Holy Waiting, Holy Worship

This month, we watch and wait, lighting a new candle each week on our Advent wreaths, as we anticipate Christ’s birth. Hear from Kathy (below) and our newest associate rectors, Andy and Sarah, (see Inside All Saints’) about opportunities to make this season of waiting particularly meaningful for ourselves, our families, and our community.

Dear Saints,

December is a busy and vibrant month of gift-giving, of preparing and partying, a time when we set our tables and light up our homes. Within all of this activity, this holy season of Advent also beckons us into the Church’s story and a space set apart that invites us to journey into the interior of who we are, and into the interior of the mystery of the Incarnation, the audacious good news that God promises to be Emmanuel, God with us. The divine decision to take on human living draws us closer to our own embodied lives, and the gift of the sacred that dwells in each of us. May the wonder of our worship, the ethereal beauty of our music, and the gifts of this season prepare room in your hearts for the Savior, for the holy, for a new birth inside of you.

Abundant blessings of the Christ child to you all,

The St. Nicholas Celebration, Reimagined

By Kathy Roberts, Director of Children’s Ministries

Last year, we decided to transform our historically rowdy St. Nicholas Celebration into a more contemplative, sacred experience for our children. Light is a powerful image in our Christian tradition: “Jesus is the light of the world,” “the light will overcome the darkness,” “this little light of mine...” So, in our new telling of the St. Nicholas story, we turned out the lights in the church, hung strings of starry lights to represent the night, and the children entered the chancel each holding a small candle. In a simple act of trying to get the kids to be quiet and sit still so we could begin our story, I slowly raised my candle up to the sky without saying a word. One by one (and surprisingly quickly) each child joined in by raising their own light. You could hear a pin drop! Their individual lights came together to illuminate the chancel as one light, and we experienced a truly sacred moment together. You could tell by the look in their eyes that they could feel the special energy of that moment. The Holy Spirit was there, the Spirit with which we want to enter into the seasons of Advent and Christmas – one of Holy Waiting, with our brothers and sisters, for the Light of the World.

Wednesday, December 4
Celebration, 6:05 p.m., in the church
See page 4 for more details.
For more information, contact Kathy Roberts at kroberts@allsaintsatlanta.org.
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Grace Notes

Thanks to the Reinking family for Wednesday night snacks!

Much gratitude to Brian Shepherdson for building a fabulous cross for us to use during our seasons of Advent and Lent and beyond.

Thanks to Anne Peden Watts and Elizabeth Robertson for Trunk or Treat candy supplies.

Many thanks to Alvin Moore and all the folks that jumped in to help Harry Potter be a magical day and evening!

All Giving Together Campaign means All Helping Together too! A campaign calls for many phone calls made over the last three months. These are the volunteers who are not afraid to call you in the middle of dinner:

Elizabeth Marchant  
David Jensen  
Peggy Allumbaugh  
Carl Anderson  
Frannie Root  
Beth Blalock  
Liza McSwain  
Kevin Lyman  
Ann Stuart Pearce  
Travis Darnell  
Mike Nadal  
John Smith  

Jim Baria  
David DeLaney  
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Charlie Ehols  
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David Smith  
Jay Hare  
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John Gordon  
Bradley Pratt  
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Paul Terlerezian  
Terry Johnson  
Susan McClure  
Keith Mauriello  
Bill Woolford  
Steve Moreland  
Greg Coffman  
Wade McKenzie  
Stephen Causby  
Jack Norton  
Ted French  
Matt Collins

Top: Our Harry Potter-themed worship provided a magical evening of fellowship and fun, gathering with Harry Potter characters and friends in Diagon Alley (Kennedy Courtyard) for a Harry Potter Trunk or Treat before the service.

Right: At A Taste for All Saints’ we enjoyed food from local eateries while supporting our four core ministries: Covenant Community, Refugee Ministries, Threads, and Midtown Assistance Center.
### Week One
**Sunday, December 1**
- Advent
  - Advent Adventure and Festival
  - 10:20–11:05 a.m., Ellis Hall
  - Jesus on the Front Page
  - 10:20–11:05 a.m., P305/P306
  - Giving Tree
  - Ellis Hall Foyer

**Wednesday, December 4**
- Wednesday Morning Discussion Group
  - 10:00 a.m., P307

**Saturday, December 7**
- Christmas Tree and Wreath Pick-Up
  - 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Lower Parking Deck
- Refugee Ministries YMCA Swimming Lessons
  - 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., offsite
- Advent Retreat for All Saints: Holy Waiting
  - 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., offsite

### Week Two
**Sunday, December 8**
- Advent
  - 2 Advent
  - Christmas Tree and Wreath Pick-Up
  - 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Lower Parking Deck
  - Jesus on the Front Page
  - 10:20–11:05 a.m., Ross Room

**Wednesday, December 11**
- Wednesday Morning Discussion Group
  - 10:00 a.m., P307

**Thursday, December 12**
- Lunch and Carols
  - 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., in Ellis Hall

### Week Three
**Sunday, December 15**
- Advent
  - 3 Advent
  - Christmas Tree and Wreath Pick-Up
  - 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Lower Parking Deck
  - Jesus on the Front Page
  - 10:20–11:05 a.m., Ross Room

**Wednesday, December 18**
- Wednesday Morning Discussion Group
  - 10:00 a.m., P307

**Saturday, December 21**
- Caroling at the MARTA Station
  - 5:00 p.m., North Avenue MARTA Station; cookie reception follows in Ellis Hall

### Week Four
**Sunday, December 22**
- Advent
  - Come As You Are Christmas Pageant
  - 9:00 a.m. worship service, in the church

**Tuesday, December 24**
- The church office will close at noon for Christmas Eve

**Wednesday, December 25**
- The church office will be closed for the holiday.
- Merry Christmas!

**Sunday, December 29**
- 1 Christmas
  - Jesus on the Front Page
  - 10:20–11:05 a.m., P305/P306

**Tuesday, December 31**
- The church office will close at noon for New Year’s Eve, as well as New Year’s Day on Wednesday. Happy New Year!

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A Taste for All Saints’ raised an amazing $2,854 in donations for our four core ministries: All Saints’ Refugee Ministries, Midtown Assistance Center, Covenant Community, and Threads! Thank you for your generosity!
Coming Up

Giving Tree
Select a gift from our Giving Tree (formerly known as Angel Tree) and bring joy to a child this Christmas season. Gifts for Refugee Ministries and Midtown Assistance Center will be due on December 8 and gifts for Emmaus House will be due on December 15.

Sundays, November 24 through December 15, Ellis Hall Foyer
For more information contact Louisa Merchant at louisam@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Christmas Flower Donations
On Christmas Eve, the Flower Guild creates a beautiful floral offering, a tradition made possible only by the generous donations of this parish.

The deadline is Monday, December 2 for the Christmas Eve bulletin
Donations can be made in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one at allsaintsatlanta.org/christmas-flowers.
For more information, contact Bill Bedford at sterlingoaks@live.com.

Advent Adventure and Festival
All saints of all ages are invited to celebrate the start of Advent! Make an Advent wreath and other fun crafts and peruse our wonderful nativity display. We’ll also have crafts available for purchase: All Saints’ shield ornaments by the St. Clare’s Needlepoint Guild and gingerbread houses by Linda Bailey Borwick.

Sunday, December 1
10:20–11:05 a.m., Ellis Hall
To bring a nativity scene for our display or to volunteer to help with the event, please contact Jill Gossett at jgossett@allsaintsatlanta.org.

St. Nicholas Supper and Celebration with the Junior Choir
Celebrate St. Nicholas Day during this favorite All Saints’ tradition for all ages. Hear a magical telling of the story of St. Nicholas of Myra and sing carols with the Junior Choir and bell ringers. Enjoy a delicious holiday feast before or after the Celebration.

Wednesday, December 4
Supper seatings, 5:00 or 6:45 p.m., Ellis Hall
Celebration, 6:05 p.m., in the church
If you’re joining us for supper, you must RSVP online at allsaintsatlanta.org/st-nick.
The cost of supper is $15 for adults and $7 for children.
For more information, contact Leslie Aiken, St. Nicholas Supper Chairperson, at aikenleslie@gmail.com.

Shoe Collection for Threads and Midtown Assistance Center
Join Children’s Ministries in collecting shoes for Threads and Midtown Assistance Center. Bring in a pair of new or gently used shoes (children’s and adult sizes) as a way of sharing in the spirit of St. Nicholas.

Wednesday, December 4 through Wednesday, January 8,
Drop Off Donations in Ellis Hall Foyer
For more information, contact Kathy Roberts at kroberts@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Advent Retreat: Holy Waiting
Take time to slow down during this half-day contemplative retreat, led by The Rev. Sarah Stewart and Carmie McDonald. On sacred grounds Cistercian contemplatives have called home for the last 75 years, we will explore how the Holy One patiently waits for union with us, even as we wait for God’s transformation of the whole creation.

Saturday, December 7
10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.,
Monastery of the Holy Spirit,
2625 Highway 212 SW,
Conyers, Georgia
Space is limited to 30 people.
To register, visit allsaintsatlanta.org/advent-retreat.
For more information, contact The Rev. Sarah Stewart at sstewart@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Extended Family Program with Local College Students
Are you an individual, couple, or larger family with room in your heart for a local college student? Consider joining our campus outreach ministry as we seek to form “extended families” of parishioners who can serve as mentors, listeners, friends, and family for college students seeking such a relationship at All Saints’. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sarah Stewart at sstewart@allsaintsatlanta.org.

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“Help, Thanks, Wow”
Advent Prayer and Waiting

by The Rev. Dr. Andy Barnett

When we pray, I think Anne Lamott gets it right; we’re saying to God, “Help, thanks, wow.” Because worship is prayer in community, Lamott gives us a powerful way to think about our time together on Sundays. This Advent, as we prepare for Jesus’ birth at Christmas, I wonder how Lamott’s approach to prayer might guide us as we learn to wait.

First, I’d like to offer a word on Advent, because waiting is hard. A few days before Halloween, I saw the grocery store guys replacing pumpkins with Santa hats, showing utter and complete disregard for turkeys and pumpkin spice. Confession: I kinda liked it. See, I love Christmas. I recorded a Christmas album in July, and didn’t even feel bad about it.

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But Advent says, “Wait.” God’s preferred and promised future isn’t here yet. It is coming. We wait for it, we work for it. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are called to participate in God’s work in the world, striving toward a just peace for all Creation. God’s dream won’t come to pass overnight, and God’s promises take time. This was certainly the experience of a people waiting for Emmanuel– God with us. They longed for one to deliver them from their distress, for a leader to end Roman brutality, for a Prince of Peace. But Jesus of Nazareth came to them in all the wrong ways. He was born to an unmarried immigrant teen. He took on religious authorities, promised scandalous change, and turned tables in the most dangerous ways. He was not the messiah they wanted, but he was the one they got. How are we to pray during this season of waiting? I keep coming back to Lamott’s words: “Help, thanks, wow.”

**Help**

The most honest room in church is usually the basement, where the 12-step recovery groups meet. Here, pretense is gone, performed perfection has long been abandoned, and we learn how to pray “Help.” The prayer is no longer a list, nor a recitation. It becomes a cry, a plea even, for God to make a way out of no way. One of the great privileges of my life has been to support recovery Eucharists for Alcoholics Anonymous and other 12-step groups. I am moved by the grit and honesty, and I am inspired to bring that vulnerability to my personal prayer. In many ways, the yearning of Advent draws us to this kind of plea. How might our corporate worship take on a sense of honesty, vulnerability, grit? How do you seek God’s help in this Advent season of yearning?

**Thanks**

Gratitude is good for the heart, because it depends on connection. I cannot say, “Thank you” without acknowledging you, and my dependence on you. The act of gratitude changes us, establishes community, and reminds us that we are blessed beyond measure. When we orient ourselves to God with thanksgiving, we remember that we depend on God, and that God is the origin of all things. When we give thanks, we recall the blessing that is Life. For whom and for what do you give thanks this Advent?

**Wow**

Think of the most beautiful experience of your life. Maybe it happened on a mountaintop, a beach, or a lake. Perhaps you fished on a swift-flowing stream, fell in love, or heard the music of Ellington. Do you remember the sense of wonder you felt? Can you remember mouthing the word “Wow” as you took it all in, or tried to anyhow? I am convinced that this sense of awe is central to living well in a just community. “Lost in wonder, love, and praise,” we can approach God and the rest of creation with awe-filled reverence. In so doing, we remember that we are blessed by and responsible for these gifts.

As we prepare ourselves for Christmas, the culture around us will proclaim this a commercial season—replete with tinsel. But Advent is actually about something much deeper. It is a season of longing, waiting, and preparation for Jesus’ birth. Preparing to welcome the greatest gift the world has ever known, may we seek God’s help, give thanks, and take on the wide-eyed wonder of a child. May this be our prayer: “Help, thanks, wow.”

Advent blessings to you and your family! ✫

Andy+

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The Rev. Dr. Andy Barnett joined All Saints’ this fall as our Associate Rector for Worship and Adult Formation. Hailing from Minnesota, he attended Oberlin College and Conservatory, Yale University's Environment and Divinity Schools, and Luther Seminary, where he earned a D. Min. in congregational mission and leadership. Before coming to All Saints’, he served at Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Andy loves running, dogs, cooking, and rooting for the Minnesota Twins.
Embracing God’s Loving Invitation in Advent

“In the beginning there was nothing. Only Oneness. There arose within Oneness a desire, so to speak, to bestow a gift. So It chose to give Itself, since It alone was real.”

— Jean-Pierre Weill, The Well of Being

by The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart

I marvel at how The Well of Being, a self-described children’s book for adults, sounds like the beginning of the Gospel of John. John’s version of our origin starts with the Eternal Word, who speaks all things into being. That spark of love that birthed the whole creation flashes in my imagination, like a cosmic blessing across the universe. We often forget how God’s self-giving at the dawn of time calls each of us into dynamic relationship. Undeterred, the Light of the World persists, offering itself even more visibly in that unimaginable choice: coming among us as a vulnerable baby, received through the flesh and blood cooperation of a young woman with courage to welcome that holy, gentle presence.

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Advent is a season wherein we bear witness to God’s relentless innovation when it comes to loving us. In Advent, we remember God invites us to rediscover this epic love story time and again. The Maker of heaven and earth—who holds nothing back when giving the gift of Jesus—never gives up on loving each of us! Jesus’ mother, Mary, allowed perfect love to awaken her participation, making way for the most miraculous gift ever offered. We, too, can dare to welcome the One whose love recreates our world.

Listening, repenting, changing—Advent worship reminds us that God’s coming takes preparation. Advent Scriptures and prayers recollect those who have testified to the mystery of Incarnate Love, who have paved the way for God’s sacred revelation. We answer the call to prepare as they did, by receiving the gift of God’s presence. To do this, we slow down. We connect with questions and longings. We risk vulnerability with God. Turning away from habits that draw us from this love of God, we ready ourselves to meet the One who chooses to make a home within us.

Waiting can be a holy practice and a way of life wholly challenging at times. Waiting for God confronts us with our world’s enduring hunger for love and justice. Such waiting asks us to hold space for God’s coming to save each of us, even those we might count as enemies. Love has a way of illuminating everything that still awaits transformation. And the eternal invitation stirs us to glimpse that promise of God’s love coming to be with us always. Advent waiting proves difficult. And we discover hope and courage as we wait.

This Advent abounds with communal opportunities for holy waiting, on and beyond our block, including:

1. On Saturday, December 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Trappist Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, Georgia, will welcome a group of saints on retreat. Participants in this half-day program can anticipate the refreshment of daily prayer, woven into rhythms of the wider monastic community, as well as periods of individual contemplation and small group reflection, facilitated by The Rev. Sarah Stewart and Carmie McDonald. For more details and to register, please visit allsaintsatlanta.org/advent-retreat.

2. On Tuesday, December 10, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., all are welcome to gather in our sanctuary for a quiet evening featuring candles, music, readings, and prayers shaped by worship traditions shared by the ecumenical monastic community of Taizé, France. Never experienced a service like this before? Fear not! You will encounter contemplative space to wonder, to notice, and to lean in to God’s love. As we prepare our hearts to welcome the light of love revealed in God’s ultimate gift of Jesus, please bring your friends, family, and yourselves—full of wonder, weariness, and everything in between—and simply rest in God’s presence.

It takes courage to welcome all that arises when we wait. Advent invites us to marvel in this holy waiting, supported by the company of saints with whom we journey. In this season, we can choose to turn toward the eternal wellspring of our being—God’s own self, given in perfect love from the very beginning—who still waits patiently to dwell with us. Love Incarnate, known fully in the flesh and blood of Jesus, is the only gift we need receive to be blessed with wonder at God’s generosity towards all of creation. Like Mary of Nazareth, may we embrace this invitation to be transformed by the loving presence of the Holy One, for whom our whole world waits. ✩

Sarah+

The Rev. Sarah Stewart joined All Saints’ this summer as our Associate Rector for Young Adults and Innovation. Before coming to All Saints’, she served at St. James Episcopal Church in Wichita, Kansas. Sarah enjoys being outside, exploring new music scenes, and going to farmers’ markets.
**2019–2020 All Saints’ Concert Series**

**Coro Vocati**

The ensemble Coro Vocati returns to All Saints’ for what has become an annual holiday tradition. Under the direction of John H. Dickson, this year’s Advent and Christmas programming promises to delight.

**Sunday, December 15 † 3:00 p.m., in the church**

The cost is $25 for general admission, $10 for students, no cost for children and teens under age 18. Purchase admission at the door or online at allsaintsatlanta.org/concert-series. For more information, contact Dr. Kirk Michael Rich at krich@allsaintsatlanta.org.

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**Refugee Ministries:**

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**Saturday, December 7**

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.,
Clarkston, Georgia

To sign-up, contact Louisa Merchant at louisam@allsaintsatlanta.org.

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**Advent Teaching Series**

Learn from Emory University professor, Dr. David Pacini, and All Saints’ clergy as we explore both ancient and modern conceptions of Jesus and how we might follow Christ as Advent people for the sake of God’s kingdom of justice and joy.

**Sundays, December 8, 15 and 22**

10:20–11:05 a.m., Ross Room

For more information, contact The Rev. Dr. Andy Barnett at abarnett@allsaintsatlanta.org.

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**Sunday, December 8**

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**Saturday, December 14**

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**Youth & Children’s Choir Schedules**

**Wednesday, December 4**

**Junior Choir**

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

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**Wednesday, December 11**

**Primary & Junior Choirs**

Final Christmas Eve rehearsal 4:35–6:00 p.m. (arrive early)

6:00 p.m. Junior Bells

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**Sunday, December 22**

**Cherub Choir**

Sing at Christmas Pageant 9:00 a.m.; arrive 8:15 a.m.

Wear Nativity costumes!

**Youth Choir**

Sing for 9:00 a.m. worship 10:00–11:00 a.m. rehearsal

11:00 a.m. bells rehearsal

No afternoon rehearsal

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**Christmas Eve**

**Tuesday, December 24**

**Primary & Junior Choirs**

2:00 p.m. arrival, Ellis Hall

**Youth Choir**

3:45 p.m. arrival, Adult Choir

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**No Wednesday Rehearsals December 18, 25**

**No Sunday/Youth Rehearsals December 29**

Contact Karol Kimmell, director karolkimmell@allsaintsatlanta.org.

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### December Children's Calendar

**Every Sunday**

Little Saints' Church
(ages 3–4), 9:15–9:45 a.m., Nursery, 1st Floor, Pritchett Children’s Center

Children’s Church, 9:00 a.m., chapel, 2nd Floor, Pritchett Children’s Center

**Children’s Church takes a break December 22 and 29.**

Formation and Connect 10:20–11:05 a.m., 2nd Floor, Pritchett Children’s Center

**Sunday, December 1**

Formation Lesson and Club 45:

**Join us at Advent Adventure!**

Wednesday, December 4

St. Nicholas Celebration, 6:05 p.m., in the church

**Sunday, December 8**

Formation Lesson: Follow the Stars

Club 45 Lesson: 12 Sons

**Sunday, December 15**

Formation Lesson: Follow the Stars

Club 45 Lesson: Joseph

**Sunday, December 22**

Formation Lesson and Club 45:

**Join us at the pageant cookie reception!**

**Sunday, December 29**

Formation class

Christmas Break!

Visit allsaintsatlanta.org/formation/childrens-formation.

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**Young Adult Formation Series: In Faith**

Explore resources from our Christian tradition that can support us in our daily lives.

**Sunday, December 15**

10:20–11:05 a.m., P202

For more information, contact The Rev. Sarah Stewart at sstewart@allsaintsatlanta.org.

**Concert Series: Coro Vocati**

See details on page 5.

**Sunday, December 15**

3:00 p.m., in the church

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**Caroling at the MARTA Station**

Join All Saints’ clergy, choir, and fellow saints in making a joyful noise by singing carols at the entrance of the North Avenue MARTA station, followed by refreshments in Ellis Hall. Bring your favorite Christmas cookie to share!

**Wednesday, December 18**

5:00 p.m., North Avenue MARTA Station

**Cookie Reception follows in Ellis Hall**

For more information, contact The Rev. Zack Nyein at znnye101@gmail.com.

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**Young Adults: Saints on Tap Advent Potluck**

Break out the holiday attire (if you so choose) and bring your favorite dish to share.

**Wednesday, December 18**

6:30 p.m., Ross Room

RSVP with what you’re bringing to Michael Asmussen at michael.asmussen@gmail.com.

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**Come As You Are Christmas Pageant with Cherub and Youth Choirs**

On the last Sunday of Advent, our children will dress up and tell the Christmas story during our annual non-rehearsed, no-pressure pageant that is filled with the Holy Spirit.

**Sunday, December 22**

9:00 a.m. worship service, in the church

For more information, contact Kathy Roberts at kroberts@allsaintsatlanta.org.

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**Christmas Pageant Cookie Reception**

Join us after the Come As You Are Christmas Pageant for a cookie reception in Ellis Hall!

**Sunday, December 22**

10:20–11:05 a.m., Ellis Hall

For more information, contact Jill Gossett at jgossett@allsaintsatlanta.org.

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**Share a Meal with the Men of Covenant Community**

Bring dinner yourself or with family, friends or co-workers to support the men of Covenant Community, our ministry partner that provides a residential, life-stabilization program for men experiencing homelessness and recovering from alcohol and/or substance abuse.

**Mondays, December 23 and 30**

6:30–7:30 p.m., Covenant Community

To volunteer, contact Barbara Blender at bblender@bellsouth.net.

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**All Saints’ Episcopal Church**
Vestry Notes

From the meeting on October 16, 2019

Ellen Porter offered a meditation on the voice of God in her life, encouraging consideration of our interconnection with each other. Arjun Srinivasan presented an update on the church’s Disaster Preparedness effort. Leighton Stradtman attended the meeting representing the Future of the Block Committee. Leighton and Lori Reinking reviewed a draft 2020 timeline for gathering input and generating ideas regarding the best use of the block. Treasurer Sheldon Taylor reported that the parish continues to be in sound financial condition. All Saint’s 2018 financial audit is complete with a clean opinion. Following a closing prayer, 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.

Transitions

Baptisms
Leila Kathryn Frayser, daughter of Pete and Susanna Frayser

Transfers Out
Julian Garza to Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, Houston, Texas

Weddings
Helen Harris and Emery Waddell

Deaths
William Lee Evans
Robert Morris Bresee
Cayden Thomas Hay
Sheila MacConochie Ragsdale
Karyn Barlow Venuso

It is not too late to make your 2020 Annual Canvass Pledge Commitment!

Thank you for over 600 pledges and $2.5 million on the way to our goal of 800 pledges and $3 million.

We plan to re-print our Annual Giving List in the bulletin on Sunday, December 15 and would like to include everyone this time!

Go online today to add your name to the list: allsaintsatlanta.org/giving

Thank you!

Tom Harvey and Greg Coffman and Lelia and Bradley Pratt
Co-Chairs of the 2020 Annual Canvass

Make a joyful noise at the entrance of the North Avenue MARTA station! Sing carols with All Saints’ clergy, choir, and fellow saints then enjoy holiday refreshments. Bring your favorite Christmas cookie to share!

Wednesday, December 18
5:00 p.m., North Avenue MARTA Station
Cookie Reception follows in Ellis Hall

december youth calendar

Sunday, December 1
Attic Hour
10:20 a.m. in The Attic

Sunday, December 8
Attic Hour
10:20 a.m. in The Attic
SNL Christmas Party
6:00–8:00 p.m., The Attic

Sunday, December 15
Attic Hour
10:20 a.m. in The Attic

Sundays, December 22, 29
Attic Hour takes a break.
Have a very Merry Christmas and we will see you in 2020!

Visit allsaintsatlanta.org/formation/youth-formation or contact Joel Smith at jsmith@allsaintsatlanta.org.
The deadline for The January issue of Monthly is Saturday, November 30. Please make your submission via our website, at allsaintsatlanta.org/news-and-events/announcements/. Thank you!

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worship

Tuesday, 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

Wednesday, 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.

We will return to our regular worship hour schedule on 1 Christmas, Sunday, December 29.

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