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## COMING EVENTS

### ◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

#### Office Closed Monday

*No daily services.*

#### Tuesday - Friday

*Morning and Evening Prayer*

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

#### In addition, on Wednesday

**WOMEN OF SAINT JOHN'S  
CORPORATE COMMUNION &  
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

#### Friday, September 8th

#### THE NATIVITY

**OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

*Morning and Evening Prayer*

*With Holy Communion*

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

### ◆ NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 10 ◆

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION  
Nursery – Grade Six**

## THIS SUNDAY'S GUEST PREACHER

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### RITEs AND CEREMONIES: TIME

St. Paul exhorts Christians to "walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15, 16). How do we redeem the time? 'Time is money' was the mantra of the modern industrial revolution, and obediently we have

labored to squeeze as much profit and pleasure as we can out of our overscheduled lives. What gets squeezed out, so often, is time for God: 'important', but all too often bumped in favor of matters we deem 'urgent'. I am reminded of the "big rocks first" principle of time management: if you are filling a vessel with water, sand, gravel, small rocks, and big rocks, you must put the big rocks first, then fit the smaller rocks around them, and reserve the gravel, sand and water for last. If you start with the smaller stuff, the big rocks won't fit.

God is the biggest rock of all. If we are going to "redeem the time", God must be first, not just in principle, but in practice. That's where the sanctification of time comes in: the Christian year, the Christian week, and the Christian day: using time as a means of worship, a way of locating and aligning our time within God's timeless eternity.

**The Christian Year:** one of the legacies of the ancient church was the Christian year. As Christ came into time and history, "for us men and for our salvation", to suffer, die, and rise again, and as he will come again to judge the world - so in the course of the Church's year, all that he has done for us, and all that he is doing in us, becomes the very shape and pattern of the yearly cycle. In

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

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 Mr. R. Gilbert Wells

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Frank Somokey

**ACOLYTES**

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne  
10:30 a.m. Jacob Perkins William Taylor  
Turner Stevens Jamie McClellan  
Haddon Watson Jackson McClellan  
Whitfield Watson

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Radford by Mr. and Mrs. John E. Roller;  
And in loving memory of Frank Perdue Lee by his family;

And in loving memory of my parents, Sumner and Virginia Farwell by Rence Schmidt;

And in honor of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Fawcett and Mr. and Mrs. Billy S. Summerell by Mr. and Mrs. B. Ray Summerell.

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Edward J. Derst III, Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard,  
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**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish, Jr.

**SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.**

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

READING ROOM: 2 *Samuel - 1 Kings* –  
Father Dunbar

Summer Childcare (Nursery through Kindergarten) is available for the 10:30 a.m. service. First grade and up remain in church.

**MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Tuesday- *Men's Breakfast* with Father O'Brien  
6:45 a.m., Parish House  
Thursday- *St. Luke* with Father Dunbar  
7:00 a.m., Reading Room, CH3  
Thursday- *Men's Small Group* with lunch  
Noon- Fellowship Hall, CH1

**WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Wednesday-September 13- *C. S. Lewis Group*  
11:00 a.m. Reading Room, CH3  
Wednesday-September 13- *Daughters of the King*. After 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer,  
CH1 Men and women all welcome.

**JANE'S CANNERS**

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Cranmer Hall.  
**Needed:** Hard pears picked straight from the trees and shelled or unshelled pecans.

**SERVICE RECORDINGS**

Are back! You can find them on the St. John's website homepage. To see the listings beyond this current week, look for the square button on the right with the arrow pointing up. (It is on the same row as the 'Now playing', 'Notes', and 'Bible' buttons to the right.) . That will display the entire list of recordings if you scroll down the page.

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, we prepare for, celebrate, and imitate, the coming, birth, and showing forth of the divine and human person of Christ, the incarnate Son of God; in Lent, Easter, Whitsunday, and the season after Trinity we prepare for, commemorate, celebrate, and imitate, the dying, rising, and exaltation he accomplished for our redemption. In short, it is Christ - "the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end" (Rev. 21:6) - who gives meaning to the yearly cycle.

Intrinsic to the cycle of the Church's year are the ancient system of collects, epistles, and gospels retained in the 1928 Prayer Book with minimal alteration, which provide for the principal service each Sunday or holy day a compact and coherent rehearsal of the gospel, setting before us the faith we are to believe, the works we are to do, and the grace we are to pray for.

**The Christian Week:** the narrative in Genesis 1:1-2:3 establishes the week as a memorial of God's creating the world. The Old Testament week concluded with the Sabbath (Saturday), a day to rest from labour for the sake of worship of God; the New Testament begins the week with the Lord's Day (Sunday), each one a "little Easter", because his resurrection on "the first day of the week", makes it the beginning of the renewal of creation that had grown old in sin and death: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Sunday having thus become the Christian Sabbath, it is a day to rest from labour and to

rejoice in community, to engage in works of worship and charity. As such it establishes the principle for all our days, that we should refrain from trust in our own works, and in faith give ourselves up to Christ, that he may work in us by his Holy Spirit.

**The Christian Day:** from ancient times Christians either privately or in groups have prayed at fixed times. What these hours of prayer were has varied, though evening and morning (Genesis 1:5) - the transitions from light to darkness, and darkness to light - have predominated: *thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee* (Ps 65:8). Thus the day itself and all that we do or suffer in it, as also the night in which we take our rest, are framed and measured by the worship of God. The Book of Common Prayer appoints services of Morning and Evening Prayer to be said daily throughout the year, and though these are sometimes thought of as clerical or even monastic devotions, they are explicitly designed for the benefit of clergy and people alike. Though the English reformers dissolved the monasteries, it was only that the entire Christian people might become a kind of monastery, a community of governed by God's word, and active in common prayer. Though the fragmented conditions of the modern workplace and lifestyle war against the unities of place, yet the hours of prayer can still be kept using Bibles, Prayer books, or even the smartphone (the IPrayBCP app). It's God's world, in time as well as space, in which he works the good purpose of his perfect will; it is wisdom for us to align our purpose and our works in time with his. GGD

**8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION**

COLLECT, EPISTLE & GOSPEL..... Prayer Book, page 200-202  
*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

**9:30 A.M. – ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Cranmer Hall)**

10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon) - **Nursery (Cranmer Hall)**

**10:30 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER & SERMON**

HYMN: #109 <i>Come Thou Holy Spirit, Come</i> .....	Veni Sancte Spiritus
Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer .....	Prayer Book, pages 3-7
Versicles and Responses.....	7-8
VENITE: #609.....	9
Psalm #103 .....	466
First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35 <i>The glory reflected in the face of Moses</i> .....	<i>Insert</i>
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS #615 .....	10
Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:4 & St. Mark 7:31 .....	206
BENEDICTUS#634.....	14
Apostles' Creed.....	15
Responses .....	16
Collect of the Day.....	206
Collects for Peace and for Grace, other prayers .....	17-20
Welcome and Announcements .....	The Rector
HYMN: #153 <i>Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies</i> .....	Ratisbon
Sermon .....	Father Douglas Dupree

**OFFERING**

Sentences	
Anthem: <i>God Be In My Head</i> .....	Walford Davies
Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)	
General Thanksgiving ( <i>said by all</i> ) and Aaronic Blessing .....	19
HYMN: #776/325 <i>O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing</i> .....	Azmon
VOLUNTARY: <i>Tuba Tune in D Major</i> .....	Craig Sellars Lang

*Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.*

*If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

**12:00 P.M. (Noon)—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel - as at 8:00 a.m.)**