



SAINT JOHN'S
CATHEDRAL
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

LOVE *at the* CORE.

The Baptism of Our Lord

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 12, 2025 | 8 & 10:30 a.m.



WELCOME

We are so glad that you have come to the Cathedral. We would love to get to know you. If you would like to learn about our community, please fill out a connection card that can be found in front of your seat. You can place the card in the silver offering plate that passes by half way through the service or simply hand it to an usher. You can also go to our website at jaxcathedral.org/welcome and fill out a welcome card online.

CHILDREN

We love having children join us and they are always welcome in worship. The Hakimian Nursery is staffed with trained caregivers for babies and toddlers up to 3. The nursery is open on Sundays from 9 a.m. to Noon.

We are so thankful for the gift of children in worship! We embrace their energy and joy they bring to our church family. To help keep their hands and minds engaged during the service, Blessings Bags are available on the Narthex rack. They contain quiet activities and materials to enhance their worship experience. Feel free to borrow one during the service and return afterward so they can be shared with others. If you need a quieter space, a sitting area with a live stream of the service is available near Taliaferro Hall. Ask an Usher for directions. Thank you for making worship a family experience!

PASTORAL CARE

If you or a loved one is in need of prayer, in the hospital, or wish to receive home communion, please call the church at (904) 356-5507 to let us know. St. John's clergy and chaplains are on call every day and will respond quickly and confidentially. If you are unable to attend services in person, licensed eucharistic visitors are available to bring you communion upon request. If you need to reach us after hours, dial the number above and select option 4 to be connected with clergy. You may also submit requests through the cathedral website: <https://jaxcathedral.org/pastoral-care>

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Sunday Programs during the 9 a.m. Education Hour

Breakfast, Taliaferro Hall

Stop by for coffee and breakfast. Take it to your class or enjoy it in the Sunday Flex Café.

Digital Disciples, Zoom

Sign up links for this online class are sent in the Eagle and by email on Sunday mornings.

Dean's Forum, Taliaferro Hall

The Miracle of Interfaith Dialogue

Newcomers Roundtable, Dooly Library

*Led by the Rev. Dr. Linda Privitera.
The Dooly Library is on the first floor of
Cathedral House.*

Children and Families Program, Ingram Lounge

A casual and interactive Family Service will be held on the first Sunday of every month beginning at 9 a.m. On all other Sundays, families will find a haven in the Sunday Flex Café. Drop in as you please from 9 to 10:15 a.m. Grab some breakfast and unwind in cozy surroundings while children (ages 4 through 5th Grade) engage in creative activities.

Undercroft open for Teens

✠ THE HOLY EUCHARIST ✠

Voluntary

Prelude on *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam*, Dietrich Buxtehude

At the sound of the bell, all stand.

Introit (10:30 a.m.)

Laudate nomen Domini, Christopher Tye

O Come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise His Holy Name.
From early morn to setting sun, His might on earth proclaim.
His laws are just, and glad the heart; He makes His mercies known:
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before His throne.

In Procession, Hymn 448 (8 a.m. St. 1-3) “O love, how deep, how broad, how high”
Deus tuorum militum

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

Celebrant Blessed be God.

People Forever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us.

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson

Acts 8:14-17

Reader A reading from the book of Acts

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

Psalm

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

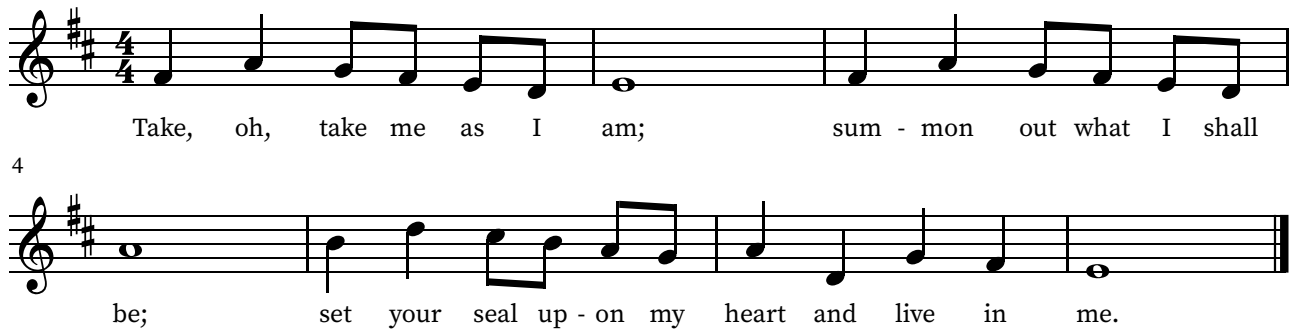
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

All stand.

Chant *(sung three times)*

John Bell



The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Repeat Chant three times.

All sit.

The Sermon

The Rev. Mark S. Anderson

A period of silence is kept.

All stand.

✠ THE HOLY BAPTISM ✠

The People remain standing as the Candidate and Sponsors come forward.

The Presentation of the Candidate (10:30 a.m.)

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Candidate is presented by the Parents and Godparents

Parents I present Evan Lane Howell to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest Do you desire to be baptized?

Evan I do

Priest Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents I will, with God's help.

Priest Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents I renounce them.

Priest Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents I renounce them.

Priest Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents I renounce them.

Priest Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents I do.

Priest Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents I do.

Priest Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents I do.

The Priest addresses the congregation.

Priest Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?
People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with this Candidate who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant *(8 and 10:30 a.m.)*

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?
People I will, with God's help.

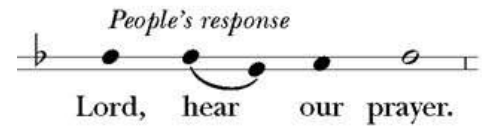
Prayers for the Candidates *(sung)*

Celebrant Let us now pray for Evan who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**



Celebrant Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water *(10:30 a.m.)*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship

those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Priest touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism *(10:30 a.m.)*

The candidate is presented by name for Baptism and Chrismation, and is presented with a Baptismal candle, a sign of the Light of Christ within him.

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**
Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Greet one another with the peace of Jesus.

Welcome and Announcements



As the altar is prepared for Communion, please place your offering in the collection plate as it is passed. You may also give by texting jaxcathedral \$(amount) to 73256. Or use the QR code to give online. Thank you for your generosity.

∞ THE HOLY COMMUNION ∞

The Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

Grow in grace, Malcolm Archer

Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the Word, that you shall grow thereby. Grow in peace and may the blessing of the Lord be upon you. The Lord shall with his holy oil anoint you, and you shall know his grace. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, I will give you a new heart, I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live by my statutes. Amen.

Hymn 297

“Descend, O Spirit, purging flame”
Erhalt uns, Herr

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching our Worship I

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

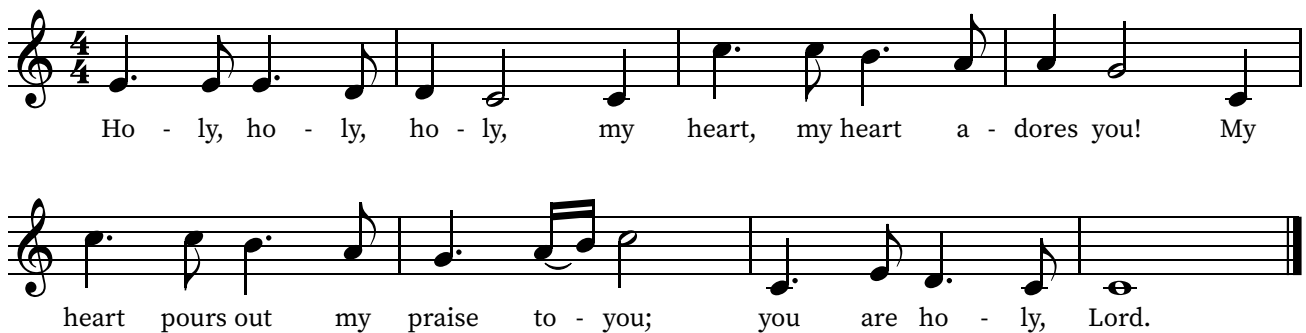
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (*Sung three times*)

Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart
WLP 785



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
heart pours out my praise to - you; you are ho - ly, Lord.

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All 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.

Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

All Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant 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.

All who long for God are welcome to receive communion. Please let clergy know if you would like a gluten-free wafer. Everyone is welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by folding your arms across your chest. If you would like to receive communion and are unable to come to the altar, please ask an usher for assistance. A socially distant communion table is set in the chapel to the right of the altar and you may receive prayers in the chapel to the left.

Music at Communion (10:30 a.m.)

Anthem Hymn 139, When Jesus went to Jordan's Stream, *Luther St. John's Celebration Choir*

Hymn 339 "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness"
Schmücke dich

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

Blessing

Celebrant May Christ, who by the leading of a star manifested your light to the world, fill you with joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

In Procession, Hymn 296

"We know that Christ is raised and dies no more"
Engelberg

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Voluntary

Carillon, Herbert Murrill



The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God.

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∞ LOVE AT THE CORE ∞

Love at the Core is our motto; it refers to the heart of who we are. For nearly 200 years, St. John's Cathedral has sought to lead people in worship and community service here in the urban core of Jacksonville. We believe that through beauty, art, and worship we can draw people into community to experience God's love and serve those in need. We are a diverse congregation that welcomes all people. You are welcome to learn about the love of Jesus with us.

Our Clergy



**The Very Rev.
Kate Moorehead Carroll**
Dean



**The Rev.
Mark S. Anderson**
Subdean



**The Rev. Dr.
Linda Privitera**
Associate Priest



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∞ EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ∞

LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Every Sunday, 11:30-12:30
Please join us for food and fellowship in Taliaferro Hall following the 10:30 service.

EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

The ERD provides relief in times of disaster and promotes sustainable development by identifying and addressing the root causes of suffering to communities around the world. To donate visit episcopalrelief.org.

ART OF THE SERMON WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 18

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lunch provided

\$25 per person

As the American attention span shortens and language changes, how can a preacher captivate and spiritually nurture a congregation? Scan the QR code to learn more and to register.



ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26

11:45 a.m.

Taliaferro Hall

Join us for the Annual Meeting as we hear from the Senior and Junior Wardens, Dean, and Subdean about the life and health of the Cathedral. Enjoy lunch, connect with fellow parishioners, and participate in the election of the new Vestry slate. See you at the Annual Meeting!

BOLD CITY OPERA presents:
“Another Sunrise” & “For a Look or a Touch”

Friday, January 31, 7pm

Saturday, February 1, 1pm

Taliaferro Hall

Music by Jake Heggie, Libretto by Gene Scheer

Two profoundly moving American operas centered on the true experiences of Holocaust survivors. Use this link to get your free tickets: boldcityopera.org/heggiedoublebill

FREE TWO-PART TRAINING EVENT WITH HOPE & HEALING JAX

Part I: Saturday, February 15

9 a.m. to Noon

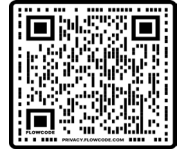
Register using the QR Code



Part II: Saturday, February 22

9 a.m. to Noon

Register using the QR Code



St. John's Cathedral and The Cathedral School are partnering with Hope & Healing Jax for a 2-part series to learn: How to CONNECT lovingly and responsively. How to EMPOWER ourselves and kids to be our best. How to EXPRESS caring and set limits at the same time. How to CREATE everyday experiences so children in our care feel precious, safe and loved. **All who interact with children are encouraged to attend:** teachers (CEU hours earned), parents, grandparents, caregivers, ushers, and nursery workers. Contact Felicia Bullock at fbullock@jaxcathedral.org for more information.

WEDNESDAYS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Join us for midday or evening for spiritual growth, fellowship, and enrichment. Pick and choose, mix and match, create a schedule that suits you. We will be serving lunch and dinner.

Morning Schedule

11 a.m. – Growing through the Word

A lectionary Bible Study led by Deacon
Saundra in the Busey Conference Room.

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. – Lunch

Enjoy a delicious meal in Taliaferro Hall.

**11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Holy Living:
Discerning God’s Will for Your Life**

Your faith, quite literally, can make you well. This class will take you through the basics of the beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church. Meet in Ingram Lounge.

12:10 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

Midday healing service in Cummings Chapel.

Evening Schedule

5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. – Dinner

Join us in Taliaferro Hall for a community meal.

6 p.m. – Classes & Small Groups

Holy Living: Discerning God's Will for Your Life in Ingram Lounge (same content as morning)

Art Class in the Painting Place

7 p.m. – River City Mindfulness

Meeting in the Center for Wellbeing, Room
303, third floor of Cathedral House

More information about Wednesdays at the Cathedral is available on our website. Visit: jaxcathedral.org/wednesdays-at-the-cathedral/ or scan the QR code. Some classes are also offered on Zoom and meeting links are on the webpage.





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