

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



September 17, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

LOVE *at the* CORE.

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

St. John's Cathedral has always stood on this very spot, Billy Goat Hill, the highest geographical point in Jacksonville. When the population began moving out of the downtown area in the 1960's, this congregation felt strongly that God was calling us to stay here in the heart of the city. Since that time, the Cathedral has birthed all kinds of ministries, caring for the homeless, for children and the elderly, and working to promote the arts, education and healthcare. We are now striving to create a vibrant neighborhood around Billy Goat Hill, a place where diverse peoples of many income levels can live and grow together. We believe that by **worshipping and serving 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

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me, the promise of his word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.*

Hymn 437, The Hymnal 1982



A struggle for me often is precisely how and when to tell my unique story, and to whom. What does it cost me to open myself to scrutiny? Frankly, who cares, and why? A story from my life reflects these questions.

Once as a young child at church while kneeling at the Communion rail, I heard the voice of Christ say personally to me: *you are forgiven*.

Bursting with joy, I walked out after church to find people in small groups engaging in the usual after-worship banter. No one was remotely talking about the kind of experience I had. For good or ill, I chose to keep it all to myself.

Why did I hold inside the merciful greatness of the Lord I had so deeply experienced? Did I doubt what happened, or was I afraid others would not take me seriously and think me a kooky kid? I still think about that

moment when God drew so near the breath of the Spirit was upon me, and I wonder about my reticence to share it.

It seems *trust* is at the heart of the matter. In the tradition of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), each person who “works the program” is afforded well-guarded anonymity in order to speak the truth about their lives in recovery. The collective assurance of anonymity at AA meetings is what lends the program its sacrosanct integrity. People come to trust the Higher Power of AA with their very lives. **It’s clearly different in church. We do not afford people anonymity except in private Confession** where what one shares with a cleric is not for public consumption *ever*. Thus, we open ourselves, I believe, according to the perceived nature of our various audiences and the extent to which we trust God with our lives. The more we trust God and one another, the more we become vulnerable in community and share the stories of our redemption.

My story simply is of grace personified. There just is no Allen without God’s grace. I don’t blow my own horn. Rather, I am a forgiven sinner mercifully blessed to find myself in a process of miraculous recovery. Daily I work the program of faith and strive to share God as my story continues to unfold. Together, let us take courage, and tell out, our souls, the greatness of the Lord!

Fr. Allen LaMontagne

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.

Voluntary

Solemn Melody

H. Walford Davies

Introit

A Prayer of King Henry VI

Henry G. Ley

Lord Jesus Christ, who created, redeemed, and preordained me to be this that I am, you know what you wish to do with me; do with me in accordance with your will, in mercy.
Amen.

In Procession, Hymn 475

“God himself is with us”

Tysk

Children age four through fifth grade follow the Cross in procession to Children's Chapel in Cummings Chapel. The children rejoin their families at the Peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant

Blessed be our God.

People

Forever 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.

Hymn 9

“Not here for high and holy things” (Stanzas 4-6)

Morning Song

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

The Lesson

Exodus 14:19–31

Lector

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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 103:8–13

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

A period of silence for reflection follows.

The People stand.

Hymn 648

“When Israel was in Egypt’s land”

Go Down Moses

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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.

Almighty God, we bring before you this troubled world. Heal us of the hatred that infects our hearts. Help us to listen to one another. Bring peace to all races and peoples.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We are St John's Cathedral and the love of Jesus has changed our lives. Help us learn to tell our stories so that we may invite others to know you and to love you.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Help us to preserve and protect this beautiful earth that you have created, that we may use its resources wisely and with grateful hearts give you thanks.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Be present with all who are lonely, sick or suffering in any way. Show them the light of your presence and give them hope to meet the days ahead.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Embrace the souls of those who have died, that they may find peace in the true story that never ends.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

We ask you to bless the city of Jacksonville. Bring peace to our streets and understanding to our people.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

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 the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Clergy and People greet each other in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Though I speak with the tongues of men Edward C. Bairstow

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophesy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge: and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind: charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail: whether there be tongues, they shall cease: or whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For now we see **through a glass darkly; but then face to face: Now I know in part, but then I shall know, ev'n as I also am known.** And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, but the greatest of these is charity.

As the Altar is prepared for Communion, representatives of the congregation collect the offerings of the People. The people stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.

Hymn 487

“Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life”

The Call

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer A, BCP Page 361

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.

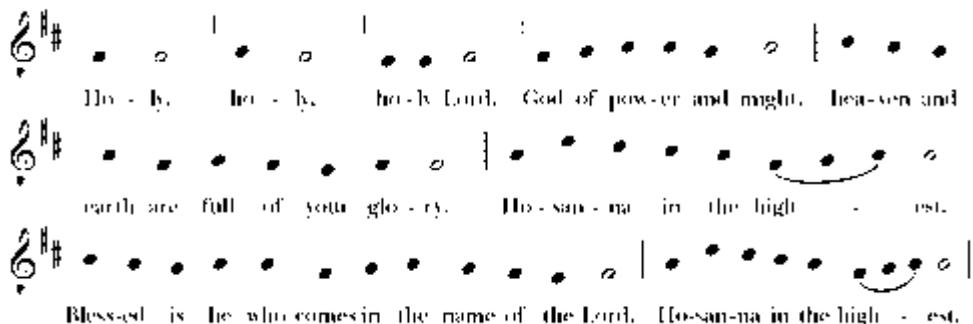
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

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

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, Hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Celebrant and People sing



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully

receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,

The Celebrant and People say together

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

Hymnal S-169

Ray W. Urwin

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. These who eat my
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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. You are also invited to receive prayers and anointing with holy oil in one of our transept chapels (Ascension to the south, and Holy Communion to the north) where anointers wait to pray with you.

Music at Communion

Organ

Sonata No. 5 in C
II. Lento

J. S. Bach

Hymn 336

“Come with us, O blessed Jesus”

Werde munter

Psalms 149

Chant: Thomas Hanforth

O sing unto the Lord a new song *
let the congregation of saints praise him.

Let Israel rejoice in him that made him *
and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.
Let them praise his Name in the dance *
let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.
For the Lord hath pleasure in his people *
and helpeth the meek-hearted.
Let the saints be joyful with glory *
let them rejoice in their beds.
Let the praises of God be in their mouth *
and a two-edged sword in their hands;
To be avenged of the heathen *
and to rebuke the people;
To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron.
That they may be avenged of them, as it is written *
Such honour have all his saints.

The Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

In Procession, Hymn 569

“God the Omnipotent!”

Russia

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary

Fanfare

John Cook

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

THIS SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

► **Holy Eucharist**

8 a.m. Cummings Chapel

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9 a.m. Cathedral

► **Church on the Mat**

10 a.m. Cummings Chapel

Using the principles of yoga, professional teachers will lead a gentle class integrating body, mind and spirit with the reading of Scripture. Bring your yoga mat!

► **Christian Formation for all ages**

All Christian Formation classes meet at 10 a.m.

Adult Formation

Cathedral 101 - Ingram Lounge

Are you new to the Cathedral or just want to learn more about our faith and our community? Come join us for informal discussion with clergy and lay leaders.

Dean's Forum - Taliaferro Hall

MY STORY/GOD'S STORY – Hear the stories of some of our leaders. How did they come to know God? What brought them to church? And how can we learn more about our own stories by listening to theirs?

Parents' Group - Dean's Office

Have you been called to be a parent? It is one of the hardest and most rewarding jobs that God can give us. Join parents for confidential discussion, prayer and support.

Centering Prayer - Room 301, Third Floor

Pray in silence with a small group and experience peace of mind.

Care for Creation - Room 305, Third Floor

Youth Formation

6th - 8th grades - Undercroft

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

Children's Formation

Godly Play - Cathedral House

Children ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to learn about Jesus in an interactive Montessori-based curriculum.

3 and 4 year olds - Room 103

Kindergarten and 1st Grade - Room 104

Second and Third Grade - Room 202

Tweens (Grades 4 and 5) - Room 302

Grades 4-5 meet weekly to explore the scripture through the program The Gospel According to Harry Potter Year 1.

► **Holy Eucharist**

11 a.m. Cathedral

NEXT SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

► **Sunday Service times and Christian**

Formation offerings remain the same

► **Sister Cities Peace Concert and Reception**

5 p.m. Cathedral

► **Birthday Blessings**

Sunday, September 17

Susan Bowes, Betty Jean Randall, Nancy Pomar, Lois Lawrence, David Lofton

Monday, September 18

Carol Sims. Walker Hill,

Nathan Bissette

Tuesday, September 19

Herbert Fouraker, Jr., Roger Caceres, Mark Sullivan,

Wednesday, September 20

William Fouraker, III

Thursday, September 21

Dorothy Korey, Kim Patrick

Saturday, September 23

Kimberly Mayfield, Matthew Posgay

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, SEPT. 18

▶ **Friends of Bill W.**

5:30 p.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Adult Children of Alcoholics**

6 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Boy Scouts**

6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Yoga**

5:45 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Girl Scouts**

7 p.m. Basement “Coffee House”

▶ **Education for Ministry (EFM)**

7 p.m. Ingram Lounge

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

7 a.m. Holy Communion, Cummings Chapel

12:10 p.m. Healing Service, Cummings Chapel

▶ **Wonderful Wednesday Dinner**

5 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

Suggested donation for dinner: \$5 per adult, \$3 per child under 12

▶ **ASD Music Clinic (Grades 3-7)**

5:30 p.m. Choir Room

▶ **Musical Workshop (Third Grade and up)**

5:30 p.m. Room 202

▶ **Junior Chorister Rehearsal (Pre-K and Elementary School Ages)**

5:30 p.m. Room 201

▶ **Alpha**

6 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **The Restoration Project**

6 p.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Art Class**

6 p.m. Painting Place, Basement

▶ **Youth Group**

6:30 p.m. Undercroft

▶ **Choir Rehearsal**

7:30 p.m. Choir Room

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

▶ **Shakespeare Reading Group**

9:30 a.m., Room 304

The group is currently reading *Henry IV, Part 2*. For more information about the Shakespeare Reading Group, contact Peter McCranie at petermccranie1@gmail.com.

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Celebration Singers Rehearsal**

5:30 p.m. Choir Room

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

▶ **Lectionary Bible Study**

10 a.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Clara’s at the Cathedral**

11 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

▶ **Contemplative Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

► **Area Ultreya**

4 p.m. St. Francis In-the-Field Church, 895 Palm Valley Rd, Ponte Vedra Beach

Please bring a covered dish to share.

SUNDAY, OCT. 1

► **Blessing of the Animals** - St. Francis of Assisi Day

9 a.m. Cathedral Park

► **Civic Orchestra Concert and Reception**

5 p.m. Cathedral

MONDAY, OCT. 2

► **Cathedral Arts Project Inaugural Golf Tournament**

12:30 p.m. shotgun start at Deerwood Country Club. Contact Jennifer Clements at jennifer@capkids.org to learn more.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

► **Dr. Philip Jenkins: The Future of Religion**

5 p.m. Cathedral

Come hear Dr. Philip Jenkins speak about the future of religion. How should we interpret the enormous success of prosperity churches across the Global South? Politically, what will be the impact of new Christian movements? Jenkins is the Distinguished Professor of History at Baylor University and Co-Director of Baylor's program on Historical Studies of Religion in the Institute for Studies of Religion. His most recent book, *The Next Christendom*, is available in the bookstore.

TUESDAY, OCT. 10

► **Walking the Mourner's Path**

1:30 p.m. Bernie Dooley Library in the Center for Prayer and Spirituality.

This Christ-centered, bereavement and grief support program is a non-denominational, non-profit ministry. We meet for 90 minutes once a week for eight weeks. A workbook offers questions for reflection, and exercises help you define a new relationship with your loved one and find God's direction for your life. As a participant, you are not required to share, however you are provided a safe environment in which to express as little or as much as you need. To learn more, contact Owene Courtney at Owene_courtney@yahoo.com or 904.553.7338. More information can also be found at www.mournerspath.com.

SUNDAY, OCT. 15

► **Book Signing**, *The Reformation Project*, by Christopher Martin

Coffee hour reception after 11 a.m. service in Talaferro Hall

Exploring Saint Benedict's twelve steps of humility, Christopher H. Martin reveals how this ancient guide leads to wisdom, strength, and love. Martin, an Episcopal priest, invites us to imagine how we are like Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting, The Last Supper, which through years of restoration has had its beauty and clarity revealed as a masterpiece. The book is available in the Cathedral Bookstore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

► **Online Member Portal and Church Life app**

Currently, our Bursar, Meredith Cataland, is actively enrolling each of you who are pledging our online membership portal called Access ACS. We encourage you to complete the steps in your welcome email that instruct you how to create your password for the portal. There are several benefits to using this service:

- It makes it easier for you to contact each other, and your small group members using the associated Church Life app.
- It enables you to give online.
- It allows you to access our calendar of events online and through the Church Life app.
- It enables you to view your giving and pledge history.
- It gives you control to edit you membership information.
- **It's safe and secure. Only you can see your membership information. None of your information is accessible by other Cathedral members, and especially not to the public.**

► **Bookstore News**

Dean Kate's new Advent book, *I Witness—Living Inside the Stories of Advent & Christmas*, is available in the bookstore. Many of us have heard the story of Jesus' birth, but have we lived inside it? Dean Kate invites us to enter the story of salvation with our hearts and minds wide open, experiencing the miracle of Jesus through the eyes of witnesses: Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the wise men, and others. This book of daily devotionals for Advent and Christmas is attractively priced for gift giving at only \$7. Dean Kate will sign copies in the bookstore for fifteen minutes after the 11 a.m. service. All proceeds will support St. John's Community Outreach projects.

► **St. Mary's Bag-a-Month Club**

Donate to those in need at St. Mary's! The theme for September is Soups and Cereals. Pick up a marked brown bag this Sunday, fill it and bring it back before the last Sunday of the month.

► **Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD)**

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