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November 29, 2026

Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols

SAINT JOHN'S
CATHEDRAL
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

HOURS & INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8am Holy Eucharist, spoken

9am Breakfast
Adult Formation: Dean's Forum, *Taliaferro Hall*

For Children & Families: Family Eucharist (First Sundays), *Cummings Chapel,* Family Flex Cafe (activites for children ages 4 - 10), *Ingram Lounge*

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
John Sefton, *Chancellor*; Martha Cox, *Sr. Warden*; Patrick Kimball, *Jr. Warden*; Paul Arrington, *Treasurer;* John Bass, Rebecca Black, John Erstling, Glenn Guiler, T. R. Hainline, Paige Hakimian, JJ Howell, Caroline Nichols, 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*

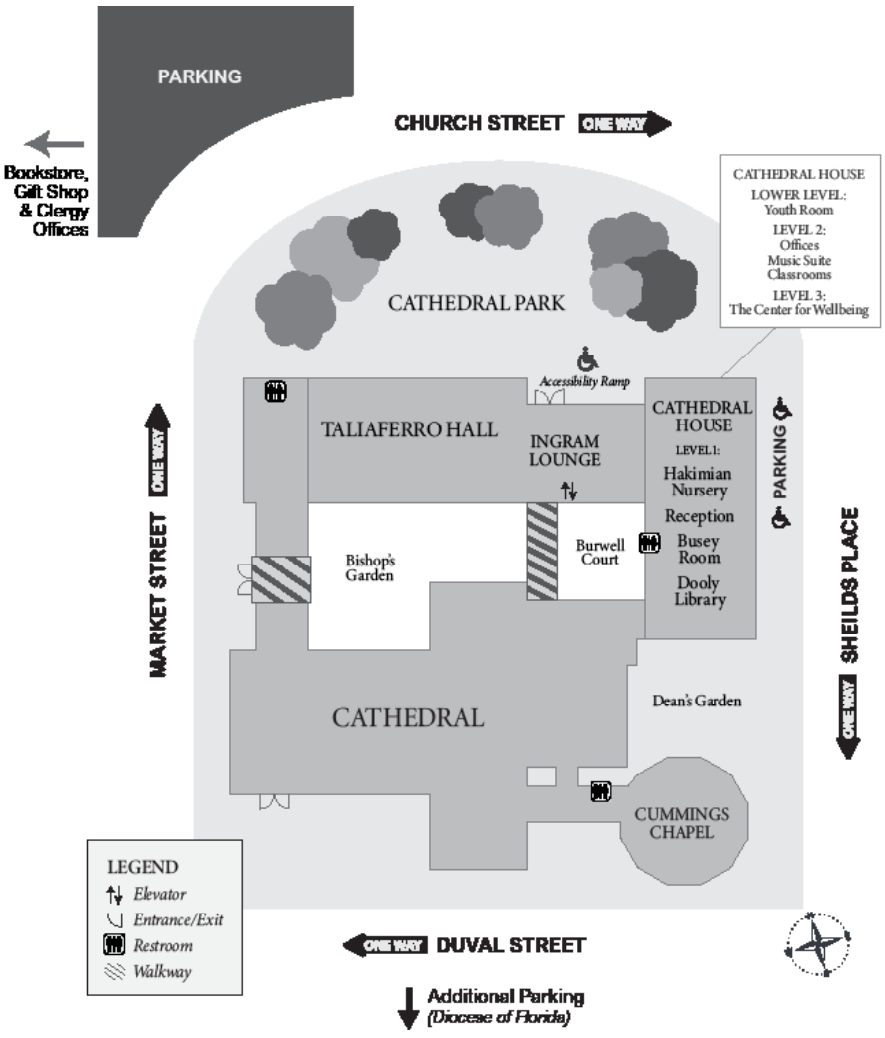
Music
Timothy Tuller, *Canon for Music*

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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



ADVENT PROCESSION OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Preludes Prelude on "Come Now, Savior of the Gentiles," Johann Sebastian Bach
Prelude on "Come Now, Savior of the Gentiles," Dietrich Buxtehude
Prelude on "Behold a Rose Bursts into Bloom," Johannes Brahms

Matin Responsory for Advent *(from the West End)* G. P. Palestrina
Martha Gerding & Luke Hopper, cantors

At the sound of the bell, all stand. The bell tolls nine times, three times three is a symbol of the Trinity.

I look from afar: And lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another. Go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Tell us, art thou he that should come? Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

In Procession, Hymn #57 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending" *Helmsley*

Hymnal 1982

The First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

All sit.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!

The Advent service in the old English liturgies provided vivid preparation for the coming of our Lord to earth. Much of this carol service is drawn from these sources. Throughout the service, the choir moves in procession from the West to East, from darkness into light. As the procession moves toward the East End, prophetic readings alternate with carols. Finally, in the Sanctuary, the Gospel replaces the Prophets.

The Words of Holy Scripture.
Thanks be to God.

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

Carol *(in the Crossing)* 'Twas in the Year, G.R. Woodward

'Twas in the year that King Uzziah died, a vision by Isaiah was aspied: a lofty throne, the Lord was set thereon; and with his glory all the temple shone. Bright Seraphim were standing round about. Six wings had every of that quire devout. With twain he awesome veil'd his face, and so with twain he dreadful veil'd his feet below. With twain did he now hither, thither fly: and thus aloud did one to other cry: 'Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth, full of his glory are earth and heaven both.' And at their cry, the lintels moved apace, and clouds of incense filled the Holy Place.

All stand. Hymnal 1982

Hymn #59 "Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding"

All sit.

The Second Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-8

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

The Words of Holy Scripture.
Thanks be to God.

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Offertory Carol How Lovely Are the Messengers (From *St. Paul*), Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace. To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words. Throughout all the lands their glad tidings. How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

The Third Lesson: Zechariah 2:10-13

Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord. Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord on that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst. And you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. The Lord will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem. Be silent, all people, before the Lord; for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

The Words of Holy Scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Carol This is the record of John, Orlando Gibbons
Jonathan Leonard, tenor

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who art thou?" And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What art thou then? Art thou Elias?" And he said, "I am not." "Art thou the prophet?" And he answered, "No." Then said they unto him, "What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?" And he said, "I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord."

Hymn #76 "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry"

All stand. Hymnal 1982

All sit.

The Fourth Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

The Words of Holy Scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Carol *(sung antiphonally from transepts)* The Angel Gabriel, Basque Carol

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, "Thou lowly maiden Mary. Most highly favored lady!" Gloria!

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee, Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady!" Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleases God!" she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name." Most highly favored lady! Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn; And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady!" Gloria!

The Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:39-56

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of

your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

The Words of Holy Scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Carol *(sung antiphonally from transepts)* A Tender Shoot, Otto Goldschmidt

A tender shoot hath started up from a root of grace,
As ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race:
It blooms without a blight,
Blooms in the cold bleak winter, turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing;
Our God of endless might
Gave her this child to save us, thus turning darkness into light.

Carol Wachet Auf!, Phillip Nicolai

"Up! Awake!" from highest steeple, the watchmen cry, "Awake, ye people; O Salem, from thy slumber rise! Hear those clarion voices knelling, the hour of midnight loud forthtelling; Say, where are ye, O virgins wise? The Bridegroom comes awake! Up! Lamp and lantern take; Alleluia! With ready light ye must tonight go forth to join the marriage rite."

The Sixth Lesson: Matthew 1:18-23

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin

shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means 'God is with us.'

The Words of Holy Scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Three Carols — Christ the Way of Life, Bob Moore

Christ the Way of life possess me, lift my heart to love and praise; guide and keep, sustain and bless me, all my days. Well of life, for ever flowing, make my barren soul and bare like a watered garden growing fresh and fair. May the Tree of life in splendour from its leafy boughs impart grace divine and healing tender, strength of heart. Path of life before me shining, let me come when earth is past, sorrow, self and sin resigning, home at last. -*Timothy Dudley-Smith*

Ecce concipies, Jacob Handl

Ecce concipies et paries filium, et vocabis nomen ejus Jesum. Hic erit magnus, et filius Altissimi vocabitur.
Behold, thou shalt conceive and bear a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the son of the Most High.

Super solium David et super regnum ejus sedebit et regnabit in domo Jacob in aeternum et regni ejus non erit finis.
He shall sit upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom and he shall reign in the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

There is no rose of such virtue, Ian Higginson

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu. *Alleluia.*
For in this rose contained was heav'n and earth in little space. *Res miranda.*
By that rose we may well see; there be one God in persons three. *Pares forma.*
Then leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyous birth. *Transeamus.*

Vesper Responsory — *All stand.*

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

Hymn #462 — "The Lord will come and not be slow" *St. Stephen* — *Hymnal 1982*

All kneel as able. The Lord's Prayer is spoken in unison. This is the only prayer that Jesus himself taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

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

The celebrant continues.

We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.
In the midst of thy temple.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and forever. **Amen.**

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of thy coming, grant that we, who with joy receive thy only-begotten Son as our redeemer, may without fear behold him when he shall come to be our judge, even thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Open wide, O Lord, the gates of heaven and visit thy people in peace: send forth thy Spirit from on high that their hearts may be uplifted unto thee. O Lord, who for our sake was of a virgin born, make holy thy people, and bless thine heritage. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and abide with you for ever. **Amen.**

All stand. Hymnal 1982

Hymn #72 "Hark! The glad sound! The Savior comes!" *Richmond*

At the Recession Prelude on "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People," Paul Manz

Postlude Prelude on "Come Now, Savior of the Gentiles," Johann Sebastian Bach

All are invited to a reception in Taliaferro Hall.