

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



January 7, 2018 - 8 a.m.
Epiphany Sunday

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

THE IMPORTANCE OF TELLING OUR STORIES

Dear Friends,

This academic year, our theme has been one of telling our stories.

I Am.
We Are.
St John's.

Why does it mean so much to tell our stories and how does that have anything to do with our relationship with God?

God speaks to us through the events and circumstances of our lives. In order to understand what God is doing, we must learn the stories of Scripture and particularly the story of Jesus, but we must also learn our own stories. What is our relationship to our families, loved ones? How do we find meaning? What are our strengths and weaknesses and how can we use our gifts to serve God? We really will never be able to follow **Christ if we don't know who we are and whose we are.**



Today we have a special guest. Bishop Porter Taylor is the retired Bishop of Western North Carolina and an expert in the field of Narrative Theology. He loves to help people learn how to tell their stories so that we can understand what God is doing in our lives and share that good news with others.

God speaks in the language of your life. To learn your story is to learn how God is moving in and through you.

In Christ's love,
Kate+

SUNDAY, JAN. 7

► **The Cathedral Welcomes Bishop Porter Taylor, Guest Preacher**
8, 9 and 11 a.m.

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

► **Bishop Porter Taylor and his son Dr. Arthur Taylor discuss Narrative Theology at the Dean's Forum**
10 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

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 124 “**What star is this, with beams so bright**” (Stanzas 1-3) *Puer nobis*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Celebrant and People

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

The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant continues

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; 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

Ephesians 3:1-12

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

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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 72:1-7, 10-14

Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The People stand.

The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Gospeler

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and

scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Porter Taylor

A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The People stand.

The Nicene Creed

The Celebrant and People say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *All remain standing as able.*

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

Lector For the world, that all the nations of the earth may come to honor and respect one

another. We pray especially for the people of the Middle East and Europe. May we all come to know the peace of God.

Let us pray together saying:

People Christ, be our light.

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

Let us pray together saying:

People Christ, be our light.

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

Let us pray together saying:

People Christ, be our light.

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

Let us pray together saying:

People Christ, be our light.

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

Let us pray together saying:

People Christ, be our light.

Silence

The Celebrant concludes the prayers.

The Confession of Sin

The People kneel. The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

The People stand.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the People's offerings of money, and other gifts. The People stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar. 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”**

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The Great Thanksgiving

The People stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

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

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

The Celebrant and People say

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

The Celebrant and People say

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

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant continues

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

Please join us at God's table.

*All baptized people are welcome to receive communion. Everyone is welcome to come to the altar for a blessing.
If you would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.*

The Postcommunion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People say together

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

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

In Procession, Hymn 119 “As with gladness men of old” (Stanzas 1, 4, 5)

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The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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The flowers at the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 71st wedding anniversary of Oliver and Evelyn Tierce Oswald by their children Anthony Oswald, Scarlett O. Storey, and Jennifer O. Blackburn

The flowers at the Holy Communion Chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Jean-Louis by Bonnie Hardman.



Birthday Blessings

Sunday, January 7

Pennye Arehart, Patricia Young-Jones

Monday, January 8

Jennifer Altman, Anthony Edwards, Michael Cobb, Kathy Uhler

Tuesday, January 9

Elizabeth Abdelnour, Lori Toro, Judi Rosenvold, Olivia Drury

Wednesday, January 10

Carole Clifford, Ida Rivera, Amelia Erwin, Grayson Eng

Thursday, January 11

Mary Jean Hirsig, Gail Weltsek, Martha Cox

Friday, January 12

Margaret Faulkner, Dianne Parker, Anthony Oswald, Catherine Towers, Will Riggs

Saturday, January 13

Jerry Chappell, Bob Skeels, Lauren McDaniel, Justin McCauley, John Haley

THIS AND NEXT SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

8 a.m. Cummings Chapel

9 a.m. Family Service with Children's Chapel in the Cathedral

11 a.m. Service with Cathedral Choir in the Cathedral

▶ **Church on the Mat**

10 a.m. Yoga with Scripture Readings in Cummings Chapel. Bring your yoga mat!

▶ **Christian Formation for all ages**

All Christian Formation classes meet at 10 a.m.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, JAN. 8

▶ **Friends of Bill W.**

5:30 p.m. Ingram Lounge

TUESDAY, JAN. 9

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Yoga**

5:45 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **EFM (Education for Ministry)**

7 p.m. Ingram Lounge

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

7 a.m. Holy Communion Chapel

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

▶ **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 II**

6 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Art Class**

6 p.m. Painting Place, Basement

▶ **Restoration Project**

6 p.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Youth Group**

6:30 p.m. Undercroft

▶ **Choir Rehearsal**

7:30 p.m. Choir Room

THURSDAY, JAN. 11

▶ **Shakespeare Reading Group**

9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Celebration Singers Rehearsal**

5:30 p.m. Choir Room

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

▶ **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

▶ **Young Adult Social**

5:30 p.m. Ingram Lounge

All young adults age 21 and up are invited to gather to meet one another and discuss future **ministry opportunities**. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Child care will not be provided.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

▶ **11th Step Meditation Group**

9:30 a.m. Room 301

ANNOUNCEMENTS

► **Pledge envelopes for 2018** are now available. Please remember to pick yours up in the narthex.

► **Baptisms next Sunday, January 14**
If you or someone in your family wish to be baptized please call the church office. A rehearsal will be held Saturday, January 13.

► **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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

► **Quiet Garden Morning**

12 - 4:30 p.m.

Honey Creek, Diocese of Georgia

Fearless, Faith, Boundless Love

Revival with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

To register, go to:

www.episcopalrevivingeorgia2017.org

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

SATURDAY, JAN 27

► **Acolyte Training**

If you wish to serve as an acolyte, please contact Donna Meyers-Perry for more information: DMeyers-Perry@jaxcathedral.org

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and Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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