



8 AM & 10:30 AM

December 28, 2025

First Sunday after Christmas



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TODAY

The First Sunday after Christmas

Join the Rev. Dr. Linda Privitera for an Art Walk & Talk to explore the beautiful pieces by artist Steven Taylor currently on exhibition in Taliaferro Hall. Steven will be in attendance to discuss his works and answer your questions! Immediately following the 10:30am service.

Spotlight

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Dec. 31 | 4pm | Cathedral Nave

A New Year's Eve tradition at the Cathedral, you are invited to join us for a service of Lessons and Carols, sung by the Cathedral Choir. A New Year's Eve champagne reception will follow, complete with a live feed to hear Big Ben chime at midnight in London and ring in the new year together.



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LOOKING AHEAD

ENGAGE @ JAX CATHEDRAL POP-UP

Jan. 10 | 9:30am | Mandarin Museum

See the best Hidden Gem in Jacksonville and its exhibit on Harriet Beecher Stowe (author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin"). After the Civil War ended, Stowe resided here and was one of the biggest promoters for northerners to visit and move to Florida. Susan Caven will tell us her story and we will tour the museum and grounds. Join us! Contact: Linda O'Dell at lodell@jaxcathedral.org.

EPIPHANY DEAN'S FORUM

A Window into our Faith

Jan. 11, Jan. 18, Jan. 25, Feb. 8

9am | Taliaferro Hall

Did you know Episcopalians have a 3-legged stool that supports our balanced faith? Find out how on January 11! We begin with Scripture: the fascinating mystery (Dean Kate), the 5 "C's" of the Bible (Tom O'Dell) and tools we can use to explore scripture (Mark Anderson). This class will be interactive: bring your questions! Each class is stand-alone and perfect for anyone new or interested in learning more about the Episcopal faith.

JANUARY OUTREACH

Clothing Drive for DESC Jax

From **January 1-31**, St. John's Cathedral will be holding a clothing drive for DESC (Downtown Ecumenical Services Council) Jax.

Clothing, shoes, and coats for men, women, and children will be accepted and gathered to donate on **February 1**. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our outreach ministries.



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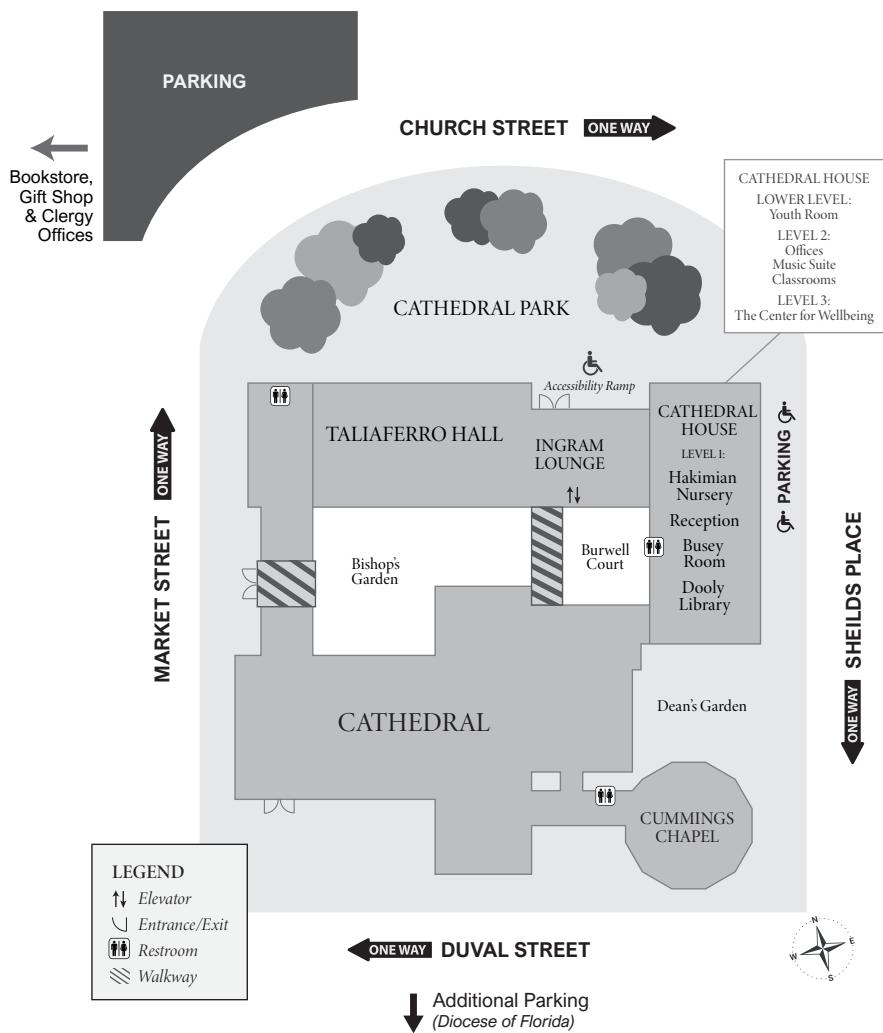
WELCOME

Whether you're visiting for the first time or you've been worshiping here for years, our welcome ministry - Engage@JaxCathedral is here to help you make a home for your faith at St. John's Cathedral.

Fill out the Welcome card in the pew back and place it in the offering plate, or complete the form online at jaxcathedral.org/welcome (or scan the QR code) so we can get to know you.



MAP



HOURS & INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8am Holy Eucharist, spoken

9am Breakfast
Adult Formation: Dean's Forum,
Taliaferro Hall (No Forum Today)

For Children & Families: Family Eucharist (First Sundays), *Cummings Chapel*, Family Flex Cafe (activities for children ages 4 - 10), *Ingram Lounge (No Flex Cafe or Children's Formation Today)*

10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with organ and choir

Children gather in the Taliaferro Hall foyer before the 10:30 a.m. service, and return to their families at the Peace. Blessing Bags with quiet activities are available for children who remain in the service.

11:45am Lunch and Fellowship, *Taliaferro Hall*

Hakimian Family Nursery Hours

10am to Noon

St. John's Cathedral Bookstore & Gift Shop

Hours

Sun: 9am to 12:30pm
M-Th: 10am to 4pm
F: 10am to 3pm

Vestry

Steve Busey, *Chancellor*; John Sefton, *Subchancellor*; Martha Cox, *Sr. Warden*; Patrick Kimball, *Jr. Warden*; Paul Arrington, *Treasurer*; John Bass, Donna Walker Bell, John Erstling, Glenn Guiler, Paige Hakimian, Lewis Hunt, Lisa McKenna, Laura Jane Pittman, Louis Russo, Adam Smith, Shane Williams

Clergy

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll, *Dean*; The Rev. Canon Mark S. Anderson, *Vicar*; The Rev. Dr. Linda Privitera, *Associate Priest of Theology and the Arts*; The Rev. Thomas O'Dell, *Associate Priest for Welcome and Engagement*; The Rev. Saundra Kidd, *Deacon for Pastoral Care and Outreach*

Music

Timothy Tuller, *Canon for Music*

Throughout this service, items in **bold** are spoken by the congregation in unison.

At the sound of the bell, all stand.

1982 Hymnal

This prayer, called the *Collect for Purity*, is said every Sunday. We ask God to purify our hearts for worship.

Silence.

This prayer changes each Sunday and summarizes a theme from today's Scripture readings.

All sit.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Voluntary

Prelude on *Greensleeves*, Alec Rowley

Introit (10:30 a.m.)

Verbum Caro, Anonymous

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Alleluia.
The Lord hath made known His salvation. Alleluia.
Nigh to me, he called unto me, Thou art my Father. Alleluia.

In Procession, Hymn #96

"Angels we have heard on high" *Gloria*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Blessed be our God.
Forever and ever. Amen.

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

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
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 Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The words of holy scripture.
Thanks be to God.

**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!

“The Lord is My Light,” Lillian Bouknight, arr. Paul Gainer

All stand.

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion; whom shall I fear?

The Holy Gospel: John 1:1-18

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O 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.

The good news of our Savior.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Repeat chant, page 5.

All sit.

A period of silence is kept following the sermon.

All stand.

The Nicene Creed is 1700 years old as of this year. It is a statement of trust, and not of certainty.

"The Lord is My Light," Lillian Bouknight, arr. Paul Gainer

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Mark S. Anderson

The Nicene Creed

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

The Prayers of the People are read by a member of our congregation and reflect the concerns of our day and our community.

Oh Mystery that is beyond all fathoming, thank you for coming into this world to save us. Jesus, Savior of the World,
Show us how to love.

Bless all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. May they know the healing power of your love. Jesus, Savior of the World,
Show us how to love.

Embrace the souls of those who have died, that they may know the brightness of your light. Jesus, Savior of the World,
Show us how to love.

Usher in a time of peace in every heart and in every corner of this world. Jesus, Savior of the World,
Show us how to love.

Guide us in caring for this beautiful earth that you have made.
Jesus, Savior of the World,
Show us how to love.

We give you thanks for the gift of our lives. May we spend them in service to you.
Jesus, Savior of the World,
Show us how to love.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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 Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem (10:30 a.m.) Jesus Christ the Apple Tree, Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell. The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Hymn #380 (*St. 3*)

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow” *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching our Worship I

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord

The celebrant concludes the prayers.

*All kneel or stand as able.
A period of silence invites us
to reflect on our own lives and
our need for forgiveness.*

Confession is a process of letting go, forgiving others, and being forgiven by God.

The Resurrected Christ, when he appeared to the disciples, said these words.

As the altar is prepared for Holy 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.



All stand. 1982 Hymnal

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

1982 Hymnal

This ancient song, called the Sanctus, is sung by the angels in the book of Revelation.

All kneel or stand as able.

Sanctus S-130

Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

These words come from Scripture:
Matthew 26:26-29
Mark 14:22-25
Luke 22:14-20
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 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:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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.**

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.

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

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.

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

Anthem

In the Bleak Mid-Winter, arr. Brad Printz
St. John's Celebration Choir

Hymn #98 (St. 1-3)

“Unto us a boy is born!” *Puer nobis*

Motet

Adam lay ybounden, Peter Warlock

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond: four thousand winter thought he not too long. And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkès finden written in their book. Nè had the apple taken been, the apple taken been, ne had never our lady abeen heavenè queen. Blessed be the time that apple taken was, therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias!

Prayer of Sending and Service

Let us pray.

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 he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

In Procession, Hymn #109 (8 a.m. St. 1-3) “The first Nowell the angel did say” *The First Nowell*

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

In Thee is Gladness, J. S. Bach

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

All who long for God are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized, we invite you to speak with a member of the clergy about Baptism, the doorway into the Church's full sacramental life.

Everyone is also welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by folding your arms across your chest.

Please let clergy know if you would like a gluten-free wafer.

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 left of the altar (the North Transept). If you are in need of confidential prayers, please come to the Baptismal Font.

*All stand. 1982 Hymnal.
At 8 a.m., Stanzas 1-3 only.*

Calendar

MON. 12/29

8am - Centering Prayer, *Zoom*

Start your week off with guided centering prayer. Contact Owene at owene_courtney@yahoo.com.

6-7:15pm - Yoga, *Cummings Chapel*

Free, gentle yoga practice, led by Megan Cochran.

TUES. 12/30

10am - Art Group, *The Painting Place (under Taliaferro Hall)*

Come paint with us. Contact Kathie at meuselbachkl@yahoo.com.

4-6pm - Cancer Support Group, *Center for Wellbeing, Room 303*

All are welcome, regardless of faith tradition or stage in the journey. Contact Lisa at lisamck@bellsouth.net.

WED. 12/31

11am - Growing Through the Word, *Busey Conference Room and Zoom*

An insightful discussion of the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings. Led by Deacon Saundra Kidd.

12:10pm - Healing Service, *Cummings Chapel*

A weekly gathering of prayer and the Holy Eucharist.

4pm - Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

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MON. 1/5

8am - Centering Prayer, *Zoom*

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6-7:15pm - Yoga, *Cummings Chapel*

Free, gentle yoga practice, led by Megan Cochran.

TUES. 1/6

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Come paint with us. Contact Kathie at meuselbachkl@yahoo.com.

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WED. 1/7

11am - Growing Through the Word, *Busey Conference Room and Zoom*

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12:10pm - Healing Service, *Cummings Chapel*

A weekly gathering of prayer and the Holy Eucharist.

6pm - Art Group, *The Painting Place (under Taliaferro Hall)*

Gather with fellow artists and paint to your heart's content. Contact Heather at chihuahua7044@att.net.

THURS. 1/8

9:30-10:30am - Centering Prayer, *Dooly Library*

Let go of distractions; open your heart to the divine within.

THURS. 1/8

9-10:30am - Reading Between the Lines, *Zoom*

An online Scripture study supplemented by art, literature, poetry. Contact Owene at ocourtney@jaxcathedral.org.

SAT. 1/10

9:30am - Engage @ Jax Cathedral

Pop-Up, *Mandarin Museum*

See the best Hidden Gem in Jacksonville and its exhibit on Harriet Beecher Stowe (author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin"). After the Civil War ended, Stowe resided here and was one of the biggest promoters for northerners to visit and move to Florida. Susan Caven will tell us her story and we will tour the museum and grounds. Join us! Contact Linda O'Dell at lodell@jaxcathedral.org.

9:30am - Downtown Historic Walk with the

Center for Wellbeing, *Meet at St. John's Cathedral*

Join us for a leisurely 3-mile walk through downtown Jacksonville. We will meet at the Cathedral, in the park at the side door. We will make our way to the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Wall, then continue to the Police Officers Memorial, and visit the Old City Cemetery, an historic landmark and burial ground for Confederate soldiers. We will conclude our walk back at the Cathedral.

SUN. 1/11

9am-12pm - Blood Drive, Market Street

The OneBlood Big Red Bus will be on Market Street! All donors receive a \$20 gift card and 10% off a purchase at the Cathedral Bookstore! Please bring your ID and eat a good breakfast before donating.

9am - Dean's Forum, Taliaferro Hall

Join Dean Kate as we explore the roots of our Episcopal faith in this exciting session, "Scripture: the Fascinating Mystery."

11:30am - Creation Care Think Tank, Taliaferro Hall

Join our next Think Tank as we explore how St. John's can take faithful, concrete steps to protect God's world. Together, we'll listen, reflect, and act for creation care.

4pm - Beaches Fine Arts Series presents

Colin MacKnight, Cathedral Nave

Award-winning organist Colin MacKnight received his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from Juilliard where he was the student of Paul Jacobs. He was named a "rising star" and one of the top "20 under 30" organists by The Diapason of the American Guild of Organists. Reception to follow.

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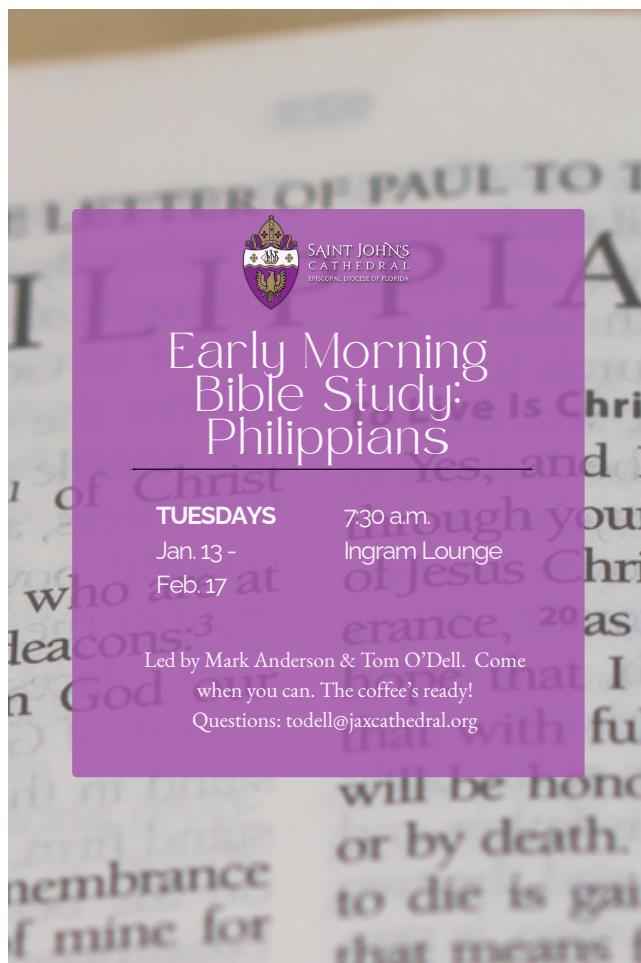
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Sermon Notes