

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



November 12, 2017 - 8 a.m.  
The Twenty-Third 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 1960s, 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

## WHO ARE THE YOUTH OF ST. JOHN'S?

They are the kids who park cars for the Florida/Georgia game. They play Four Square in the courtyard and Minorcan football in the nave. They are acolytes on Sunday morning. They are your Youth Ministry; the present and future of the congregation. In the past two and a half years I have had the privilege to be their Youth Leader alongside some excellent clergy – Father Carl Saxton and Father Allen LaMontagne – and volunteers. Our group averages fourteen attendees on Wednesday nights and as many as eighteen across the two Sunday school classes each week.



We've bonded through trips such as **Rock the Universe**, **Spring Retreat**, and **Corn Maze** that have all been made possible with the support from the congregation. But, youth ministry is more than just wacky games and fun trips. The heart of the matter is the spiritual growth of each member of the group. During the past two years, the group has engaged with a curriculum called *The Gospel According to Harry Potter* that has allowed them to explore a large diversity of faith related topics. On the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, we gather to watch a clip from the **current year's** *Harry Potter* film and then discuss the spiritual and Biblical connections and implications of the topic. As we are in year three of the program, we are viewing and discussing the film *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* (2004). Our topics have been titled *Confrontational People*, *Crossroads*, *Dementors of Our Lives*, and *Omens*.

By building their faith foundations through the activities, discussions, and events of the youth ministry, the youth of the Cathedral are learning powerful tools and ideas to help them lead strong Christian lives. We hope to continue to learn and grow together, and invite all youth in grades 6-12 to join us on Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings, and at monthly events.

In Christ's love,  
Devanne Jones  
Youth Activities Coordinator

# 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. Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

Hymn 608

“Eternal Father, strong to save”

Melita

## 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.

*The Celebrant and the People say together*

## The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

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

*The Celebrant continues*

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The People are seated.*

## The Lesson

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to **all the people**, “**Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—**Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—**lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.**”**Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in**

faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.” But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

*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 78:1-7

Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.

He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, \*  
which he commanded them to teach their children;

That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; \*  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

So that they might put their trust in God, \*  
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

*A period of silence for reflection follows.*

*The People stand.*

*Gospeler*  
*People*

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

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

*Gospeler*  
*People*

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

*The People are seated.*

The Sermon

The Reverend Allen LaMontagne

*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.*

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## 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

*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      Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

*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*

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:

*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*

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 say*

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*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,

*Celebrant and people*

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*

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.*

Hymn 564

“He who would valiant be”

*St. Dunstan's*

The Dismissal

*People* Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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*The flowers at the High Altar are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for  
the Cathedral Choir by Ron Hafner.*

## 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 - Dean's Office

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

For the next two Sundays, Ken Meyers will explore how our stories, when told, can be used of God to make a difference.

Parents' Group - Ingram Lounge

Parents offer each other prayer and support. We are discussing the book *The Love Dare for Parents*, by Stephen and Alex Kendrick.

Coffee, Tea and English - Room 305

Informal class to learn the English language.

Youth Formation

6th - 8th grades - Undercroft

9th - 12th grades - Room 304

### **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, NOV. 19

### ► **Sunday Service times and Christian**

Formation offerings remain the same.

### ► **Birthday Blessings**

Sunday, Nov. 12

Hud Berrey, Jack Jenkins

Monday, Nov. 13

Walter Cain, Barbara Vorpe, Ellie Riggs, Gisella Lima-Dakuginow

Tuesday, Nov. 14

John Roache

Wednesday, Nov. 15

Rose McCall, Art Spruill, Hugh Wilson

Thursday, Nov. 16

Cathy Roberts, Kathryn Wucker, Thomas Love

Friday, Nov. 17

Betsy Owen, John Sefton, Chris Morris

Saturday, Nov. 18

Lloyd Lewis, Paul Howsare II, Noah MacKenzie

## THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, NOV. 13

▶ **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, NOV. 14

▶ **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, NOV. 15

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

7 a.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **ESJ Holy Eucharist (Grades 10-12)**

9:45 a.m. Cathedral

▶ **Healing Service**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Walking the Mourner’s Path**

4 p.m. Dean’s Office

▶ **Wonderful Wednesday Dinner**

5 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

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

Nursery available 5:30–7:30 p.m. Basement

▶ **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, NOV. 16

▶ **Shakespeare Reading Group**

9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge

The group is currently reading *Henry IV, Part 2*.

For more information about the Shakespeare Reading Group, contact Peter McCranie at [petermccranie1@gmail.com](mailto:petermccranie1@gmail.com).

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Celebration Singers Rehearsal**

5:30 p.m. Choir Room

FRIDAY, NOV. 17

▶ **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

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

▶ **DOK Regional Meeting**

9 a.m.–2 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

▶ **Quiet Garden Morning**

9:30 a.m. Cummings Chapel

Praying with icons led by Sharon Millan. Icons are not just to be looked at as though the worshipers were in an art museum; they are designed to be doors between this world and another world, between people and the Incarnate God, his Mother, or his friends, the saints.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ► **St. Mary's Bag-a-Month Club - November**

Donate to those in need at St. Mary's! The theme for November is toys and gifts for children and adults. Pick up a marked brown bag this Sunday and fill it with unwrapped gifts so parents and children of St. Mary's can shop in their "Santa Shop."

### ► **Donate Thanksgiving Flowers**

You can contribute donations towards altar flowers for our Thanksgiving Day Eucharist, Thursday, November 23 at 10:30 a.m. in honor of your loved ones. If you donate by next Sunday, November 19, we can list the names of your loved ones in the Thanksgiving bulletins. Donation envelopes are located in the pews, or donate online at [www.jaxcathedral.org](http://www.jaxcathedral.org) and click "Donate Altar Flowers" under the Give tab.

### ► **Order Christmas Cards from Cathedral Arts Project**

Send a meaningful message to your loved ones this season with holiday cards featuring original artwork by Cathedral Arts Project students. All proceeds directly benefit underserved students enrolled in CAP's arts education programs throughout Duval County. \$20 – Set of 15 cards (blank inside) with envelopes \$5 shipping, or free pick-up at the CAP offices.

Purchase online at <https://capkids.ejoinme.org/holidaycards>

### ► **Call for Vestry and Convention Delegate Nominations**

The Vestry Nominating Committee will nominate candidates for vacancies on the Vestry as well as Delegates to the Diocesan Convention. The election for those positions will be conducted at the Parish Annual Meeting on February 4, 2018. Parish members are encouraged to submit the names of nominees to Nancy Purcell, Communications Director, at [npurcell@jaxcathedral.org](mailto:npurcell@jaxcathedral.org). It is important that you obtain the permission of your nominee before submitting his or her name to the Nominating Committee. Nominations will be forwarded to and reviewed by the nominating committee members: **Kirk Altman, Martha Cox, Robert Hyde, Claude Moulton, Joe O'Shields, and Faye Wisner**. Nominations must be submitted by December 5, 2017.

Qualifications for Vestry members (4 to be elected): A Vestry nominee 1) must be a communicant of St. John's Cathedral in good standing for a period of at least 12 months prior to election; 2) 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; 3) must be actively involved in the ministries of the Parish; 4) must be willing to accept active leadership, including responsibility for decision making that represents the entire Parish; 5) must, if called upon, serve on the boards of affiliated corporations of the Cathedral; 6) 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 7) must be otherwise eligible. In addition to the above qualifications contained in the bylaws, the Vestry believes that nominees for service should possess special skills, gifts and talents in visionary and strategic thinking, be courageous, and have skills in fiscal planning and policy. Finally, the Vestry is seeking members who represent the diverse composition of our congregation.

Diocesan Convention Delegates (2 to be elected): The Senior Warden fills one of the five delegate positions. The remaining four delegates serve two year terms, with one or two rotating off each year. At the 2018 Annual Meeting, we will elect two delegates and two alternates for the 2018 Diocesan Convention.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOV. 16

► **100th** Interfaith Gratitude Service

6-7 p.m. Congregation Ahavath Chesed (The Temple) 8727 San Jose Blvd.

OneJax Institute and Congregation Ahavath Chesed (The Temple) invite you to join a multi-faith service of gratitude. Canned goods will be collected for Feed a Needy Neighbor. All are welcome, RSVPs are appreciated: 904.620.1529 or online at <https://tinyurl.com/100gratitude>.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, NOV. 17-18

► Family Promise of Jacksonville Annual Cardboard City

CrossRoad United Methodist Church 10005 Gate Parkway North

Cardboard City helps raise awareness of homelessness in our city and raise funds for Family Promise. Participants commit to spend the night in a cardboard box, tent or their cars to simulate what homeless families experience every day. For more information, contact our St. John's coordinator, Lynn Doiron at [doironl@comcast.net](mailto:doironl@comcast.net) or cell 703-0847.

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

► **Area Ultreya**

4 p.m. St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, 4758 Shelby Avenue, Jacksonville, 32210

Bring a covered dish to share.

THURSDAY, NOV. 23

► **Thanksgiving Day Eucharist and Potluck**

We welcome you and your family to join us Thanksgiving Day for a Thanksgiving Eucharist at 10:30 a.m., followed by our annual Thanksgiving Potluck. The Cathedral will prepare turkeys and dressing, and you are invited to bring your favorite holiday sides and fixings in disposable pans or platters. In an effort to offset the costs, we are requesting a \$5 donation. Please RSVP to Donna Meyers-Perry at [dmeyers-perry@jaxcathedral.org](mailto:dmeyers-perry@jaxcathedral.org). We hope to share in this wonderful time of gratitude with you and yours!

SUNDAY, NOV. 26

► **St. Andrew's Evensong**

5 p.m. Cathedral

A St. John's favorite, a Festal Evensong in honor of the patron saint of Scotland featuring the Cathedral Choir, Jacksonville Pipes & Drums, and the Cathedral Brass. Canon for Music Timothy Tuller will conduct the choir in works by Ossewaarde, Mendelssohn, and Barnard. Tuller will play the César Franck's Choral No. 1 in E Major on the Cathedral's magnificent pipe organ. Taliaferro Hall will be decked in tartan for the reception following the service. The Cathedral Bookstore will have lots of items for sale, including copies of *I Witness: Living Inside the Stories of Advent and Christmas*, by Kate Moorehead, just in time for Christmas gift giving.

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

► **Advent Procession with Carols**

5 p.m. Cathedral

A glorious service of song and movement from darkness to light in anticipation of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Music by Weir, Josquin, Bruckner, Case and others. Reception in Taliaferro Hall to follow the service.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

► **Karim Zabaneh in Concert: Christmas Bells Are Ringing**

6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

The Cathedral Choir of St. John's is proud to present this wonderful Christmas Concert featuring Karim Zabaneh in a return performance with special guests and surprises for 2017! Proceeds from this benefit concert will supplement the Choir's lodging expenses while singing in residence at Washington National Cathedral in 2018. Please support the 2018 Choir Pilgrimage by purchasing tickets for your friends and family today! Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased in the breezeway after the 9 and 11 a.m. services and at Wonderful Wednesday Dinner in Taliaferro Hall.

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