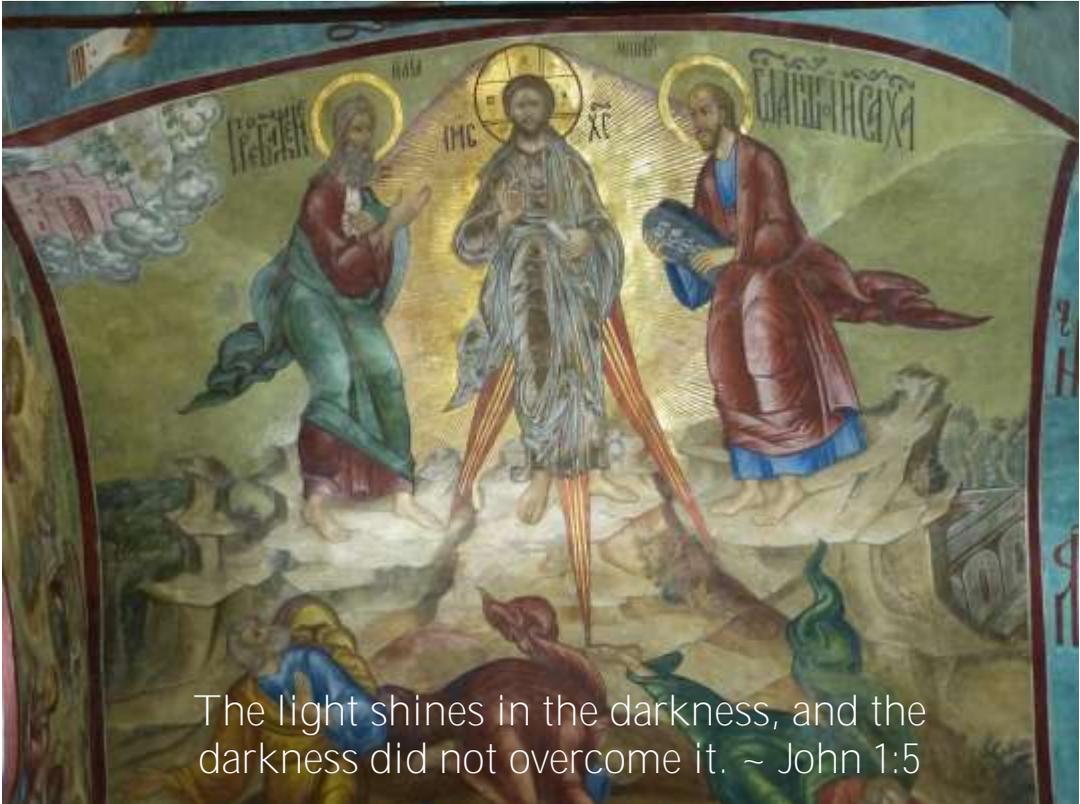


Welcome to **St. John's Cathedral**



The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ~ John 1:5

December 31, 2017 - 8 a.m.
The First Sunday after Christmas

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

WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN REACH OUR GOAL

Dear Friends,

First, let me say just how grateful I am that I just celebrated my fourth anniversary being your Bursar at this magnificent cathedral. I thoroughly enjoy the way I get to spend my days, making sure we are being good **stewards of the gifts you give to St. John's. It is a treat for me to be able to watch all the ministry groups grow and work to do good for the local community and beyond. Whether it's helping new immigrant families get settled into new surroundings, providing assistance to the needy, putting together lunches for hungry children, or other events such as baptisms, prayer groups, and Wednesday night dinners, it's such a joy that I can say that I'm a part of it.**



None of these daily Love at the Core moments would be possible without your continued generosity. Thank you for all you give of your time, talent, and treasure. Every gift you give makes a difference—no matter the size. The extra \$5 you have in your wallet could provide a meal on a Wednesday night for someone who cannot afford it. The extra \$100 you received as a commission at work could provide interview clothing for someone who is unemployed but looking for work. The \$3000 you made from stock that performed well this year could provide 10,000 packed lunches for children who would otherwise be hungry over the weekends.

Because of people like you, we are able to spread the love of God in countless ways. As we near the end of 2017, please consider making a year-end gift to St. John's so that we can continue to grow and shine the light of God throughout our community and beyond. Whatever you can give will go far, and we are only \$10,000 from our budgeted target of pledged income. If everyone in attendance this Sunday gives only \$30 more, we can beat our goal!

May God bless you richly in the new year.

Faithfully,
Meredith Cataland
Bursar

Donations can be made by check or cash in the collection plate or mail; by texting the dollar amount of your gift to 904-584-3116; and online through our website: www.jaxcathedral.org. If you would like to donate through appreciated stock or IRA disbursement, please contact Meredith Cataland, 904-632-9104, Ext. 116. And if you make your year-end gift before December 31, you can take advantage of this year's tax benefit. (Your donations must be postmarked, in our offices, or made online by midnight, Dec.31.)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

In Procession, Hymn 87

“Hark! The herald angels sing”

Mendelssohn

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Celebrant and People

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

The 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

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

The Lesson

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Lector A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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 147:13-21

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The People stand.

The Gospel

John 1:1-18

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of

the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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.*

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world. We pray especially for the people of the Middle East. We pray for the Church in Jerusalem. Pray for peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant concludes the prayers.

The Peace

The People stand.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the People's offerings of money, and other gifts. The People stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar. You may also text the dollar amount of your gift to 904-584-3116.

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

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving

The People stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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

The Celebrant and People say

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, **“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

The Celebrant and People say

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

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant continues

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

Please join us at God's table.

All baptized people are welcome to receive communion. Everyone is welcome to come to the altar for a blessing.

If you would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

The Postcommunion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People say together

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

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

In Procession, Hymn 100 “Joy to the world! The Lord is come”

Antioch

The Dismissal

People

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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The flowers at all altars are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Erica Uitti and Chris Ackerson on December 30, 2017.

THIS SUNDAY
AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

8 a.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

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 classes resume January 7 at 10 a.m.

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

11 a.m. Cathedral

▶ **The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

5 p.m. Cathedral

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

THIS WEEK
AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, JAN. 1

▶ **NEW YEAR'S DAY** - OFFICES

CLOSED

TUESDAY, JAN. 2

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Yoga**

6 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **EFM**

7 p.m. Ingram Lounge

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

7 a.m. Cathedral

▶ **Holy Eucharist** - Healing Service

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Wonderful Wednesday dinner and**

programs resume January 10.

THURSDAY, JAN. 4

▶ **Shakespeare Reading Group**

10 a.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Celebration Singers Rehearsal**

5:30 p.m. Choir Room

FRIDAY, JAN. 5

▶ **Clara's at the Cathedral**

11 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

SATURDAY, JAN. 6

▶ **Storytelling workshop with Bishop Porter**

Taylor and his son Arthur Taylor

9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Telling Our Stories: My Story, Our Story, God's Story aims to help participants articulate parts of their story and relate them to our story of faith.

Because January 6 is the Feast of the Epiphany, we will focus on two themes: Epiphany—letting the divine light shine in and through us—and Metanoia or the great turning—allowing God to redirect/reconfigure our lives.

NEXT SUNDAY AT THE
CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, JAN. 7

▶ **All services times remain the same.**

Christian Formation classes resume at 10 a.m.

▶ **The Cathedral Welcomes Bishop Porter**

Taylor, Guest Preacher

9 and 11 a.m. Cathedral

A reception and book signing in Taliaferro Hall after the 11 a.m. service.

▶ **Arthur Taylor speaks at the Dean's Forum**

10 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

► **Pledge envelopes for 2018 are now available.**

Please remember to pick yours up in the narthex.

► **Art Exhibit: Raquel**

Now through January 14 in Taliaferro Hall

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. The paintings are for sale through the bookstore.

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

► **Beaches Fine Arts Series presents Adam Brakel, Organist**

4 p.m. Cathedral

Sponsored in part by the American Guild of Organists - Jacksonville Chapter. Doors open at 3:15 p.m. and a reception follows the concert in Taliaferro Hall.

FRIDAY, JAN. 26

► **Diocesan Convention Opening Evensong**

4 p.m. Cathedral

A celebration of Episcopal Schools to open the 175th Diocesan Convention.

► **Birthday Blessings**

Sunday, December 31

Tom Petway, Bonnie Drewes, Heber Weller, III, James Lariscy, Brooke Newton

Monday, January 1

Susan Regnier, Cindy Burns, Caroline Lingaitis, Lowell Jackson

Tuesday, January 2

Margaret Bartlett, Meredith Gardner, Brighton Hakimian

Wednesday, January 3

Oupa Seane, Davis Knight, Chris Willis, Crystal May, Chelsea MacKenzie

Thursday, January 4

Carl Jansen, John Knechtle, Janet Germany, Ruby Lefferd

Friday, January 5

Cindy Gaines, Christine Ball, Richard Still, Karla Edgar, Kathleen Wisner, Lillian Arnold, Allen Riggs, Harper Cumiskey, Brien Marx, Michelle Ramirez

Saturday, January 6

Tom Corey, Kay Tullis, Katherine Stallings, Sonya Rood

SERMON NOTES

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