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## THIS SUNDAY - CONFIRMATION

*Today at 10:30 a.m., we welcome Bishop Paul Lambert of Dallas, who visits us on behalf of Bishop Benhase of Georgia.*

### **Notes for Candidates for Confirmation and their Families:**

- Candidates meet the Bishop at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- At 10:30 a.m., candidates and families are asked to sit in reserved pews (candidates in front of the pulpit, families in front of the lectern).
- During the final hymn, those who have been confirmed and their families are asked to follow the clergy out of the church, and proceed to the Parish House for photographs and presentations at Coffee Hour.

### **CANDIDATES TO BE CONFIRMED**

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH**

Taught by *Mr. and Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard,*  
and *Mrs. James S. McClellan, Jr.*

*Ann Harvey Burdell*

*William Ruffin Coleman Cocke*

*Jacob Wesley Perkins*

*Anna Lee Pollak*

*Sarah Jane Schulze*

*Henry Whitfield Watson*

*William Haddon Watson*

*Ralston Kennedy Welch*

*Malcolm Pearson Worsham*

*Wesley William Worsham*

#### **ADULTS**

Taught by *Father Gavin G. Dunbar.*

*Amara DeRienzo*

*Amanda Elizabeth Smith Lewis*

*Elizabeth Anne Summerell*

### **CONFIRMATION**

The new life in Christ into which we enter by baptism and faith is not without spiritual enemies. Just as Jesus was assaulted by the tempter immediately after his baptism, so the baptized are targets for temptation by the world, the flesh, and the devil. In the epistle to the Ephesians, St. Paul urges Christians to "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and

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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.

**VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN**

8:00 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 a.m. Dr. Roland S. Summers

**USHER CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Sean F. Finnegan

**ACOLYTES**

8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne  
10:30 a.m. Phillip Inglesby Patrick Perrie  
Finn Repella Edwin Shepherd  
Turner Stevens William Taylor

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar on the Second Sunday after Easter were given to the glory of God and on the occasion of the marriage of Sara Ashford Dale and Devin Valfrid Thomas.

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and on the occasion of Ann Harvey Burdell's Confirmation by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Schweigert Burdell, and her godmother, Frances Burdell Satterfield;

And in loving memory of the Reverend William H. Ralston, Jr. by the Compton family;

And in loving memory of Captain and Mrs. Harry E. Jennings by Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. E. Jennings, Nolan and Alex;

And in loving memory of Jolana Swift Bradshaw by Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr. and family.

**CHANCEL SOCIETY**

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw, Jr., Mrs. Edward J. Derst III, Mrs. Jayne G. Holland, Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Ms. Anne H. Mingledorff, Mrs. Michael W. Rhinehart, Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry III, Mrs. W. Lee Belford, Mrs. John R. Reiter, Mrs. Roland S. Summers, Mrs. H. Emerson Thomas, Jr.;

Mrs. Michael N. Thompson, Mrs. John C. Wylly, Jr.

**COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. Thomas C. Horne

**SUNDAY-9:30 A.M.-CRANMER HALL 3**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**FOR YOUTH:**

CONFIRMATION CLASS-MEET IN CHAPEL  
JR. HIGH -GRADES 7,8,9-*25 Lights of the World*  
SR. HIGH -GRADES 10,11,12-*Reasons to Believe*

**FOR ADULTS:**

READING ROOM: *II Samuel*- Father Dunbar  
CH2: Women's Small Group Faith Fellowship

**MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Tuesday- Men's Breakfast with Fr. O'Brien  
6:45 a.m., Parish House  
Thursday- No Meeting This Week  
Resumes May 25

Thursday- Men's Small Group with lunch  
Noon- Fellowship Hall, CH1

**WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION**

Thursday- Book Study with Father O'Brien  
9:15 a.m., Reading Room, CH3  
Wednesday- May 10- C. S. Lewis Group  
11:00 a.m., Reading Room, CH3  
Wednesday- May 10- Daughters of the King  
After Evening Prayer, CH1

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints". The Christian life is an embattled existence, but God has not left us undefended, or without means of prevailing in the spiritual combat, and in that experience we come to know and rely more deeply upon his grace and protection.

The Holy Spirit gives himself according to our need and capacity; and so in Baptism he gives himself for the beginning of spiritual life, for spiritual regeneration and remission of sins; but in Confirmation he gives himself to "confirm"- defend and strengthen - those reborn in him, for growth to spiritual maturity. "In Baptism we are *reborn to life*; in Confirmation we are *armed for the strife*." This historic understanding of Confirmation is reflected in the Bishop's prayer as he lays hands on each person, a prayer for the *defense* of the child of God (from the assaults of the world, the flesh, and the devil); and for his daily *increase* in the Holy Spirit (for growing up into Christ in virtue and good works- Ephesians 4:11-16.) In the Anglican tradition, Confirmation is administered by a Bishop in historic succession, by prayer for the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit and the laying on of hands, after the ratification of Baptismal vows. (Those already *confirmed* by a Bishop in historic succession but in another communion are not confirmed again

but are formally *received* into ecclesial fellowship.)

The historic standard for Anglicans is that none are admitted to Holy Communion, except those who have been confirmed, or are ready and desirous of being confirmed. In practice, however, many exceptions are made: principally for those persons who were already admitted to Communion in other churches (without benefit of Confirmation by a bishop in historic succession) and are either visiting or becoming members of St. John's. Nevertheless, those who have not been confirmed, ought to do so.

## UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

### ◆WEEKDAY WORSHIP◆

#### Monday to Friday

*Morning and Evening Prayer*

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

#### In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Communion*

5:30 p.m. *Evening Prayer*

*And Holy Communion*

### ◆MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT◆

Friday, May 12 – 1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start

The Landings' Palmetto Golf Course

Plantation Club House (note new venue)

Call Jim McClellan at 912-201-3895.

### ◆SAVANNAH BAROQUE CONCERT◆

Saturday, May 13 – Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Tickets on sale at Coffee Hour today,  
in Church Office, or at door on May 13.

General-\$20, Students & Seniors-\$15

[www.savannahbaroque.org](http://www.savannahbaroque.org)

### ◆ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT◆

Thursday, May 18 - 6:00 p.m.

Savannah Golf Club - Open to all

Call Scott Howard at 912-286-0315.

### CHURCH TOUR DOCENTS NEEDED

If you have a couple of hours a month to lead tours in the Church, please call Jack Wray at 596-2950 for more information.

**8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION**

Collects, Epistle, and Gospel.....Prayer Book, page 173  
*A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.*

9:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon) - **Nursery** (*Cranmer Hall*)

**9:30 A.M. – ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** (*Cranmer Hall*)**10:30 A.M.— SUNG EUCHARIST, ADDRESS & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

HYMN: #91 *The Strife Is Over* ..... Victory

**THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION** Prayer Book, page 296

HYMN: #570 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* ..... Llanfyllin

**ANTE-COMMUNION**

*Bishop: Alleluia! The Lord is risen. Answer: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

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*Children may exit following the cross for SUNDAY SCHOOL.*

SERMON ..... Bishop Lambert

**OFFERTORY**

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HYMN: #557 *Onward, Christian Soldiers* ..... St. Gertrude

VOLUNTARY: *Festal Flourish* ..... Gordon Jacob

*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.