Christmas Eve Worship

December brings the season of Advent, a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. It certainly will be a busy time here, with the lighting of the first candle on the Advent wreath, caroling and Christmas cookies, and of course, Christmas Eve. We offer many opportunities to worship with us this Christmas Eve, and we hope you, your family, and even friends, will join us.

**Worship Services**
**Monday, December 24**
**Christmas Eve**

1:00 p.m. A Service of Lessons & Carols with members of the All Saints’ Choir, in the church

3:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, with Junior and Primary Choirs, handbells, harp and brass, in the church

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, with Youth Choir, handbells, harp and brass, in the church

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II with a prelude of seasonal music for choir, flute, timpani, and organ, in the church

10:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II with a prelude of seasonal music for choir, flute, timpani, and organ, in the church

The church office will close at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24 and reopen on Thursday, December 27. Childcare will be available during the 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship services.

**Worship Services**
**Tuesday, December 25**

**The Nativity of our Lord Christmas Day**

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, in the church

Childcare will not be available on Christmas Day.

**Worship Services**
**Sunday, December 30**

**1 Christmas**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, in the chapel

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, in the church

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, in the church

We will return to our regular worship hour schedule on Sunday, January 6, The Epiphany of Our Lord.

Dear Saints,

It was quite the discovery last Christmas Eve to walk out of one service packed to the rafters and discover a long line of people waiting out in the cold to be let in for the next one. I never knew that there were people who were willing to stand outdoors on a cold December night just to get into a church service. There are, and we are richer for their company, for it is in the good company of others that we are gifted glimpses of the glory of God, gathering as we do this time of year to tell the story of God’s desire to be in the company of this world.

I wonder what gift of discovery awaits you this Advent season. An old song heard in a new way? An ancient story breaking new ground in your life? Whatever gift awaits you, may it bless you with wonder and joy this Advent.

Peace,
Heartfelt thanks to Jason and Devon Jackoniski on a fantastic parish retreat weekend at Kanuga! Every October begins with this wonderful gathering in the mountains of North Carolina. This year Jason and Devon brought a joyful and bright spirit of fun and fellowship that was evident throughout all of the gatherings that weekend. Thank you!

Thank you to Lauren McDonnell, Emma Pattison, Sarah Sullivan, Fiona Sullivan and Brendan Sullivan for helping with the Fall Fun on the Playground.
**Week One**

**Saturday, December 1**
Christmas Tree and Wreath Pickup
8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., lower parking deck
Refugee Ministries Tutoring Group
10:30–11:30 a.m., offsite

**Sunday, December 2**
1 Advent
Christmas Tree and Wreath Pickup
8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., lower parking deck
Advent Adventure
10:20–11:05 a.m., Ellis Hall
Adult Christian Formation
10:20–11:05 a.m.
Carpe Imago Dei, P305/P306
The Bible in Advent:
Dr. Randall Bailey,
Ross Room (extended class
ends at 12:30 p.m.)
Jesus on the Front Page, P307

**Week Two**

**Sunday, December 9**
2 Advent
Adult Christian Formation
10:20–11:05 a.m.
Carpe Imago Dei, P305/P306
The Bible in Advent:
Dr. Randall Bailey,
Ross Room (extended class
ends at 12:30 p.m.)
Jesus on the Front Page, P307

**Monday, December 10**
Monday Afternoon Discussion Group
2:00–3:00 p.m., P307

**Wednesday, December 12**
Wednesday Morning Discussion Group
10:00 a.m., P307
Jezebels: Women’s Book Study
5:00–6:00 p.m., P201
Adult Inquirers Class
6:30–8:00 p.m., Ross Room
Contemplative Prayer
7:00–8:30 p.m. in P202

**Saturday, December 8**
Refugee Ministries Tutoring Group
10:30–11:30 a.m., offsite

**Week Three**

**Sunday, December 16**
3 Advent
Adult Christian Formation
10:20–11:05 a.m.
The Bible in Advent:
Dr. Randall Bailey,
Ross Room (extended class
ends at 12:30 p.m.)
Jesus on the Front Page, P307
Children’s Ministries Caroling
2:30–4:45 p.m.,
Canterbury Court
Concert Series: Coro Vocati
3:00–5:00 p.m., church
A Service of Recovery
and Healing
5:00–6:30 p.m.,
33 North Avenue

**Monday, December 17**
Monday Afternoon Discussion Group
2:00–3:00 p.m., P307
Vestry meeting
4:30–6:00 p.m., P305/P306

**Tuesday, December 18**
Church office will close
at 12:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 19**
Church office closed

**Week Four**

**Sunday, December 23**
4 Advent
The Non-Anxious Christmas Pageant
and Holy Eucharist Rite II
9:00 a.m. worship, church
Pageant Cookie Reception
and Christmas Craft
10:20–11:00 a.m., Ellis Hall
Adult Christian Formation
10:20–11:05 a.m.
The Bible in Advent:
Dr. Randall Bailey,
Ross Room (extended class
ends at 12:30 p.m.)
Jesus on the Front Page, P307

**Monday, December 24**
Church office will close
at 12:00 p.m. See page 1 for Christmas Eve worship times

**Tuesday, December 25,**
Church office closed
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00–11:00 a.m., church

**Wednesday, December 26**
Church office closed

**Sunday, December 30**
1 Christmas
Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00–8:30 a.m., chapel
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00–11:30 a.m., church
Holy Eucharist Rite II
5:30–6:30 p.m., chapel

**Monday, December 31**
Church office will close
at 12:00 p.m.
**Coming Up**

**With Great Love, A Blog for Sharing Stories**
We’re excited to introduce you to *With Great Love*, our new blog that shares the stories of the people of All Saints’ in Atlanta and beyond. Stories offer us the chance to learn about life beyond our direct experiences. In learning each other’s stories, we learn to love, forgive, and appreciate what we have. Our hope is that these stories inspire you to listen more deeply to the gracious presence of God’s love as it is found in our world.

[https://withgreatlove.org](https://withgreatlove.org)

**For more information, contact Katie Mensosky at kmenosky@allsaintsatlanta.org.**

**Refugee Ministries Angel Tree**
Bring joy to a child this Christmas season. Select an angel from the Angel Tree for Emmaus House, Midtown Assistance Center or Refugee Ministries. Each angel includes a desired gift with instructions for returning it to the tree. To volunteer to help work the tree or deliver gifts, please contact Louisa Merchant, Director of Refugee Ministries. Angel Tree gifts for Refugee Ministries and MAC are due Sunday, December 9; gifts for Emmaus House are due Sunday, December 16.

**Sundays through December 16, Ellis Hall Foyer**
Donations for food cards to feed families during the season will also be accepted.

**For more information or to volunteer, contact Louisa Merchant at louisam@allsaintsatlanta.org.**

**Advent Advent-ure**
All saints of all ages are invited to learn about saints from around the world who are associated with Advent. Travel with us from country to country to hear their stories and craft reminders of their faith, courage, and service. Take a trip through the Nativity Museum and see crèches from around the world. Make an Advent wreath to take home with you. • During Advent Advent-ure, we would also love to have baked goods from around the world. Bake up some cookies or sweets using a recipe from another country and bring your sweet treats to Ellis Hall on December 2 by 10:00 a.m., with a card telling us what they are and where they are from.

1 Advent, Sunday, December 2
10:20–11:05 a.m., Ellis Hall
For more information, contact Kathy Roberts at 404-267-4272 or kroberts@allsaintsatlanta.org.

**Poinsettias for our Saints**
The Sunday Callers, (an All Saints’ ministry that delivers arrangements made from Sunday altar flowers to homebound parishioners), invite the parish to deliver one or more of the poinsettias that will be blessed at the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. worship services on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Sign up during the Advent Advent-ure, at the sign up table in the Kennedy Courtyard throughout Advent, or online at [allsaintsatlanta.org/poinsettias](http://allsaintsatlanta.org/poinsettias).

**Sign up begins Sunday, December 2, 10:20—11:05 a.m., Ellis Hall, Parish House; delivery 4 Advent Sunday, December 23**
For more information, email Ellen Porter or Ann Stuart Pearce at sep66@comcast.net or call 404—308—0636.

**Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Randall Bailey: The Bible in Advent**
See page 8 for details.

**Sundays, December 2–23**
10:20 a.m., Ross Room

For all who traveled to Washington D.C. in last month’s nor’easter, please gather with your fellow pilgrims to reconnect, follow up, and share snacks.

**Sunday, December 2, 12:30–3:00 p.m., Ross Room**
For more information, contact Lynda Herrig at LHerrig@newcomb-boyd.com.

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**St. Nicholas Supper and Celebration**
Join us for this catered holiday feast and celebration of the season which honors and remembers St. Nicholas, the patron saint of gift-giving. In addition to the traditional filling of the children’s shoes with candy, attendees are invited to offer a pair of new or gently used shoes (all sizes) for Sole4Soul, an organization that provides shoes for children in need.

**Wednesday, December 5**
5:00 and 6:40 p.m. dinner seatings, Ellis Hall
RSVP by Sunday, December 2, online at [allsaintsatlanta.org/saint-nicholas](http://allsaintsatlanta.org/saint-nicholas)
For more information, email Kate Richeson katericheson@yahoo.com.

**Celebration at 6:05–6:35 p.m., church**
Come, sing carols with us! St. Nick himself has been known to make an appearance.

**For more information on the Celebration and shoe drive, contact Kathy Roberts at kroberts@allsaintsatlanta.org or 404-267-4272.**

**Rector’s Forum: Threads**
Led by Coordinator Lori Guarisco, Threads has been “clothing children with dignity” since it opened in 2004. Join The Rev. Dr. Simon Mainwaring and Lori Guarisco, and learn more about the work of this amazing ministry. In the spirit of the season, consider bringing a gift of new underwear or WARM socks for Threads kids!

**Sunday, December 9**
10:20–11:05 a.m., Ellis Hall
For more information, contact The Rev. Kim Jackson at 404-267-4276 or kjackson@allsaintsatlanta.org.

**Lovett Lessons and Carols**
The Lovett School’s Upper School Singers perform under the direction of Jerry Ulrich.

**Thursday, December 13**
7:00–8:00 p.m., in the church

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The Non-Anxious Christmas Pageant

Witness all kinds of critters, angels, and shepherds making the journey to Bethlehem! On this morning of 4 Advent, children will step into the story of the birth of our Savior. Cherub and Youth Choirs will add joyful offerings to the celebration. A few of our 4th and 5th graders do have parts, but most of the children will sit in the church pews with their families, and as the story unfolds, will come forward to the altar stairs when they hear the cue for their character (angels, animals, wise-people, and shepherds). The cues will also be printed in the bulletin. Your child doesn’t have a costume they’d like to wear? Don’t worry, there are plenty to choose from the morning of the pageant.

Join the #AdventWord Social Media Movement

Join us in participating in #AdventWord, a global, online Advent calendar. The social media movement is facilitated by Virginia Theological Seminary to inspire and connect individuals and worldwide community of believers to the themes of Advent. Each day from December 2 through Christmas Day, we will post the daily meditation with an image and encourage you to share your responses on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter with the hashtags #AdventWord and #ASECAdventWord.

December 2 through Christmas Day
Learn more at https://www.adventword.org. For more information, email Jocelyn Cassada at jcassada@allsaintsatlanta.org.

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Youth & Children’s Choir Schedules

Wednesday, December 5
Junior Choir: Sing & Ring at St. Nicholas Celebration 6:05 p.m. in the church, following all rehearsals

Wednesday, December 12
Primary & Junior Choirs: Final Christmas Eve rehearsal 4:35–6:00 p.m. (arrive early), 6:00 p.m. Junior Bells

No Wednesday Rehearsals December 19, 26

Sunday, December 23
Cherub Choir: Sing at Christmas Pageant 9:00 a.m.; arrive 8:15 a.m. Wear Nativity costumes!
Youth Choir: Sing at 9:00 a.m. worship service, rehearse 10:00–11:00 a.m.; Bells rehearse 11:00–11:30 a.m. No afternoon rehearsal

Christmas Eve Monday, December 24
Primary & Junior Choirs: arrive 2:00 p.m., Ellis Hall
Youth Choir: arrive 3:45 p.m., Adult Choir Suite

No Sunday Youth Rehearsals December 30

Questions?
Contact Karol Kimmell, director karolkimmell@allsaintsatlanta.org. Choir schedules are available at www.allsaintsatlanta.org/music/childrens-and-youth-choirs.
Coming Up: continued from page 5

Saints on Tap
Advent is upon us which means it’s time to hitch up your reindeer and head straight to Grant Park for the annual Young Adults Saints on Tap Advent Event! Break out the holiday attire (if you choose) and bring along your favorite dish to share.

**Thursday, December 13**
7:00–9:30 p.m., offsite
For more information and the location, contact Michael Asmussen at michael.asmussen@gmail.com.

Refugee Ministries Christmas Party
Spread some holiday cheer to refugee children! Help with transportation and supervision is needed. This is a great volunteer opportunity for teens or families with small children.

**Saturday, December 15**
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.,
Leapin’ Lizards at the North Dekalb
2050 Lawrenceville Hwy #1002, Decatur, Georgia 30033
For more information contact
Barbara Blender at 404-520-2479 or bblender@bellsouth.net.

Caroling at Canterbury Court
All Saints’ families are invited to share carols and refreshments with the folks at Canterbury Court. No talent is necessary, just an open heart and a smiling face. Meet at All Saints’ at 2:30 p.m., on the 2nd floor of The Pritchett Children’s Center.

**Sunday, December 16**
3:00–5:00 p.m., in the church

A Service of Recovery and Healing
Join The Rev. Robert Book for a monthly Holy Eucharist service based on the 12 Steps of AA. Open for all.

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5:00–6:30 p.m., 33 North Ave., Atlanta
For more information, contact
The Rev. Tim Black at 404-267-4277 or tblack@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Break Bread With The Men Of Covenant Community
Bring a Monday night dinner to the residents of Covenant Community. It’s a great way to make friends and say thank you!

**Mondays, December 17, 24, 31**
To volunteer or for information, contact
Barbara Blender at 404-520-2479 or bblender@bellsouth.net.

Caroling at the MARTA Station
Join All Saints’ clergy, choir and fellow Saints in making a joyful noise with Christmas Carols at the entrance of the North Avenue MARTA station, followed by refreshments in Ellis Hall. Homemade Christmas cookie donations are encouraged!

**Wednesday, December 19**
5:00–5:30 p.m.,
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**Sunday, December 16**
2:30–4:45 p.m., meet on the 2nd floor, Pritchett Children’s Center

**Sunday, December 23**
The Non-Anxious Christmas Pageant
9:00 a.m. worship, church; reception follows in Ellis Hall

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**Sunday, December 16**
2:30–4:45 p.m., Canterbury Court
You may carpool with other carolers to Canterbury Court or you are free to ride MARTA there.
To RSVP or for more information, contact
Kathy Roberts at 404-267-4272 or kroberts@allsaintsatlanta.org.

The Non-Anxious Christmas Pageant and Pageant Cookie Reception and Christmas Craft
See details on page 5.

**4 Advent, Sunday, December 23**
9:00 a.m. worship service in the church, reception 10:20–11:00 a.m. in Ellis Hall

Coming in January

Epiphany Worship Service for All Ages
Witness the procession of the magi!

**Wednesday, January 9, 2019**
5:00–5:20 p.m., in the chapel
For more information, contact Karol Kimmell at kkimmell@allsaintsatlanta.org.
Vestry Notes
From the meeting on October 15, 2018

Simon opened the meeting with a prayer. Nixon Lowe offered a meditation on how she was first introduced to All Saints’ and how it has been a source of strength to her through life’s challenges. The vestry approved the creation of the Planned Giving Committee, Worship Committee, and Block Planning Steering Committee. Staff members reported on progress on action items for the first quarter of the Strategic Plan. Charlie Ogburn and Nancy Dodson reported that our financial condition remains better than budget for the year to date, and the loan to acquire the remainder of the block has been fully repaid. Simon reported on his attendance at the Compass Rose Society meeting in London, and that the searches for Music Director and Director of Digital Communications will soon come to a conclusion. In the Senior Warden’s report, John Frazer reflected on the success of the Faith to Table dinners and the parish retreat at Kanuga. According to Lauri Begley, 358 people attended Kanuga. Tim Black discussed new prayers in our liturgy. Kim Jackson reported on All Saints’ welcoming of two new refugee families. Ellen Hayes gave a progress report on the annual canvass. The vestry, clergy, and staff shared in an Order for Evening. The meeting was adjourned.

All vestry meetings are open and meet at 4:30 p.m. in P305/306 of the Parish House with dates announced in The All Saints’ Monthly.

december youth calendar

Sunday, December 2
Youth Formation 10:20 a.m. in The Attic
Confirmation Class 10:20 a.m.–12:30 p.m., The Attic

Friday through Sunday, December 7–8
Junior Diocesan Youth Council Retreat
Camp Mikell, Toccoa, Georgia

Saturday and Sunday, December 8–9
Christmas Tree Pick Up 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., lower parking deck

Sunday, December 09
Youth Formation 10:20 a.m. in The Attic

Friday, December 14
Friday Night Attic Invasion 7:00–9:30 p.m. in The Attic

Sunday, December 16
Youth Christmas Spectacular 6:00–8:00 p.m., The Attic

Visit allsaintsatlanta.org/formation/youth-formation or contact Joel Smith at jsmith@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Births
Benjamin Walker Bubnovich, son of Ben and Mary Caroline Bubnovich
Ellis Boyd Chester, son of Jeff and Sarah Chester

Baptisms
Jack Franklin Dewling, son of Robby and Dailey Dewling
Lily Katherine Furlough, daughter of Ryan and Katie Furlough
Benjamin William Furr, son of Stephen and Katy Furr
Conrad Whitworth Holladay, son of Whit and Jenny Holladay
Emmanuelle Lenwood Lunsford, daughter of Corbett and Grace Lunsford
Madison Mae Tuggle, daughter of Zac and Emily Tuggle
Lydia Birdie Baxter, daughter of Taylor and Caroline Baxter
Simi Hudson Idnani, daughter of Neal Idnani and Erin Cassel Idnani
Lilly Marie Pitts, daughter of Will and Emily Pitts
Kory Lee Trammell, son of Scott and Charlotte Trammell
Charlotte Elizabeth Feltman, daughter of Lawson and Michelle Feltman
William Owen Wrammert, son of Jens and Kate Wrammert

Transfers In
Grace Lewis from Christ Church Episcopal in Norcross, Georgia
Stephen, Kathleen, Emma and Benjamin Furr from The Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta
Ferrell and Ivy Moultrie from Holy Innocents’ Episcopal Church in Atlanta
Jay Horton from Wilson UMC in Colorado Springs, Colorado
Patrick and Ginny Hill from First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Greensboro, North Carolina
Ed and Fio Williamson from Church of the Ascension in Cartersville, Georgia

Transfers Out
B. Trent Williams to St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Mark Kooyman to St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Atlanta
Doit and Graicia Conn to Calvary Episcopal Church in Rochester, New York

Marriages
Tamika Clark and Christopher Stewart
Gretchen Chateau and Shannon Keith
Caroline Smith and Christopher Wendt

Deaths
Doyle Carson Drury, Mary Elizabeth Flatley, Rock Satterfield, Florence Lambert Baria
Scholar in Residence, Dr. Randall Bailey: The Hebrew Bible in Advent

During Advent we often focus our attention on the Gospel narratives surrounding the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Instead, this course gives us an opportunity to more closely examine the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible, and to discover how those texts can help us grow closer to God during the season of Advent.

Dr. Bailey has lectured and preached at universities and churches on 5 continents. He is the author of one book and numerous articles on the Hebrew Bible and editor/coeditor of five books on racial/ethnic biblical interpretations. He concentrates on the relationship of Ancient Africa and the Hebrew Bible and specializes in ideological criticism, especially as regards the points of intersection of race/ethnicity, gender, class, sex, sexual orientation and power in the biblical text. He is a community activist who often argues against oppressive theological positions and oppressive biblical texts regarding social matters.

Dr. Bailey is married to Ms. D. Jean Lewis Bailey, a retired librarian with the DeKalb County Board of Education, and they have two adult children, Omari and Imani.

Sundays, December 2, 9, 16, 23
10:20–12:30* a.m., Ross Room

*There will be a break at 11:05 a.m. to allow people to attend the 11:15 a.m. worship service, or you may choose to stay for the extended session.

For more information, contact The Rev. Kim Jackson at 404-267-4276 or kjackson@allsaintsatlanta.org.

The deadline for the January issue is Monday, December 10. Please make your submission via our website, at allsaintsatlanta.org/news-and-events/announcements/. Thank you!