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Advent Sunday

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PARISH KALENDAR IN ADVENT

Monday through Friday: 8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.:

Morning Prayer (or Evening Prayer) and Holy Communion (Chapel)

Saturday—10:30 a.m. Holy Communion (Chapel)

Except Wednesdays:

8:15 a.m.: Morning Prayer

9:45 a.m.: Litany

10:00 a.m.: Sung Eucharist

5.30 p.m.: Evensong, 6:00 p.m. Supper and 6:30 p.m. Class.

December 1st — Advent Processionals: The Litany and "O Come, O Come Emmanuel".

December 8th — Advent Saints

December 15th — The Rector's Music for Advent and Christmas

Reservations for Supper requested.

Adults—\$9; Couples (2 people); \$15; Families (3 or more) \$16.

Children under 6 eat free

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

We stand at the head of the Christian year. I am not sure that there is anything quite like it in the world; this composite of sanctities, this interweaving of story and prayer, of song and color, by which Christ is portrayed and brought before us. It is a solemn pageantry, which effects association with Him whose life is being traced. It is a solemn procession, in which we actually move in spirit. It is an annual miracle, the marvel of which we only miss because we are so familiar with it.

It seems to me that, standing at the head of the Christian Year, we might well stand back for a moment, and think in the large of the Lord and Saviour, whose steps we are once more about to follow, as the sanctities unfold themselves.

—Miles Lowell Yates

DURING ADVENT

GRANT, O Almighty God, that as thy blessed Son Jesus Christ as his first advent didst come to seek and to save that which was lost; so at his second and glorious appearing he may find in us the fruits of the redemption which he wrought, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD, who wouldest fold both heaven and earth in a single peace; Let the design of thy great love lighten upon the wast of our wraths and sorrows; and give peace to thy Church, peace among nations, peace in our dwellings, and peace in our hearts; through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

STIR UP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy power and come: that by thy protection we may be set free from the dangers of our sins which beset us; and may be saved by thy deliverance: who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE

Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site: www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mrs. Stuart C. Clifford

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. Austin O. Kennedy

The flowers at the altar on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Albert Sidney Newton by Dr. and Mrs. Roland S. Summers.

The flowers at the altar on Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ray Schmidt by Mrs. Ray Schmidt.

And in memory of Martha Feilis Belford by Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Belford.

And in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry King McCormick by Mr. and Mrs. R. Gilbert Wells.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Warren Traver, Ms. Anne H. Mingledorff
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Mrs. Jonathan D. Sprague, Mrs. Roland S. Summers
Mrs. Marshall F. Campbell, Mrs. D. Brian DuFour

ACOLYTES

8:00 Kelley Compton
10:30 Will Sadler
Clayton Compton, Cord Helmken
Chris Dixon, Peter Stein
Rion Hilliard, Lindsay Pindar

NO COFFEE HOUR THIS SUNDAY

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES

- Frs. Dunbar & O' Brien – **Old Testament** (Chapel)
- Jack Wray (3rd Floor Classroom) **Isaiah -55—“The Word of God Stands”**.
- David Noble –*The Tale of the Clerk of Oxenford.*” (Reading Rm, 3rd Fl)
- Mike Chastain—**Marrieds (& Singles) Forum**—Ralston Room, 3rd floor, Cranmer Hall.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Tuesday 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Study—
(Parish House Dining Room, enter by Kitchen)
Thursday 7 a.m. Bible Study (Reading Room)

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Reading Rm, Cranmer Hall.
Wednesday—10:45 a.m.-Noon
Thursday—9:15 a.m.-10:30a.m.

WREATHS, GARLAND AND POINSETTIAS

If you would like to give a Poinsettia, Wreath or Garland for the decoration of the Church send a check to the Church Office, made out to **St. John's Chancel Society**. Please include with the check a note of how the memorial should read and by whom it is given. **Poinsettia--\$30, Wreath or Garland \$80.**

ECW MEETING

The ECW Board will meet Monday, November 29th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish House.

The ECW General meeting will be Wednesday, December 1st, in the Parish House immediately following the 10:00 Holy Communion service. Fr. Dunbar will present the **Rector's music for Advent and Christmas. All are welcome!!! (Sitters available)**

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

**EYCS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING APPEAL
THIS SUNDAY**

Please keep an eye out for the **gold offering envelope** mailed to you by *Episcopal Youth and Children's Services*: these may be presented at the offertory on Sunday or mailed to the Diocesan office. EYCS is not a national church organization but a historic charitable association of Savannah-area Episcopal churches, which supports the education of young Episcopalians in need – including parishioners of St. John's. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this worthy cause.

ADVENT PROSE

Refrain: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, * and let the skies pour down righteousness. *Cantor.* Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee. *Repeat Refrain.* We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. *Repeat Refrain.* Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. *Repeat Refrain.* I have blocked out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee: I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. *Repeat Refrain.*

**COMMENTARY ON SAINT MARK'S
GOSPEL FOR ADVENT**

During Advent, the New Testament reading at Morning Prayer during the week is taken from Saint Mark's gospel. To assist those reciting Morning Prayer to a fuller apprehension of this Gospel, a short commentary on these lessons will be available in the chapel or from the church office. This commentary, authored by the Rev'd Jason Patterson of the Prayer Book Society, is a "pilot project": the observations and recommendations of those using it will be received and incorporated into a future edition.

**VESTRY MEMBERS
(NEW AND OLD)**

Four parishioners were elected to serve a five year term on the Vestry: Mrs. R. Bartley Turner, Mr. Wm. Howard Helmken, Mr. John M. Hewson III and Mr. Charles B. Compton, Jr. Mr. J. Earl Gilbreath, Jr. has been elected Vestry Member Emeritus. Thanks are due to the outgoing vestry members: Mr. John C. Helmken II (Sr. Warden), Mrs. Paul M. Pressly, Mr. William C. Rodgers, and Mr. R. Stephen Braswell.

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**NEXT SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 5, 2010**

**5:30 P.M.—CHORAL EVENSONG  
FOR ADVENT**

**6:30 P.M.—PARISH SUPPER**

Bring a covered dish or desert.  
(Fried chicken, lasagna and beverages  
are provided)

*Nursery available.*

**8:00—HOLY COMMUNION**

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel .....90  
*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

9:00—12 Noon NURSERY (Cranmer Hall)

9:30—ADULT, YOUTH, and CHILDREN’S CLASSES (Chapel, Cranmer Hall)

10:30 –Pre-school Program continues—3 year olds through Kindergarten (Cranmer Hall)

Jr. Choir—grades 1 through 4 (Cranmer Hall)

**10:30—MORNING PRAYER & SERMON**

HYMN #1 *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus* ..... Stuttgart  
 Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord’s Prayer .....Prayer Book 3-7  
 Versicles and Responses .....7-8  
 VENITE (*with Advent antiphon* Hymnal #606) ..... 9  
 Psalm #19 ..... 363  
 First Lesson: Isaiah 1:1-4, 10- 20 *Jerusalem called to repentance*  
 ADVENT PROSE (*Choir*) ..... Text, page 3 of this Paper  
 Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14; St. Matthew 21:1-13.....90-92  
 BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #638) ..... 14  
 Apostles' Creed ..... 15  
 Versicles and Responses ..... 16  
 Collect of the Day ..... 90  
 Other Collects and Prayers, the Grace .....17-20  
 HYMN #3 *Wake, O Wake, for Night is Flying* .....Wachet Auf  
*Children in Grades 1- 4 may exit to Cranmer Hall for Junior Choir*  
 Sermon..... Fr. Dunbar

**OFFERING**

Sentences  
 Anthem: *Expectans Expectavi* ..... Charles Wood  
 Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139  
 Prayer and Blessing  
 HYMN # 566 *Jesus Calls Us* .....Galilee  
 ORGAN: *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (BWV 645)*..... Johann Sebastian Bach

*There will be NO Coffee Hour this Sunday.*

**12 Noon—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel)**

Collect, Epistle, Gospel pp 90-92