

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



December 3, 2017 - 9 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 9 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. I will teach a brief liturgical workshop on the season of Advent right after the 11 a.m. service in the sanctuary. This evening, you are invited to return to the cathedral for the Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols starting at 5 p.m.

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. See a calendar in the back of this bulletin for service times and special events.

In Christ's love,

Kate+

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Welcome

*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.*

## 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.

*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.*

In Procession, Celebration Hymnal 245 "O Come, o come Emmanuel"

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

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*Lector* A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

*The People stand.*

Celebration Hymnal 243 "Emmanuel"

## The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

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

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: **Keep awake.**”

*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*

Eternal God, in this season of Advent, awaken your whole Church to see our unity more than what divides us; Give us strength and courage to find quiet moments to sit still and wait for you to come. Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

We give you thanks for the gift of our lives, our loved ones and the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus. Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

We ask your blessing on all who are sick, grieving, struggling with poverty or alone during the holidays. **(We pray especially for...)** Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

We ask you to bring peace to the world and to this our city, that we may respect and honor one another. Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

We ask you to help us learn to tell the truth of our stories so that other people may be drawn to you. Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

We ask you to welcome into your embrace those who we love who have died, that they may see **you face to face. (We remember especially...)** 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.*

## Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Jesus, Come to Us  
God Gives Us His Special Son

David Haas  
Unknown

*St. John's Junior Choristers and Children's Chapel Friends*

*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.*

Celebration Hymnal 244 "Come thou long expected Jesus"

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer III

BCP of the Church of Ireland

*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 our thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love. When we turned away you did not reject us. You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

*He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.*

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died you came to table with your friends. Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

*Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.*

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave 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 in remembrance of me.

*Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

*Dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.*

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and

blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

*As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.*

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever praising you and singing:

6  
pow - er and might, heaven and earth are

11  
full of your glor - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

17  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the

22  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

29  
in the high - est. Ho - san - na

30  
in the high - est.

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.

*Amen. Amen. 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*           The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
*People*               *We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he 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

Celebration Hymnal 612            “**In This Very Room**”  
Celebration Hymnal 219         “**Surely the Presence**”

## Invitation to Parents and their Children

*There are no Sunday school classes today. All children and parents are invited to make Advent Wreaths together in Burwell Court and the Bishop's Garden after the service.*

## 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, Celebration Hymnal 240 “**Of the Father's Love Begotten**”

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

# SERMON NOTES

## 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

A gentle yoga class with the reading of Scripture. Bring your yoga mat!

### ► **Christian Formation**

All Christian Formation classes meet at 10 a.m.

Adult Formation

Cathedral 101 - Dean's Office

New to the Cathedral or just want to learn more about our faith and our community? Join us for informal discussion with clergy and lay leaders.

Coffee, Tea and English - Room 305

Informal class to learn the English language.

► **No Children's Formation this week so** that all may create an Advent Wreath.

### ► **Advent Wreath Making**

Beginning at 9 a.m. in Burwell Court and the Bishop's Garden. Bring \$10 for all the supplies to make a beautiful, fresh evergreen wreath.

### ► **Musical Theater in the Nave**

10:30 a.m. Cathedral

Paula Merritt's Wednesday night music theater group presents "Talent Tale," an 8-minute musical based on Matthew 25:14-30.

### ► **Holy Eucharist**

11 a.m. Cathedral

### ► **What is Advent?**

Immediately following the 11 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. A brief liturgical workshop led by Dean Moorehead.

### ► **Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols**

5 p.m. Cathedral

Celebrate the beginning of Advent with a candlelit dramatic liturgy of song and movement. A wine and cheese reception follows in Taliaferro Hall. The Cathedral Bookstore will also be open so you can get started on your Christmas shopping. And, Dean Kate will sign copies of *I Witness: Living Inside the Stories of Advent and Christmas*.

### ► **Art Exhibit: Raquel**

Now through January Taliaferro Hall

Reception after Advent Procession

The present exhibition of paintings by Raquel is a beautiful array of works formed by a mature artistic vision. Impressionistic in style, ranging from classic images to Cezanne-like paintings, Raquel's work suggests early Cubist landscapes and shows the influence of her native Spain. The paintings are for sale through the bookstore.

## NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 10

### ► **Sunday service times and Christian**

Formation classes remain the same.

► Please note: this is the last Sunday of Christian Formation classes for all ages before the holidays. Classes will resume January 7.

### ► **Birthday Blessings**

Sunday, December 3

Stacey Lowery

Monday, December 4

Dorcas Tanner, Sheila Burrell, Sharon Millan, Sally Ferris, Lisa Still, Greg Craddock, John Lind, Rodney Lofton, Elizabeth Phillips

Tuesday, December 5

Ann Dyer, Judy Maurer, Owene Courtney

Wednesday, December 6

Gerald Tjoflat, Sara Flynn, Erica Uitti

Thursday, December 7

Pam Parent, Larry Shugart, Colt Sloan, Silas Nelson, Kenon Ferguson

Friday, December 8

Dan Hadwin, Noel Liles, Perry Todd, Mohini Cole, Caroline Bedenbaugh

Saturday, December 9

Doanyelle Conner, Randy Gallup, Lauren Young

## THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, DEC. 4

► **Feed the Hungry**

1 p.m. Sulzbacher Center

► **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

► **Men's Grill 'n' Chill**

6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

TUESDAY, DEC. 5

► **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, DEC. 6

► **Holy Eucharist**

7 a.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Healing Service**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **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

► **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: Delve into**

Advent with Dean Kate.

6 p.m. Ingram Lounge

Newcomers are welcome. We will dig deep into

Advent using the book *I Witness: Living in the Stories of Advent & Christmas* as our guide.

► **Art Class**

6 p.m. Painting Place, Basement

► **Youth Group**

6:30 p.m. Undercroft

► **Choir Rehearsal**

7:30 p.m. Choir Room

THURSDAY, DEC. 7

► **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.

► **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Celebration Singers Rehearsal**

5:30 p.m. Choir Room

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

► **Cathedral School Christmas Program**

10 a.m. Cathedral

► **Clara's at the Cathedral**

11 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

► **Contemplative Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

► **11th Step Meditation Group**

9:30 a.m. Room 301

► **Christmas Bells Are Ringing: Karim**

Zabaneh in Concert with members of the Cathedral Choir

6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

Karim Zabaneh in a return performance with special guests and surprises for 2017! Proceeds supplement the Choir's lodging expenses while singing in residence at Washington National Cathedral in 2018. 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

### ► **An Advent Quiet Morning**

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. St. Mary's Green Cove Springs  
"The Transformative Power of Night and Darkness" led by Gail Larson. Advent is a time when the nights are at their longest; when we lament having to rise before dawn to begin our day, and we are driven indoors by early sunsets. Many of us see darkness as an inconvenience at best, and something to be feared at worst. Yet, the Bible is filled with stories that take place at night. We will reflect upon two of these: the story of the Magi and their journey thru the **physical night**, and **Jacob's nighttime wrestling** the Angel and his journey thru the spiritual night. Join us as we explore how both kinds of darkness provide opportunities for enlightenment and spiritual growth.

Gail Larson is a life-long student of Benedictine Spirituality. Before moving to Jacksonville in 1991, she participated in Group Spiritual Direction at the Shalem Institute in Washington DC. She completed the Diocese of Florida Spiritual Companions Training Program in 1995, facilitated several retreats for the Friends of St. Benedict at Camp Weed and Marywood, and is a fellowship member of All Saints Sisters of the Poor. Gail continues to find God in the most unlikely places.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

### ► **Ye Olde Christmas Dinner**

5:30 p.m. Tallaferro Hall

We invite you to join us for a traditional English Christmas dinner as Tallaferro Hall is transformed into an enchanted evening filled with scrumptious fare, carolers singing of the joys of the season and holiday cheer. We'll add a little "pop" to the evening with classic Victorian Christmas crackers! The menu highlights Chef Heather's creations, including mouthwatering prime rib and oven roasted chicken, a variety of tasty vegetable accompaniments, and ending with a posh panettone bread pudding

with delectable maple whisky Bavarian sauce. Adult tickets are \$15, children (12 & under) are \$5. Tickets are on sale today after each service.

SUNDAY, DEC. 17

### ► **Christmas Pageant**

9 a.m. Cathedral

Our Christmas Pageant will be held during the 9 a.m. service on December 17. Rehearsal will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 16 in the cathedral. We welcome ALL children to participate, and we also need adults to volunteer. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Cheryl Bowen at 904-348-0922 or cherydi33@icloud.com or Terry Hunt at 904-629-0470 or thunt@jaxcathedral.org.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ► **Christmas gift idea!**

The Cathedral Bookstore is taking new orders for the popular prayer T-shirts: "**PRAYER The world's greatest wireless connection.**" Available in a variety of colors, \$15. The deadline for ordering is Tuesday, December 12. Email Kathryn at cathedralbookstore@jaxcathedral.org for more information or to place an order.

### ► **Get Your Greens from Fresh Ministries**

See Kathryn Bisette in the Cathedral Bookstore to buy greens and more from Fresh Ministries today! Just \$4/bag.

### ► **Order Christmas Cards from CAP**

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.

### ► **Angel Tree Christmas 2017**

This year our Angel Tree will serve refugee families and children of incarcerated parents. Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Christmas is about strengthening parent-child relationships, not just about gifts. Children are delighted by an unexpected reminder of their absent mom or dad, and parents in prison are deeply moved to know their children are cared for in this special way. Choose an Angel ornament/gift tag off the Angel tree and shop for the requested item. Please wrap the gift, enclosing a gift receipt, and stick the top half of Angel tag sticker on the wrapped gift to identify it, or tape a handmade tag to the gift. Return the gift to church by noon on Sunday, December 17. We need help delivering gifts to families!!! This is a very meaningful and blessed way to spend an afternoon. You can choose to deliver to one family or more, and choose from different neighborhoods. If interested, please contact Megan Cochran at 233-9583.

# *Season's Blessings*

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

Saturday, December 9

Christmas Bells Are Ringing Concert  
with Karim Zabaneh, 6 p.m. \*\*

Join us for this Christmas spectacular featuring beloved songs of the season in Taliaferro Hall! Tickets are \$20, a portion of the proceeds support the Cathedral Choir's residency at the Washington National Cathedral in July 2018.

Wednesday, December 13

Ye Olde English Christmas Dinner, \*\*  
5 p.m.

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

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas Pageant, 9 a.m.\*

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

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.\*

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 Dean Moorehead and brass and tympani - incense will be used at this service.

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

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

Sunday, 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*

*\*\*Ticket Purchase Required*

## ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
and Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

You can now watch our 11 a.m. service live on our website!  
Just click the Live Broadcast link on the homepage.

Forgot your checkbook or cash? Text the dollar amount of your gift to  
904-584-3116. (Example: \$20)