

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

**“O children of
Zion, be glad and
rejoice in the Lord
your God; for he
has given the early
rain for your
vindication...”**

- Joel 2:23a



October 23, 2016 - 9 a.m.
The Twenty-Third 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

GROWING IN LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

Each Sunday, amongst the first words in our bulletin are, “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.”

It is these glimpses that help us grow into God’s fullness and give “hands” to our vision—Love at the Core. St. John’s Cathedral has had a long history of sharing God’s love within our beautiful cathedral walls, but also outside in our downtown neighborhood. Helping our neighbors in need is the hallmark of such thriving nonprofits as Volunteers in Medicine, the Cathedral Arts Project, Aging True and CathedralCare—all started by the cathedral.



Earlier this year, St. John’s Cathedral invited several neighboring churches, businesses and nonprofits to talk about the future of our neighborhood—the Cathedral District—and how to return it to a thriving community. Then in a follow up meeting, the four other historic churches in the District—First United Methodist Church of Jacksonville, First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville, the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Historic Mt. Zion AME Church—joined with St. John’s Cathedral and agreed to support and be actively engaged in sharing God’s love through urban revitalization. It is unique and unprecedented because the revitalization impetus is not one of displacing the poor and the non-profits ministering to them, but instead one of moving working class people, businesses, and students into the district, beautifying the area and slowing the traffic so that a true village is born.

Under the leadership of Ginny Myrick and the cathedral’s Campus Council, a not-for profit corporation (The Cathedral District—Jax) has been formed to spearhead these efforts, following a similar model as the cathedral has used to launch its other successful nonprofits. It is a model underwritten by prayer and the untiring commitment of many dedicated St. John’s parishioners. We ask for your continued prayers and guidance in these revitalization efforts.



As a parish and a cathedral, we have a rich heritage dating back to 1834 in this very neighborhood. And as such, we have become more than a place for Episcopalians throughout the diocese to worship. We are a place for hospitality and renewal; we are a center for learning and formation where all are welcome; we are place where community organizations gather. In short, the cathedral is a place where we, as well as our neighbors, can see and grow in God’s love every day.

Gloria Miller, Director of Program Development

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Welcome

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.

Children age four through fifth grade follow the Cross in procession to Children's Chapel in Cummings Chapel. The children rejoin their families at the Peace.

In Procession, Celebration Hymnal 508 "Love Lifted Me"

The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant continues

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

The Lesson

Joel 2:23-32

Lector A Reading from the Book of Joel.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

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

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The People stand.

Hymn

A Repeating Alleluia

Calvin Hampton



The Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead

A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The People stand.

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, and for understanding among all races and peoples.

Lord, in your mercy, *Help us to grow in your grace.*

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, *Help us to grow in your wisdom.*

For those who are ill, lonely, or suffering in any way.
Lord, in your mercy, *Help us to grow in your compassion.*

For those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy, *Help us to grow in your communion of saints.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Lord, in your mercy, *Help us to grow in your love for all.*

For all that we have done wrong to others and ourselves, and all that we have left undone.
Lord, in your mercy, *Help us to grow in your forgiveness.*

The Celebrant concludes the prayers

The Peace

The People stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

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

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the People's offerings of money, and other gifts.

Offertory Anthem

Reverencia

Sheryl Martineau

We love thy house, oh God, Wherein thine honor dwells,
The joy of thine abode all earthly joy excels.

Father I will reverent be and in thy house walk quietly.
Fold my arms and bow my head and close close my eyes when prayers are said.

It is the house of prayer where in thy servants meet,
and thou O Lord, art there thy chosen to flock and greet.

Listen to the words I hear, for in thy house I feel thee near.
May my thoughts more perfect be that I may speak so reverently.

We love the word of life, the word that tells of peace,
Of comfort in the strife, of joys that never cease.
Father I will reverent be and in thy house walk quietly.

St. John's Senior Choristers

The People stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.

Celebration Hymnal 596, stanzas 1 & 4

“I Surrender All”

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer III

Book of Common Prayer of the Church of Ireland

The People stand.

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

The Celebrant continues

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love. When we turned away you did not reject us. You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died you came to table with your friends. Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever praising you and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glor - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

17
Bless - ed is he who comes in the

22
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

26
in the high - est. Ho - san - na

30
in the high - est.

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and people

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

People We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Celebrant continues

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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. You are also invited to receive prayers and anointing with holy oil in one of our transept chapels (Ascension to the south, and Holy Communion to the north) where anointers wait to pray with you.

Music at Communion

Celebration Hymnal 460

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Celebration Hymnal 654

“Change My Heart, O God”

Invitation to Parents and their Children

All children are invited to attend our Sunday School classes immediately following the service. Parents are encouraged to escort their children to their Sunday School class. If you are unsure of where your child's Sunday School class is located, Terry Hunt, our Director of Children's Ministries, is at the back of the sanctuary to assist you.

The Postcommunion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People say together

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

In Procession, Celebration Hymnal 724 “Lead On, O King Eternal”

The Dismissal

People

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 thanksgiving for the anniversary of Phillip and Stacey Lowery.

THIS SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, OCT. 23

► **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

► **First Coast Wind Symphony Concert**

5 p.m. Cathedral

The First Coast Wind Symphony has chosen music that highlights the rich acoustics of

St. John's Cathedral. Canon for Music Tim

Tuller will also perform two solo works for

organ: H. Walford Davies' *Solemn Melody* and *Carillon-Sortie* by Henry Mulet.

► **Birthday Blessings**

Sunday, October 23

Kate McLellan, Bonnie Bedenbaugh, Richard Samuels, Stephanie Jackson, Sarah Erwin

Monday, October 24

Josh Chapman, Sadie Craddock, Brycen Patrick, William Doran

Tuesday, October 25

Berkley Evans, Keith Maida, Charles Beard

Wednesday, October 26

Heather Treadwell, Rocker Bobo, Mary Moran, Hannah Masters, Everette Seay, Kimberly Mackoul

Thursday, October 27

Scott Hensley, Brooks Gallagher, Crissy Spicer

Friday, October 28

Bo Smith, Nicole Andrews, Kaitlyn Bliss, Rocco Falconetti

Saturday, October 29

Jack Olson, Stephen Busey, Barri Jones, Amy Strong

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, OCT. 24

► **Friends of Bill W.**

5:30 p.m. Ingram Lounge

TUESDAY, OCT. 25

► **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Civil Discourse Forum:** *Climate Choices*

5:30 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

RSVP to Tina Hutcheson

(thutcheson@jaxcathedral.org) THIS SUNDAY!

► **Yoga**

5:45 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **EFM (Education for Ministry)**

7 p.m. Ingram Lounge

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26

► **Holy Eucharist**

7 a.m. Holy Communion Chapel

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Wonderful Wednesday Dinner**

5 – 5:30 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

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

► **Chorister Rehearsal**

5:30 p.m. Choir Room

► **Discovery**

5:45 p.m. Taliaferro Hall, with dinner at 6 p.m.

► **Art Class**

6 p.m. Painting Place, Basement

Fr. Lou Towson and the Rev. Jean Dodd lead this fun class. No experience necessary. Basic materials are provided, though participants are encouraged to bring their own materials.

► **Youth Group**

6:30 p.m. Undercroft

► **Choir Rehearsal**

7:30 p.m. Choir Room

THURSDAY, OCT. 27

► **Shakespeare Reading Group**

9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge

The group is currently reading *Much Ado About Nothing*. 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

► **Celebration Singers Rehearsal**

5:30 p.m. Ascension Chapel

FRIDAY, OCT. 28

► **Poetry Reading Group**

9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge

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

► **Stations of the Cross**

5 p.m. Cummings Chapel

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

NEXT SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, OCT. 30

▶ See Sunday service times and Christian Formation offerings on page 10 of the bulletin.

▶ **Celebration Sundae**

12 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

Join us as we celebrate our stewardship season and all the growth that is going on at the cathedral! All are invited to this ice cream social, complete with a build-your-own-sundae bar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

▶ **Growing into the Fullness of God: Stewardship 2017**

God is doing amazing things in and through St. John's Cathedral, and we are all invited to grow into God's fullness through a financial pledge to the life and ministry of the cathedral. Pledge cards are available in the church office, the pews, and the back of the church. You may also pledge online at www.jaxcathedral.org/pledge-2017/.

▶ **"Thank you" from the Solomon Family!**

A big "Thank you!" to all who participated in last Sunday's Baby Shower for Johnson and Jennifer Solomon and baby Jeffrey. The outpouring of generosity was more than we could have imagined - there was some doubt that there would be enough room in their car for themselves and all the diapers, wipes and other gifts they were showered with! Certainly this was a great way for our congregation to welcome this new family to our country and into our loving community.

▶ **St. Mary's Bag-a-month Club - October Items**

Donate to those in need at St. Mary's! The theme for October is coats and devotional materials. Pick up a marked brown bag this Sunday and fill it with new or gently used coats, sweaters, Bibles, devotional books, etc. Bring your bag back before the last Sunday of the month.

▶ **Looking for a devotional?**

We encourage you to take and use the Forward Day by Day devotionals, located at the back of the church or at the church office, as part of your daily spiritual practice. You can also take copies for your friends as well!

▶ **Costumes for Christmas Pageant**

Since there are many children's costumes on sale at this time of year, now is the perfect time to donate new costumes for our children's Christmas Pageant coming up in the next couple months! If you would like to donate new animal or angel costumes, please contact Cheryl Bowen at 904-349-0922 or cherydi33@icloud.com to arrange a drop-off time with her at the cathedral.

UPCOMING EVENTS

► **Civil Discourse: Practicing God's Grace in Community**

Thursday, Nov. 3, 5:30 p.m. in Ingram Lounge

All are invited to participate in this next Cathedral Civil Discourse forum. The subject for the forum on November 3 is *Gender-based Violence: What Steps Should the Church Take?* Please RSVP to Tina Hutcheson (thutcheson@jaxcathedral.org). A hard copy of the issue book for the forum will be available soon for those who sign up to participate. Electronic copies are also available. For more information contact Rev. Gregg Kaufman, gkaufman8@mac.com or 904-375-0669.

► **Next Date for Baptism: All Saints Sunday, November 6**

If you, your child or someone you know would like to receive the sacrament of baptism on All Saints Sunday, please contact Kym Johnson at kjohnson@jaxcathedral.org before Thursday, October 27! The baptism rehearsal will be Saturday, November 5 at 10 a.m. in the cathedral. Please **remember that All Saints Sunday is also the end of Daylight Saving Time, so don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!**

► **Your Church: Thrive or Survive?**

Sundays at 10 a.m. in Taliaferro Hall, from Nov. 6-20

The Reverend Dr. Ken Meyers, a faith formation specialist, will lead this Christian formation class for adults on Christianity in the post modern era. Learn how your community of faith can flourish in the midst of adversity.

CALL FOR VESTRY NOMINATIONS AND CONVENTION DELEGATES

The Vestry bylaws provide for a nominating committee to nominate candidates for vacancies on the vestry as well as candidates for the offices of Delegate to the Diocesan Convention.

Qualifications for Vestry members (4 to be elected): A Vestry nominee must be a **communicant of St. John's Cathedral in good standing for a period of at least 12 months prior to election**; if a nominee has served two full terms (for a total of six years), there must be a two-year break before he or she may be nominated again; must be actively involved in the ministry of the Parish; must be willing to accept active leadership, including responsibility for decision making that represents the entire Parish; must, if called upon, serve on the boards of affiliated corporations of the Cathedral; must be willing to invest the time necessary in the ministry of leadership, including attendance at worship, Vestry meetings and other scheduled Vestry activities, special events, and satellite activities; and must be otherwise eligible. In addition to the above qualifications contained in the bylaws, the Vestry believes that nominees for service for the next three-year term should possess special skills, gifts and talents in visionary and strategic thinking, be courageous, and have skills in fiscal planning and policy.

Diocesan Convention Delegates (2 to be elected): **Per the St. John's Parish by-laws**, the Sr. Warden fills one of the 5 delegate positions. The remaining four convention delegates serve a two year term, with one or two rotating off each year. At the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting, we will elect two delegates and two alternates for the 2018 diocesan convention. It is critically important that you obtain the permission of your nominee before submitting his or her name to a Nominating Committee member. (Please note: the By-Laws have been amended so that parishioners choose Vestry members by election at the annual meeting rather than through a selection (lottery) process.) Send nominations to Helen Likins, Communications Coordinator at hlikins@jaxcathedral.org. Nominations will be forwarded to and reviewed by the nominating committee members: Bill Erwin, Don Lester, Ginny Myrick, John Adams, Deborah Baker, Tommy Donahoo and Faye Wisner.

SERMON NOTES

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