



Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral! We are glad to have you worship with us today. If you are a newcomer, please complete a welcome card and place it in the offering plate so we can extend our welcome beyond this service. Join us for refreshments following the worship. Additional information about the Cathedral and our ministries may be found on pages 9 – 12 of this booklet.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

Carol of the Bells

trad. Ukranian, arr. Kerry Boyce

From the back of the Nave, with the people seated, the following is read.

ADVENT INTROIT

Reader Then the glory of our God shall be revealed;
People **And all people shall see it together.**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. - *Isaiah 61:1-4*

Reader Then the glory of our God shall be revealed.
People **And all people shall see it together.**

All stand at the ringing of the tower bell.

HYMN, H-1982 #76

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living God.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (BCP), PAGE 355

The Presider says

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

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The congregation may be seated.

A READING FROM ZEPHANIAH

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 9 (chanted by the choir and congregation)

James Frazier

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¹ Surely, it is God who / saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be a/fraid.

² For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de/fense, *
and he will be my / Savior.

³ Therefore you shall draw water with re/joicing *
from the springs of sal/vation.

⁴ And on that day you shall / say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his / Name;

⁵ Make his deeds known among the / peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is ex/alted.

⁶ Sing the praises of the Lord,
for he has done / great things, *
and this is known in all the / world.

(second half of chant)

⁷ Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,
ring out your / joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of /
Israel.

A READING FROM PHILIPPIANS

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All now stand to sing as the gospel procession moves toward the congregation.

Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to follow the Children's Chapel Leaders to the Chapel. Older children are invited to come and serve as helpers. The Holy Gospel is processed to the middle of the nave and is proclaimed from within the midst of the assembly.

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ALLELUIA (sung by all)



THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

LUKE 3:7-18

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you

with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Reverend Canon Katie Bradshaw
Canon for Lifelong Formation and Mission

Following the sermon, a brief silence is observed for reflection.

NICENE CREED

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM II

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Deacon

Let us pray for people everywhere, according to their need. In the pauses, you are invited to name the persons or situations for which you pray.

The prayers call to mind the needs, concerns, and hopes of the congregation and of the world.

PRAYER FOR A DEAN SEARCH

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Dean for this Cathedral, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presider then prays

O come, O come Emmanuel, God-with-us, in great might and manger mild, in power and humility: Hear the prayers of your people, and awaken us to your presence even now. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Then all say together

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.

The Presider then says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

8:40 *E'en So, Lord Jesus* Paul Manz
Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sin Who loved us all, and shed his blood That we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, The Lord almighty God, Who was and is, and is to come Sing holy, holy Lord. Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein Rejoice on earth, ye saints below For Christ is coming, Is coming soon For Christ is coming soon. E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come And night shall be no more They need no light, no lamp, nor sun For Christ will be their All!

11:00 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. Jan Sandström
(translation of the sung German): *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.
It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.*

AT THE PRESENTATION *All stand and sing*

HYMN H-1982 #324, v. 2 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* PICARDY
**King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.**

At this time the children will process into the service with their gifts and sit at the altar for the Celebration of Holy Eucharist. Children will return to their parents at the beginning of Communion.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Enriching our Worship, Prayer II* EOW, PAGE 60

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider proceeds

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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

The People may stand or kneel. The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread to be shared with the congregation. A period of silence is kept and the following anthem is sung.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM H-1982 #S-163

Robert Powell

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

The table of bread and wine is the table of company with Jesus, and all those who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this Sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

For Holy Communion, receive the bread in the open palms. The wine may be taken from the common cup by drinking, placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it, or by carefully dipping the bread in the chalice. If you'd prefer not to receive Holy Communion but would instead like a blessing, please come forward and indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN, H-1982 #75

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

ASCENSION

HYMN, H-1982 #69

What is the Crying at Jordan?

ST. MARK'S, BERKELEY

When all have received communion, the people stand

DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (8:40 ONLY)

In the Name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these Holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many share one bread, one cup, because we are one body in Christ Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

The Presider now blesses the people to be sent out into the world in God's service. As the procession passes down the aisle, the people turn and face the doors of the Cathedral.

HYMN, H-1982 #68

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

LLANGLOFFAN

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Magnificat

Jean-François Dandrieu

PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR

TODAY WE PRAY FOR: Roger Reeves, Matthew Nooe, Boykin, Miranda Armstrong, Anne Hooker, Kim Brooks, Margaret McLarty, Leslie Geoghegan, Kellis Moore, Stephanie Williams, Julia Kingston, Ryan, Mary Lee, Lloyd Smith, Jr., Wells Mortimer, Charlotte Dukes, Flo Stover, Dot Bittick, Carmen Lee, Blann Lutkin, Elsie Skelton, Bennett Chotard, Virginia Lassetter, Patricia Taylor White, Roberta, Natayla Salvo, Susan Dowdy, Judi Deterly, Vivian, Joyce Partridge, Jimmie Oglesby, Callie, Jan Brackett, Adiar Ross, Hope Bynum, Jay Travis, Mike Hughes, Robert Connolly, Audrey, Pat, Susan Hill, Jane, Lenny White, Bill Oldham, and Bill Alexander.

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY EUCHARIST WE PRAY FOR: Gayden, Lynn, Mary Esther Walker, Sue Stock, Penny Hutcherson, Sam Lane, Jr., Susan Culbertson, Rev. John Jenkins, Bennett Smith, Doug Fox, Arthur Bland, Dot Kitchings, Colin Monahan, Betty Scott, Mary Lane Wheatley, Nancy, Lynn Kramer, Tony Tampary, Jackie Mohle, Zachary Turner, Joe Partridge, Sr., Rosemary Nix, Artemise Allison, David, Bill Henley, Harriet Humphreys, Joe Surkin, Sofia, Margie Phelps, Cheryl Drennan, Rosie McNair, Claire Leslie, Bill Love, Shelley Burgess, Margaret Cupples, Matt Ross, Theresa Priebsatsch, Betty Vandiver, Craig Ivy, Donie, Gene Reeves, Fred Cessna, Joan, Darlene Stuart, Martha Nash, Lacey Madden, Phillip Thompson, Thomas Guest, Dean Alexander, Diana, Nathan Ferris Matthew, Robert Gaillet, Nick, Alan Weeks, Elaine Hallum, Jim Baugh, Chris Grillis, Martha Graham, Allison Graves, The Rawls family, Mary Grace, Margaret Ruth Black, Merryl Dougherty, Jack Boardman, and Sarah Mulligan.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE BIRTH OF: Zadie Elizabeth George, daughter of Katherine Dunbar-Smith and William George and granddaughter of Emily Dunbar-Smith and Fred Smith.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Kathryn Becker; Jim Becker; Katie Lampton; Dave Kelly; and Loyce Probst Daigle, grandmother of Danielle Ireland and great grandmother of Emily and Abby Ireland.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE MILITARY WHO MAY BE IN HARM'S WAY: Chris Stump, Lee Cox, Andrew Clapp, Benjamin Nichols, Darius White and Garner Cheney.

WE PRAY FOR BISHOPS AND OTHER MINISTERS: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Julio and Ezekiel, Bishops in our companion dioceses; and James, Bishop in the Methodist Conference of Mississippi.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE MARRIAGE OF: Deborah Wallace Breazeale and William Hill Penn, Jr.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Monday, Dec. 10: Bill Kientz, Jane Ross, Peter Malatesta, Larry Coleman, Matthew Guin, Connor Hegwood; Tuesday, Dec. 11: Joyce Neville; Wednesday, Dec. 12: Cheryl Drennan, Janice Powers, Stephen Stray; Thursday, Dec. 13: Dubar Brown, Aileen Thomas; Friday, Dec. 14: Jack Adams, William Goodman; Saturday, Dec. 15: Ary Jane Lyle, Ronnie Bethay, Leecia Spriggs, Anne Dulske; Sunday, Dec. 16: The Rev. Jennifer Deaton, Tim Medley, Audrey Jones.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER: Rachel and Seth Misenar, December 4, 2004; Jackie and Avery Rollins, December 17, 1966; Donna and Jim Lander, December 21.

❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧

Sunday at St. Andrew's

7:30 a.m. Rite I, No Music, in the Chapel

8:40 a.m. Rite II, Music, Parish Choir, in the Cathedral

9:45 a.m. Formation and Fellowship

11:00 a.m. Rite II, Music, Cathedral Choir, in the Cathedral

5:00 p.m. Community Evensong and Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral

Update on the Dean Search: We are very excited about the quality of our prospects for our new Dean. The month of December, we will be conducting video interviews. In person visits will start in January. Stay tuned and thank you for your prayers and patience.

Living Generously Through Grace and Gratitude Thus far, 265 households have pledged to give \$1,259,512 for God's work through Saint Andrew's Cathedral in 2019. 54 of those are new pledges and 103 are increases. If you have already made your pledge, thank you! Dean Pogue will send acknowledgment letters next week to those who have made their pledges. If you don't receive one, it probably means we don't have a record of your pledge. Let us hear from you if you made a pledge and don't receive an acknowledgement.

Your Giving and the New Tax Law - Here is an excellent and helpful article for those who are concerned about the impact of the new tax law on charitable giving.

<https://tinyurl.com/yaz4fkpv>

Advent Lessons and Carols: Join us this evening at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral to hear again through word and song the story of the fall of Humanity and the promise of a Redeemer: This service will move us into a posture of watchful waiting and hopeful expectation as we await the birth of Jesus. A reception will follow the service in the Parish Hall.

Community Evensong and Holy Eucharist – Every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral. During this ecumenical service of chant and meditation, we gather to center

ourselves, connect with God and neighbor, and prepare for the busy week ahead.

Now Comes the Day: Advent Reflections of St. Andrew's Cathedral - Every morning in Advent, we will send by email a brief reflection on the season, written by a staff member or parishioner of the Cathedral. Many thanks to everyone who has shared a reflection, helping us to live into this season of hope and expectation together.

The Angel Tree will be in the Nave again today. There are still many names to be taken. Financial and emotional stress dampen the Christmas cheer of families living in poverty. The Angel Tree program helps provide Christmas to children whose families aren't able to provide. Your generous gifts serve as blessings for many families, help put smiles on children's faces, and make the season brighter for both the gift giver and receiver. If you are unable to shop but would like to contribute financially, our secret elves will be happy to shop on your behalf. All gifts must be returned by Friday, Dec. 14.

Alternative Gift Giving Cards will be on sale today. Volunteers will be selling these cards in the rotunda before and between services. The revenue generated from the sale of our cards is used to fund our Breakfast Club ministry. The cards are \$10.00 each or 6 cards for \$50.00.

Music in the City will be held Tuesday Dec. 11, at the Mississippi Museum of Art. Performing will be St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish Choir. Cash bar at 5:15 pm with the program to follow at 5:45 pm. Music in the City is a gift to

the community from St Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral. The Ms Museum of Art and the Wise, Carter Law Firm.

Wednesday Lunch Bunch Bible Study -Join the Rev. Canon Katie Bradshaw for lunch and Bible study on Wednesdays, Noon - 1:00 p.m., in the Whole Foods Community Room (located upstairs at Whole Foods: 4500 Interstate 55 North Frontage Rd, Jackson, MS 39211).

St. Andrew's Christmas Gift For many years, it has been the custom at St. Andrew's to call for a Christmas offering to support the work of Good Samaritan Center, which does so much good for our neighbors in need. You are invited to participate in this special offering and please be generous. The need is so great. Offering envelopes are available in the pews, at the Welcome Center, and in the Parish Hall, along with brochures that describe the services offered by The Good Samaritan Center. If you are not familiar with the work of The Good Samaritan Center, please see a description of their services on their website: <http://goodsamaritancenter.org/>

Christmas Flower Donations: Please make a donation in any amount to our Flower Guild as a memorial or in thanksgiving for your loved ones. Send your contribution to St. Andrew's Cathedral, P.O. Box 1366, Jackson, MS 39215-1366. Your dedication will appear in the Christmas bulletin. The deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 18. Questions? Contact Laurie McCarley at lauriemc@standrews.ms.

Christmas Carols at the Old Capitol: The Cathedral Choir will sing a concert of old and new carols for Advent and Christmas Sunday, Dec.16 at 3:00 pm at the Old Capitol. This short concert will also include favorite Christmas carols for the audience to help sing, as well! This event is free and open to the public.

Longest Night Service: A healing service for those who sit in darkness. The days are shortest and the nights longest at this time of year, when for many "Merry Christmas," "Happy Holidays," and even "Joy to the World" are accompanied by the memory of loss or the sorrow of present struggles. The Longest Night service of Holy Eucharist offers prayers for healing and hope, and will be held Thursday, Dec. 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. A nursery will be provided.

Greening of the Cathedral will take place on Sunday, Dec. 23 after the 11:00 am service. If you are able to volunteer to help transform our Nave for the Christmas season, please contact Ed Oliver at edoliverms@aol.com or 601-832-1211 so we will know how many volunteers we can count on and how many more we need to recruit. There is also a need for volunteers on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 10:00 am to get the bows out of the attic and other necessary tasks to

prepare for the greening on Sunday. The greening is generally completed no later than 3:00 p.m.

"I Don't Do Altar Guild!" - If you've ever thought or spoken these words, we invite you to reconsider - our Altar Guild ministry is in transition, and needs your help! We are looking for 24 people (or families - children are welcome!) to take turns on teams that will each prepare the altar for worship just one service/one Sunday a month. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about worship in the Episcopal Church, to meet new people, and to care for our beautiful and sacred space. The only requirements are hearts willing to serve and hands willing to wash a dish or two. If you would like to learn more, please contact Rachel Newman at 601-769-5255 or rachelbaird23@gmail.com or Susan Osborne at sco39202@icloud.com

Seeking Women to Serve as Leaders for Girls in Scouts BSA - Earlier this year, the Boy Scouts of America announced that girls will be included at all levels of the program. Venture and Explorer units have welcomed girls for decades. Women have been leaders at all levels for some time. Now girls will be able to participate fully in Cub Scout Packs and BSA Troops. Girl Cub Scouts will have their own dens within packs. Girls in BSA will have their own troops. For over 100 years, St. Andrew's has been the chartered partner for BSA Troop 1. St. Andrew's Episcopal School sponsors BSA Cub Scout Pack 1. Dean Ron Pogue and BSA officials have been in conversation about the possibility of forming a troop for middle school age girls in February. The first step in the process of forming a new troop for girls is to recruit adult leaders, especially women. If you are interested in exploring the possibilities, please contact Dean Pogue (rpogue@standrews.org). Once we are assured that we have the adult leadership, we will provide training and begin the process of recruiting the youth.

The Search Committee Needs YOU! If you travel and have accumulated frequent flyer miles, we would love for you to share some of your points. We have a budget which includes travel expenses, but we may need to fly 2-3 people to several destinations. YOU can help us be good stewards of the St Andrew's Cathedral's budget! Contact Carol Penick at carol.penick@gmail.com or 601-842-8993.

Dates for Holy Baptism: The scheduled dates for the year 2019 for Holy Baptism will be January 6, 2019, Epiphany; Saturday, April 20, 2019, Easter Vigil (Saturday evening at 7:30 pm); Sunday, May 12, 2019, Mother's Day; Sunday, June 9, 2019, Pentecost. Anyone interested in receiving baptism for themselves or for their children should contact the Rev. Jennifer Deaton, at 601-487-2736 or jdeaton@standrew.ms

Brotherhood of St. Andrew meets every Tuesday at noon St. Francis Hall. All are welcome and bring your own lunch. The

Episcopal Church's oldest ministry is also one of its most effective. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew has been bringing men to Jesus Christ for 133 years since its founding on the cold, wintry day of Nov. 30, 1883 at St. James' Episcopal

Church in downtown Chicago. Homeless men were sleeping on the city's downtown streets – and it was these men the fledgling Brotherhood wanted to save. For information, call David Morse, 601-953-7712.

SUNDAY MORNING FORMATION

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PROGRAM (9:45 AM – 10:45 AM)

3 years – Kindergarten:

Atrium of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis hallway, second room on the right.

1st – 3rd grade:

Atrium of the True Vine

Catechesis hallway, last room on the left.

Pre-YC: 4th – 5th grade:

Atrium of the Disciples of Christ

Catechesis hallway, last room on the left.

YOUTH FORMATION (9:45 AM – 10:45 AM)

EYC (6th – 12th Grades)

All EYC age youth are invited to attend Sunday school with our youth leader, Cole Putman. The youth will focus on community building as they study Psalm 23.

DEAN'S FORUM - PARISH HALL

DECEMBER 9 – *The Episcopal Build's Habitat for Humanity*

Please join the 2018 Episcopal Build homeowner for a meet and greet, and an opportunity to see and hear about the Episcopal Build's 2018 project.

DECEMBER 16 – *A Christmas Tradition: Chimneyville Readers and "A Christmas Memory"*

Join us in the parish hall for Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory," adapted and narrated by James Anderson. This 30-minute reading celebrates old fashioned Southern Christmases and the empowering joy of friendship.

BASEMENT: FRONT ROOM - THE TAKE AWAY

The Scriptures present us with stories of people of faith who, like us, are imperfect and doing their best to stay connected to God. *The Take Away* is a class designed to encourage discussion and exploration of scripture so that we each may glean something to guide us in our own struggle to stay connected to God. Each week we will take one of the lectionary texts assigned for the week and examine it using biblical scholarship, media, and current events. Please join us in the front room of the basement on Sunday mornings.

YELVERTON ROOM - THEOLOGY AND LITERATURE

Today, and next Sunday, we will wind up our study of Walker Percy's *The Second Coming*. Music will be the NYCity Slickers version of "It's All About Me" and James Taylor's "Carolina in My Mind" led by John Holmes.

EYC UPCOMING DATES

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16: Preparing and serving lunch at Stewpot

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT COLE PUTMAN, CPUTMAN@STANDREWS.MS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 12 – Cocoa and Carols – An all ages Carol Sing-Along

- 5:00p.m. – 6:00p.m. – Dinner
- 6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. – Carol Sing-Along with music especially for children.

Women's Book Study

The Women's Book Study will have their Christmas Party at the home of Mary Frances O'Neal, 215 Eastbrooke St., Jackson 39216 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

3:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

- Service for families and children, with a children's sermon
- Childcare provided
- No Incense

4:30 p.m. Choral Prelude

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

- The Right Reverend Brian Seage, Presider and Preacher
- Childcare provided

10:30 p.m. Choral Prelude

11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

- No Childcare

CHRISTMAS DAY AND FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

- No Childcare

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

- Childcare provided

No service on New Year's Day



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