, rice and grains. Pick up a marked brown bag this Sunday and fill it with dried or canned pasta and rice, pasta sauce, etc. Bring your bag back before the last Sunday of the month.

► **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. You can also call Helen at the office (ext. 117) if you have any questions about sending your photos.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, JAN. 9

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

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

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

► **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, JAN. 11

► **Holy Eucharist**
7 a.m. Holy Communion Chapel

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Wonderful Wednesday Dinner**
5 – 6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall
Dinner cost: \$5 per adult, \$3 per child under 12

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

► **Alpha Preview**
6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall
Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.

► **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.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11 CONTINUED

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

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

THURSDAY, JAN. 12

► **Shakespeare Reading Group**
9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge
The group is currently reading *As You Like It*. For more information about the Shakespeare Reading Group, contact Peter McCranie at petermccranie1@gmail.com.

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

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

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

► **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. For more information about the group, contact Dick Cardell at gen32207@yahoo.com.

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

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

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

► **Quiet Garden Morning**
9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge
Annette Talbert, published poet and Parish Administrator of Church of Our Saviour, will offer reflections on how poetry is food for the soul. See next page for additional information.

NEXT SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, JAN. 15

► **See Sunday service times and Christian Formation offerings on page 11 of the bulletin.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, JAN. 12

► **LGBTQ and Friends Fellowship Group Meeting**

6 p.m. Ingram Lounge

The LGBTQ and Friends Fellowship Group will be holding a wine and hors d'oeuvre get-together on the above date. Everyone is welcome to join us for conversation and fellowship. If you are coming alone, please bring either a bottle of wine or an hors d'oeuvre; if there are two of you, please bring both a bottle of wine and an hors d'oeuvre.

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

► **Quiet Garden Morning**

9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge

The human soul deeply desires expression. From the Psalmists to the Celts, poetry brings our invisible thoughts and feelings into words. At our next Quiet Garden Morning, we will explore **poetry's gifts: through nature and the senses, and through faith, acceptance, and growth**, as we unlock the words on our hearts and express ourselves in poetry. Annette Talbert has been writing poetry since the age of twelve. Her poems have been published in *Misty Mountain Review*, and *Small Stones: Mindful Writing Challenge*. You can check out her blog *In Transition* at www.annettealaine.com

Please join us. All are welcome! This is a great New Year's gift for yourself that's free!

Refreshments will be served. You might like to bring paper (notebook, tablet or journal) and a writing instrument.

SUNDAY, JAN. 29 - SUNDAY, FEB. 5: FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

This is a great opportunity to start your new year by making a hands-on difference for families experiencing temporary homelessness. Please consider volunteering for the following opportunities: preparing a meal, serving as an overnight host, shopping for groceries or being an Saturday or Sunday afternoon host. For more details on these opportunities, check the Outreach bulletin board (in the hall near Ingram Lounge) or contact Brooks Moore at 382-8981 or Gloria Miller at 654-9426. Help share God's love with our three families during their stay with us.

FROM THE BISHOP'S INSTITUTE:
LAY LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP THIS SATURDAY

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

► **Lay Leadership Workshop**

10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Camp Weed

The Bishop's Institute for Ministry and Leadership invites you to join your Bishop and fellow parishioners at Camp Weed on Saturday, January 14 for a workshop about lay leadership in worship and public speaking. The workshop will be led by Deacon David Crabtree, a renowned broadcaster from North Carolina, who will offer practical guidance on leading worship and reading in our churches.

Deacon Crabtree will be assisted by Bishop Howard who will help us consider more deeply the structure and meaning of our worship in the Eucharist. The Bishop has imaginatively planned the day so that our learning will take place enfolded in an 'Instructed Eucharist,' i.e. the whole workshop will take place within the context of the Instructed Eucharist.

Because this is our Bishop teaching about the significance of Holy Communion, this will be a relevant opportunity for all those who have a leadership role with our Sunday worship.

The seminar will run from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. (with lunch), and the cost is \$35. If you are interested in attending, you can register at Camp Weed by following the following link:

<http://campweed.org/calendar/calendar-of-events/lay-leadership-2.aspx>

Join us in attendance at what promises to be a very valuable workshop.

SERMON NOTES



Pledge envelopes for 2017 are now available,
so please remember to pick yours up in the cloister!

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