

# CATHEDRAL TIMES

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## IS JOHN THE MESSIAH?

This Sunday, our gospel lesson presents a curious conclusion to our Christmas festivities. Surely we have enjoyed the five or six weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, replete with dinners and families, full of football and fun. This season covers several themes: national thanksgiving, retail sales, office parties, family gatherings, grand Christmas services, long New Year's Eve parties and earnest resolutions; yet the whole scheme can be perceived as one long, often frenetic, holiday.

So, I rather like it when John the Baptist returns to church on the Sunday after Epiphany. Epiphany, you recall, January 6, marks the arrival of the three kings, and the general conclusion to our Christmas season. (We heard the story of the magi on both the Second Sunday after Christmas this year and on Epiphany itself.)

We last heard John the Baptist on the Second and Third Sundays of Advent, right before Christmas, full of energy and anxiety; indeed, John the Baptist attacks our Advent with the same anxiety that many of us are consuming in Advent. We consume anxiety in Advent, finding the right gifts, attending the parties, scurrying from here to there. Our preparation for Christmas often leaves us exhausted for the actual glorious twelve days of Christmas.

Now, on the Sunday after Epiphany, according to our assigned gospel lessons, Jesus has grown up in a hurry. He is now around thirty years old, and he is presenting himself for baptism. It is a sudden jump for those of us following the maturity of Jesus in the scriptures. The Bible speaks of only one incident between Jesus's presentation in the temple as an infant, and his presentation for baptism when he was around thirty years old (the single story we have of Jesus in the intervening years is his time in the temple, lost from his parents, at twelve years old).

Jesus presents himself for baptism before this same figure whom we heard four weeks ago, railing against sin in the wilderness. "Prepare the way of the Lord," John the Baptist shouts. John the Baptist is so dramatic, even charismatic, that people wonder if he is actually the messiah. Luke 3 claims that "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...'"

John the Baptist is not the Messiah. The anxiety of earnest preparation is not the Messiah. The parties and sales, the consumption and revelry, are not the Messiah. The Messiah is now, during this season of Epiphany, as we try to live through what it means for the Word to be flesh.

Yes, we marveled at an infant, just as we love to ogle over most newborn babies. But we often have a hard time looking at those same human beings a few years later! This baptism of Jesus (as an adult, you recall) means that we look at the Messiah in a different way. A Messiah is not simply an innocent child, nor is the Messiah the local firebrand preacher. The Messiah is this steady and sure Jesus, going about his life healing and teaching. He will teach with a startling wisdom, and he will love with a pleasing depth. The Messiah will be someone who lives with us during the ordinary parts of our lives, not just during the anxious seasons.

May God be with us during the season of Epiphany, when we learn to see the Word in the flesh of those around us, the grown-ups, the teen-agers, those in need of healing and teaching, our own family members. "O God, in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord." (from the Proper Preface for Epiphany, Book of Common Prayer, page 378).



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."

*From this week's lectionary  
Luke 3:15-17,21-22*

Cool Girls, the Cathedral Antiques Show beneficiary, will be the special guest at the Dean's Forum this Sunday. Join us in Child Hall at 10:10 a.m.!



## THIS WEEK

☞ The Cathedral Antiques Show is almost here! A full schedule of events is on page 4.

☞ Learn about an upcoming Wednesday night course called Financial Peace University on page 3.

☞ The 2010 Stewardship Campaign has begun! Please fill out a pledge card online at [www.stphilipscathedral.org](http://www.stphilipscathedral.org).

Read through the *Cathedral Times* to learn about more opportunities and events this week!

## PRAYER LIST

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING

Mary Ann Neale  
Elsie Gould  
Annabelle Oakley  
Winnie Clark  
Susan Langhorne  
Louisa Chapman

Garrett Campbell  
Karen Thomas  
Denise Millichap  
Alison Moran  
Dr. Alice Rose

Marylyn Crawley  
Alan Bomar  
Peter Martinson  
Ellen Kramer  
Hugh Kendrick

Betty Winders Cribb  
Gail Peete  
Lexie Cameron  
Josie May  
Denny Webb

### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Alicia Ayotte  
James DuVal

Walter Smith Hay, Jr.  
Ira Ulmont Grant, Jr.

Donna Lynn Rowe Hart  
Warren G. McCrummen

### Sara Chapman to Speak at Daughters of the King Meeting on January 11

The Daughters of the King will meet on Monday, January 11 at 5:45 p.m. in Milkell Chapel. Following the service, we will gather in the Gould Room for dinner at 6:15 p.m. Sara Chapman will be the guest speaker. Five Star Catering will prepare the meal and you MUST make reservations by Thursday, January 7. The cost is \$8 per person and reservations may be made to either Cathy Hutcheson, 770-452-0907 or Ruth Vaught, 404-233-5641. You may bring your own sandwich if you choose not to make a reservation. We look forward to seeing all of you.

### Philadelphia, 1776 . . .

Return with us to Philadelphia in the year 1776, a fateful year for patriots in the British Colonies. Jack Ferguson, accomplished historian and story-teller, will tell us of the activities of the three Georgia Signers of the Declaration of Independence, including little known information on their lives before and after July 4, 1776. Join the PrimeTimers on Thursday, January 14 at 12:30 p.m. for lunch in the Gould Room and a trip back to the historic days of the struggle for independence. For reservations contact Dan Murphy at 404-365-1034 or [dmurphy@stphilipscathedral.org](mailto:dmurphy@stphilipscathedral.org).



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The Very Rev. Samuel G. Candler  
Dean

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Canon for Music

The Rev. Elizabeth C. Knowlton  
Canon for Liturgy & Prayer

The Rev. George M. Maxwell Jr.  
Vicar

The Rev. Carolynne G. Williams  
Canon for Pastoral Care & Elder Ministry

The Rev. Grady Jackson "Buddy" Crawford, Jr.,  
Pastoral Care Associate

The Rev. Edward Fuller  
Deacon

The Rev. John William Harkins III, Ph.D.  
Priest Associate

The Very Rev. Harry H. Pritchett Jr.  
Priest Associate

The Rev. Todd D. Smelser  
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Mr. Joseph J. Iarocci  
Junior Warden

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 10, 2010/Epiphany 1, Year C

Liturgy of the Word

Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7  
Psalm 29

Epistle: Acts 8:14-17

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Mikell Chapel  
Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Bill Harkins

8:30 a.m. Nurturing Center opens

8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Baptisms, Cathedral  
Celebrant: The Rev. Thee Smith  
Preacher: Dean Harry Pritchett

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Baptisms, Mikell Chapel  
Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Bill Harkins

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Cathedral  
Celebrant: Canon Todd Smelser  
Preacher: Dean Harry Pritchett

1:30 p.m. La Santa Eucaristia, Mikell Chapel  
Preacher: The Rev. Isaias Rodriguez

4 p.m. Evensong & Holy Eucharist, Cathedral  
Celebrant: The Rev. Thee Smith  
Preacher: The Rev. Buddy Crawford

7 p.m. Sunday Evening Eucharist, St. Mary's Chapel  
Celebrant & Preacher: TBA

The Nurturing Center opens at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday for children age three and younger, and during the 11:15 a.m. service for children age five and younger. The Nurturing Center closes just after the 11:15 a.m. service. 3- and 4-year Sunday School classes meet in their classrooms at 8:45 a.m. then proceed to Children's Chapel together. Kindergarten and Pre-1<sup>st</sup> students meet in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Children's Chapel at 8:45 a.m. Primary Children's Worship for 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> graders is in the St. Mary's Chapel at 8:45 a.m. All children join their families at the Offertory.

## MUSIC

8:45 a.m. Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist / Cathedral Choir

11:15 a.m. Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist / Cathedral Choir  
David Hurd: *Father in Heaven*  
Harold Friedell: *Jesus, So Lowly*

3:15 p.m. Recital / Derrick Goff  
(Westminster Choir College), organ

4 p.m. Evensong / Cathedral Schola  
Richard Ayleward; *Preces & Responses*  
Canticles: Henry Purcell in G Minor  
David Hurd: *Father in Heaven*  
T. Frederick H. Candlyn: *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

## ON THE CLOSE

Indoor Labyrinth: Fridays in Child Hall, 3-8 p.m.

Call 404-365-1000 to confirm availability.

Taizé service, third Monday of the month, 8 p.m., Mikell Chapel. Labyrinth available at 7 p.m. in Child Hall.

## WORSHIP MONDAY-SATURDAY

Morning Prayer, 8:45 a.m., Mon.-Sat., Mikell Chapel

Holy Eucharist, 12:15 p.m., Monday-Friday

(Healing on Friday), St. Mary's Chapel

Evensing Prayer, 5:45 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Mikell Chapel

Centering Prayer: 6:15-6:45 p.m., Thursday,  
Lanier House Chapel

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Join us for the following Adult Sunday School classes on **January 10** at 10:10 a.m. Please contact Amanda Stephenson, 404-365-1080, [astephenson@stphilipscathedral.org](mailto:astephenson@stphilipscathedral.org), if you have questions about Adult Education.

### **The Dean's Forum (Child Hall)**

Learn about the 30<sup>th</sup> Cathedral Antiques Show, and this year's beneficiary, Cool Girls Inc., dedicated to the self-empowerment of girls. The Dean's special guests this week include Mary Mercer, 2010 Show Chairman, Joan Thomas, co-founder of Cool Girls, and Erica Turner Gibson, a Cool Girls graduate and volunteer.

### **Faith and Literature (Room 370)**

In this class we read and discuss short stories and excerpts from novels dealing with faith, spirituality and religion. Our discussions focus on a story from the collection *Listening for God, Volume 2: Contemporary Literature and the Life of Faith*, edited by Paula J. Carlson and Peter S. Hawkins. Come every week or drop in on a particular story of interest. Each class stands on its own. All are welcome! The class is led by Ward Bondurant.

### **First and Second Kings (Room 380)**

This in-depth Bible study class will read through First and Second Kings. Almost 500 years of biblical history (circa 1050-587 BCE) will be covered. The class is facilitated by Jim Bingham and Gordon Mathis.

### **Old Fashioned Sunday School (Room 382)**

Canon George Maxwell, Dean Harry Pritchett and Mack Leath invite you to gather with soon to be old friends, drink some good coffee and engage in lively discussion. On January 10, Harry will talk about William Wilberforce (1759-1833) and Social Justice.

### **Evening 20s30s Spiritual Discussion (7:45 p.m.—Atrium)**

The 20s30s meet Sundays in the sitting area to the left of the stairs in the Atrium to discuss topics ranging from spirituality to rituals of the Episcopal church. Discussion begins at 7:45 p.m., or when the 7 p.m. service in St. Mary's Chapel ends.

### **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University at the Cathedral**

The Cathedral of St. Phillip is proud to offer Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University to its parishioners! Financial Peace University (FPU) is a 13-week life-changing program that teaches you how to beat debt, build wealth, find bargains, invest for the future, give like never before, and much more!

The class is facilitated by FPU graduate and Cathedral member, Chris Kirkland, and meets Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 370. The session starts on Wednesday, January 27. Chris will be hosting a Free Preview immediately following the 11:15 service on Sunday, January 24 in Room 370. The 25 minute preview will give an overview of what you can expect in the class. You can also register online at [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com).

## PROGRAMS DURING THE WEEK

### MONDAYS

**Good Grief Support Group** — 7 to 8:30 p.m., Lanier House Parlor. Questions? Call Canon Williams, 404-365-1035 or Kit Mason, 404-355-8724.

**Women's Prayer & Praise** — 7 to 9 p.m., Lanier House Library. Weekly prayer group. Contact Canon Knowlton, 404-365-1043, [bknowlton@stphilipscathedral.org](mailto:bknowlton@stphilipscathedral.org) or Sally Llewellyn, 404-247-5144, with prayers.

### TUESDAYS

**The Dean's Men's Bible Study** — 7 to 8 a.m., Room 319. Weekly bible study led by the Very Rev. Sam Candler and others.

**Early Morning Women's Bible Study** — 7 to 8 a.m., Room 316, led by Canon Beth Knowlton. We are exploring the Pauline letters.

**St. Monica's Guild** — This guild, which meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Gould Room, is intended for women with young children. Contact Kathryn Howell at [kohowell@hotmail.com](mailto:kohowell@hotmail.com).

### WEDNESDAYS

**The Dean's Women's Bible Study** — 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., Room 319. Weekly bible study led by The Very Rev. Sam Candler and others.

**Eat Your Word Noontime Bible Study** — 11:50 a.m., Room 380. Rev. Buddy Crawford leads this Bible Study. Bring your lunch and be ready for a good discussion!

**Group Spiritual Direction for Women** — 7 to 8:30 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at the Lanier House Library. Led by Canon Beth Knowlton, 404-365-1043 or [bknowlton@stphilipscathedral.org](mailto:bknowlton@stphilipscathedral.org).

**The Cathedral Writers' Group** — 7 to 9 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays in Room 380. Led by Imani Dhakiya, [imani.dhakiya@yahoo.com](mailto:imani.dhakiya@yahoo.com).

### THURSDAYS

**Group Spiritual Direction for Women** — 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Lanier House Library. Led by Canon Beth Knowlton, 404-365-1043 or [bknowlton@stphilipscathedral.org](mailto:bknowlton@stphilipscathedral.org).

**Avery's Scarves Knitting Group** — Knitters gather in the Atrium from 7 to 9 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays to knit scarves and hats for children with cancer. Contact Buffa Buffington, 404-237-8159 or [3.bees@att.net](mailto:3.bees@att.net).

**St. Catherine's Guild** — This guild is for women in their 40s/50s and meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7 p.m., varied locations. For more information, contact Jennifer Van Horn at [djvanhorn@comcast.net](mailto:djvanhorn@comcast.net) or 404-252-5300.



**CATHEDRAL TIMES DEADLINES:** For the January 17 issue, the deadline is January 6. For the January 24 issue, the deadline is January 13. Announcement requests are preferred emailed to the editor, Ann Fowler, at [afowler@stphilipscathedral.org](mailto:afowler@stphilipscathedral.org). Learn more about upcoming events, download sermons and access contact information at [www.stphilipscathedral.org](http://www.stphilipscathedral.org). To receive the newsletter by email, send your request to Mary Stuart Hall at [mhall@stphilipscathedral.org](mailto:mhall@stphilipscathedral.org).

CATHEDRAL  
**ANTIQUES SHOW**  
 & TOUR OF HOMES

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**GALA PREVIEW PARTY**

Wednesday, January 20  
 7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
 Donation \$125.00

**ANTIQUES SHOW SCHEDULE**

Thursday, January 21  
 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.  
 Friday, January 22  
 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, January 26  
 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 Donation is \$15.00  
 and is good for all 3 days

**VERBAL APPRAISALS**

January 22 & 23  
 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
 \$5 per item (limit 2)  
 with show ticket

**TOUR OF HOMES**

Sunday, January 24  
 12:30 p.m.-5 p.m.  
 Monday, January 25  
 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**COFFEE CAFE**

Courtesy of Caribou Coffee

**EXPRESS LUNCH**

Box lunch in Atrium  
 Courtesy of  
 Savor Specialty Foods

For more information go to [www.cathedralantiques.org](http://www.cathedralantiques.org)

**LEARNING LECTURES**

Donation \$15 with show ticket

**Thursday, January 21**

11 a.m.  
 David P. Lindquist  
 Antique Dealer and Lecturer  
*Antiques-The New Bargain in  
 Interior Design*  
 Free with show ticket;  
 seating limited

**Friday, January 22**

6:30 p.m.  
 William T. Baker  
 Architectural Designer  
*18<sup>th</sup> Century English Silver*

**Saturday, January 23**

11 a.m.  
 Patricia McLean  
 Interior Designer  
*Spectacular Rooms, Remarkable  
 Treasures, Fresh Design Ideas*  
 Complimentary lunch  
 Donation \$15 with show ticket

**DAILY LUNCHEON**

Gould Room

**COMPLEMENTARY AFTERNOON TEA**

Thurs. & Fri., 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
 Courtesy of Bigelow Tea and  
 St. Anne's Guild

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*"Remarkable Treasures" is the theme for the 2010 Cathedral Antiques Show. Our beneficiary, Cool Girls, Inc., is dedicated to the self-empowerment of girls in low income Atlanta communities. Pictured above are Erica Turner Gibson, an alumna of Cool Girls, Sonnet Edmonds, Chairman of the Board of Cool Girls, Mary Mercer, 2010 Chairman, and Sandy Welfare, Executive Director of Cool Girls. (Photo by Sister Moore)*

**We Need You**

At a time of financial difficulty for so many people and businesses, **YOU**, our fellow parishioners, have stepped into the breach through your donations to the Antiques Show. We are humbled and truly thankful for your continued financial and moral support. We need your help in reaching our final goal by:

- Buying a ticket and attending the Show
- Telling a friend or neighbor about the Show
- Volunteering to help at the Show. There are a wide variety of tasks to be done. Please call the following people to volunteer for a particular day or days: Thursday-Pamela Wilkins (404-846-2929); Friday-Tish Jennings (404-233-3440); Saturday-Debbie Manasse (404-256-3989).

A ticket is required to volunteer.



**COMING YOUTH ATTRACTIONS**

Spring Family Social & Worship @ Chastain Horse Park (JAN 10)

Youth Confirmation Session V (JAN 10)

Upper School Dinner & Devo (JAN 24)

Atlanta Hawks v. Boston Celtics Game (JAN 29)

Youth Confirmation Session VI (JAN 31)

Middle School Dinner & Devo @ the Flock's (JAN 31)