

Welcome to **St. John's Cathedral**



**“Rejoice with me,
for I have found my sheep that was lost.”**
- Luke 15:6b

September 11, 2016 - 8 a.m.
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

LOVE *at the* CORE.

Welcome to St. John's Cathedral! We are so glad that you are here.

We worship God in the heart of the city. We are surrounded by the poor in an area of town that is often neglected. In his life, Jesus often ministered to the poor and needy, and we believe that by worshipping **God in the urban core, we can catch a glimpse of God's love.**

We welcome all people. Our nursery is open all morning on Sundays. We would love to get to know you better, and you can help us by filling out a visitor card located in your pew and placing it in the offering plate as it comes by, or by handing it to an usher. Please let us know if you need prayers and if you would like us to email you our online newsletter. Listening devices are always available for the hearing impaired and large-print bulletins for those who have trouble with their eyesight. Please ask an usher if you need these items or anything else. We want to help you feel at home here.

We believe that worship should be beautiful and sacred, a moment to hush the hurriedness of our lives and experience the peace of God. I **hope that you feel God's love this morning.**

Faithfully,

The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead,
Dean

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11TH WITH MUSIC

Today at 6 p.m., St. John's Cathedral will host a free Peace Concert to commemorate this historic date and to reaffirm the hope for world peace. A reception will follow in Taliaferro Hall. This event is co-sponsored by the Jacksonville Sister Cities Association and the University of North Florida. The Jacksonville Sister Cities Association is a nonprofit organization staffed entirely by volunteers. The mission of the Association is to foster and encourage mutual understanding, friendship and peace through cultural, economic, educational and professional exchanges.



Please make plans to attend as we come together with cities around the world to celebrate life and universal humanity. Performing ensembles will include choirs from the University of North Florida, the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, and the Jacksonville Children's Chorus. Also featured will be the world premier of "On Peace" for soprano, trumpet and organ, by local composer Tony Steve. The piece will feature Paula Merritt, soprano, and Cliff Newton, trumpet. This composition, commissioned especially for this concert, draws on text from the twelfth-century abbess and mystic Hildegard von Bingen.

MEET OUR NEW SENIOR CHORISTER DIRECTOR



Paula Merritt, soprano, is a Voice Instructor at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida. She teaches applied voice and Diction for Singers, Class Voice and an Opera Workshop. Ms. Merritt began her undergraduate studies at the University of North Florida. She earned her Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance from UNF, where she studied with Dr. William Brown. She went on to earn a Master of Music in Vocal Performance from Oklahoma City University, under the tutelage of Vicki Kelly. As a student of the University of Miami she trained with Dr. Esther Jane Hardenbergh and toured Austria with the U.M. Frost School of Music at Salzburg program. Ms. Merritt has done additional vocal study with the Palm Beach Opera Resident Artist Program under Kamal Khan and conductors Julius Rudel and Bruno Aprea.

As a singer, Ms. Merritt has performed in many operas including: *Les contes d'Hoffman*, *Dialogues des Carmélites*, *Madame Butterfly*, *Tosca*, *Le nozze di Figaro*, *Carmen*, *Manon Lescaut*, *Faust*, *Aida*, *Lucia di Lammermoor*, *La traviata*, *Naughty Marietta*, and *Don Giovanni*. In addition, she has performed at Claflin University and presented at the MTNA conference at Oberlin Conservatory. She performed as a soloist at First Church of Christ Scientists in Coral Gables for three years. Ms. Merritt taught elementary school music in Miami, Florida and is the new Director of the Senior Choristers at St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville. She also has performed major choral works with the Jacksonville Symphony Chorus. There will be a voice recital featuring Ms. Merritt at the cathedral next Sunday, September 18, at 3 p.m. in Taliaferro Hall.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Hymn 608

“Eternal Father, strong to save”

Melita

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People Forever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant and the People say together

The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant continues

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

The Lesson

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Lector A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The Psalm is read in unison.

Psalm 14

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?

See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The People stand.

The Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon David Erickson

A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The People stand.

The Nicene Creed

Page 358, Book of Common Prayer

The Prayers of the People

All remain standing as able.

Let us pray for the needs of the world.

For peace and justice on the earth, for the leaders of all nations, that they may grow in wisdom and compassion, and for understanding among all races and peoples.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

For the people of this nation as we approach the election of a new president. Guide and strengthen this country in its discernment.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

For those who are ill, lonely, or suffering in any way.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

God of all races and nations, we cannot change the past, but you can change our hearts. We seek your grace to strengthen us as we commemorate the lives of those lost on this day. Be close to those who grieve today, Loving God, and teach us all to love each other as you love all of us.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

The Celebrant concludes the prayers

The Confession of Sin

Page 360, Book of Common Prayer

The Peace

Page 360, Book of Common Prayer

The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the People's offerings of money, and other gifts. The People stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.

Hymn 51, stanzas 1 & 2

“We the Lord’s People”

Decatur Place

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer C

Page 369, Book of Common Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Page 364, Book of Common Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Page 364, Book of Common Prayer

Please join us at God's table.

*All baptized people are welcome to receive communion. Everyone is welcome to come to the altar for a blessing.
If you would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.*

The Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

Following communion, Eucharistic Visitors to our homebound members may be sent forth with the following prayer.

Celebrant **In the name of St. John's Cathedral I 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.**

People We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Page 365, Book of Common Prayer

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Hymn 680

“O God our help in ages past”

St. Anne

The Dismissal

*Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

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*The flowers in Cummings Chapel and at the High Altar are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of Mary Ellen Germany, by John Germany.*

SERMON NOTES

THIS SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11 - FAMILY PROMISE WEEK ENDS

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

8 a.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

9 a.m. Cathedral

▶ **Christian Formation for all ages**

All Christian Formation classes meet at 10 a.m.

Children's Formation

Pre-K to Kindergarten - Room 5, Basement

1st - 3rd grades - Room 202, 2nd floor

Tweens Formation

4th - 5th grades - Room 302, 3rd floor

Youth Formation

6th - 8th grades - Undercroft

9th - 12th grades - Room 304, 3rd floor

Adult Formation

Centering Prayer - Room 306, 3rd floor

This is a time in community to experience centering prayer as well as explore appropriate readings and reflections. All are invited.

Grow: Living into the Fullness of God -

Taliaferro Hall

In this series, we will be exploring the many opportunities the cathedral offers to us to grow into our true selves, as well as how we, as a community, are growing into our call as the body of Christ.

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

11 a.m. Cathedral

▶ **Sister Cities Peace Concert and**

Reception

6 p.m. Cathedral and Taliaferro Hall

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, SEPT. 12

▶ **Friends of Bill W.**

5:30 p.m. Ingram Lounge

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Yoga**

5:45 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Girl Scout Meeting**

7 p.m. Coffee House, Basement

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

7 a.m. Holy Communion Chapel

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Wonderful Wednesday Dinner**

5 – 6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

Dinner cost: \$5 per adult, \$3 per child under 12

▶ **Chorister Rehearsal**

5:30 p.m. Choir Room

▶ **Art Class**

6 p.m. Painting Place, Basement

Fr. Lou Towson and the Rev. Jean Dodd lead this fun class. No experience necessary. All the materials will be provided and are free!

▶ ***Crazy Christians: The Presiding Bishop's***

Vision of the Crazy Christian Life

6 p.m. Ingram Lounge

This book study is led by Fr. David Erickson and parishioner Carl Worrell.

▶ **Youth Group**

6:30 p.m. Undercroft

▶ **Choir Rehearsal**

7:30 p.m. Choir Room

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL CONTINUED

THURSDAY, SEPT. 15

► **Shakespeare Reading Group**

9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge

The group is currently reading *The Winter's Tale*. We meet on Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Come join us - you can just sit, listen and enjoy, and see how Shakespeare's words and drama are still so relevant to our world today. For more information about the Shakespeare Reading Group at the cathedral, contact Peter McCranie at petermccranie1@gmail.com.

► **Lectionary Bible Study**

12 p.m. Ingram Lounge

► **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Vestry Meeting**

6 p.m. Ingram Lounge

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

► **Poetry Reading Group**

9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge

Members of the Shakespeare Reading Group have started a Poetry Reading Group that will meet on Fridays from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. in Ingram Lounge (and sometimes elsewhere). For the first hour, the group will read from the selected source material, which will include works from Emily Dickinson, Robert Frost and more. The second hour will be reserved for reading participants' own poetry. Contact Peter McCranie at petermccranie1@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in this group in any way!

► **Clara's at the Cathedral**

11 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

► **Contemplative Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

► **Men's Bible Study**

8 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

► **Daughters of the King Meeting**

10 a.m. Ingram Lounge

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

► **See Sunday service times and Christian**

Formation offerings on page 9 of the bulletin.

► **Verger Meeting**

12 p.m. Ingram Lounge

► **Not Today Coalition Presentation**

12 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

Leah Kadwell, a representative of the Not Today Coalition that serves the Dalit (untouchable) community in India, will be with us to lead a presentation. With her will be Reverend Kumar Swamy, the Bishop Designate of the church the Coalition is developing in India.

► **Paula Merritt Voice Recital**

3 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

See information on the artist on page 3 of the bulletin.

► **Cursillistas: Area Ultreya**

4 p.m. at St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Please bring a covered dish to share!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

► Stations of the Cross Service

Friday, Sept. 23, 5 p.m. in Cummings Chapel

This service is offered every fourth Friday of the month, except in November and December.

► Foyer Groups Forming for the Coming Year

Foyer groups are small dinner groups, and a great way to meet and make new friends from the cathedral. These are groups of eight-plus people: you meet as often or as occasionally as you want. Your group picks the menu and the venue – it can be a sit-down dinner, or dinner out, or pot-luck – it can be whatever you want! Look for the information table outside the side entrance doors to the cathedral after services in the coming weeks - or mark your calendar and plan to attend our organizational wine and cheese event on Saturday, September 24 at 6 p.m. The more, the merrier! Questions? Contact blhardman@yahoo.com.

► Coming soon: Discovery

The cathedral's in-house retreat, Discovery Weekend, has been updated and re-formatted this year into an 8-week series of dinners and discussions that will take place in Taliaferro Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., beginning September 28 and running through November 16. Discovery is offered at no cost, and includes dinner and child care. If you are **looking to engage further with your St. John's Cathedral family and the ministries that we share, join us for this excellent series. We're excited, and hope you are too!** *Registrations are required.* To register, or for more information, see the table between the entrances to the cathedral and Taliaferro Hall. You may also contact Kym Johnson at kjohnson@jaxcathedral.org.

► St. Mary's Bag-a-month Club - September Items

Donate to those in need at St. Mary's! The theme for September is soups and cereals. Pick up a marked brown bag this Sunday and fill it with cereals, soups, granola bars, etc. Bring your bag back before the last Sunday of the month.

► Birthday Blessings

Sunday, September 11

Dorothy Collins, Ellie Smith, Rolly Berrey, Susan Rucker, Whitney Wisner

Tuesday, September 13

Betty Lewis

Wednesday, September 14

Dick Cardell, Pat Jamison, Francoise Yonce, Susan Corey, Chris Haley

Thursday, September 15

Frank Mikulas, Buddy Titshaw, Tori Wasemann

Friday, September 16

Darlene Sira, Phillip Lowery, Wayne Davis, Betsy Cox

Saturday, September 17

Susan Bowes, Betty Randall, Nancy Pomar, Lois Lawrence

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and Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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