

The Herald

November 21-28, 2010

Last Sunday after Pentecost - 1st Sunday of Advent

Advent

Subverting the secular world; beginning a new year

By Tony Clavier

We have to tackle a number of years. There's the school year, the secular year, the shopping year, and the poor neglected church year. In a sense we live in all of them, and keeping our feet planted in each reality is no easy thing. All too often we only remember that the church has a year when we look at the bulletin on Sunday and try to figure which Sunday after what we are in. Of all these years, the Christian year presents the greatest challenge. It reminds us that we are citizens of another place and owe our allegiance to another ruler. The early Christians were persecuted and killed because they claimed that "Jesus is Lord." Perhaps today we are regarded as rather eccentric when we whisper the same words. They remind us that our faith is no private, personal thing, but that we are citizens of the kingdom of God.

We are subversive. We seek to bring the love of Christ into the secular world because we believe that ultimately the world will be restored to God. In the meantime, we work and pray to transform what is into what shall be. Advent Sunday begins yet another year. It sets our sights on the miracle of Christ's birth, that God invaded this planet in the form of a helpless child. This vulnerable God walks with us, takes our flesh, re-creates the human race, suffers, dies and so is in all our sufferings and in our deaths. He rises again giving us the hope of resurrected life in a new heaven and a new earth.

We perhaps moan about a secularized Christmas that begins before Thanksgiving and ends abruptly on the day after Christmas. Rather than moaning, we can meet the challenge it presents. We can be subversive by keeping Advent in holy preparation. We can keep Christmas by observing the twelve days in joy, gratitude and compassion for God's poor and needy, rather than throwing out the tree on December 26! Above all we can humble ourselves before the baby who is King, and offer him our lives in obedience and hope.



On the Calendar:

Tuesday, November 16

3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels Choir
4:30pm Murray House Board mtg
5:30pm St. Cecilia Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, November 17

12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, November 18

12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
7pm AA (Smith Rm)

Friday, November 19

5:30pm Food Share preparation

Saturday, November 20

7:30am Food Share distribution

Sunday, November 21

ONE SERVICE ONLY TODAY!!

9:25am Adult Christian Education
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Lunch following

Tuesday, November 23

No Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday, November 24

12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
No Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Day
Office Closed

Friday, November 26

Office Closed

Sunday, November 28

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Christian Education
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

The Rev. Tony Clavier is rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, La Porte, in the Diocese of Northern Indiana.

This is a 2-Week Herald! Please check dates and liturgical assignments for both November 21 and 28!

Pledge Ingathering this Sunday, 11/21

“Give generously, Serve faithfully, Celebrate joyfully” is our stewardship theme this year. Our vision is to provide all of us at All Saints an opportunity to enrich our spiritual lives individually and collectively by renewing our commitment to our mission and ministry through a pledge of support for the upcoming year. Our goals are that we have a 5% increase in the numbers of pledges and an increase of pledge income of at least five percent.

Pledge cards that have not yet been picked up have been mailed. Please bring your pledge card with you on Sunday and put it in the offering plate or mail it in as soon as possible.

On Sunday, November 21, there will be only one service — at 10:30am, with an ingathering of pledge cards. Following the service we are all invited to enjoy a wonderful barbecue lunch in Stirling Hall and “celebrate joyfully” God’s gifts to us. See you there!

Speaking of Stewardship... We are nearly a month behind on pledge collections, and it is putting the church in a cash crunch. Please make every effort to catch up your pledge!

Thanks to all who helped make this year’s Bayou Bash a great party! It is too soon at the time of this printing to know final totals, but judging by the numbers of people present and their wonderful comments, a good time was had by all!

Thanks especially to Henry and Emily Callaway, co-chairs of the event and all those who worked on the committee, others who set up, made desserts, donated items, decorated, bought items and just plain ‘showed up.’

The proceeds will be divided among the following ministries that we help to sponsor: IHN/Family Promise, McKemie Place, 15 Place, L’Arche, Alabama Arise, South Alabama Cares, Fresh Start Ministries and the All Saints Refugee Families Fund.

Another Reminder about Sunday, 11/21:

There will be NO 8:00am service .

There will be NO breakfast.

There will be NO youth Sunday School.

There WILL be adult Sunday School.

There WILL be a 10:30am service for the whole parish.

There WILL be a barbecue lunch for all following the service.

The Friday Night Supper Club

will meet next on November 19 at 7:00 pm at the home of Fred and Barbara South, 1112 Dauphin Street. Please phone to let them know if you are coming: 694-0143. All are welcome to attend!

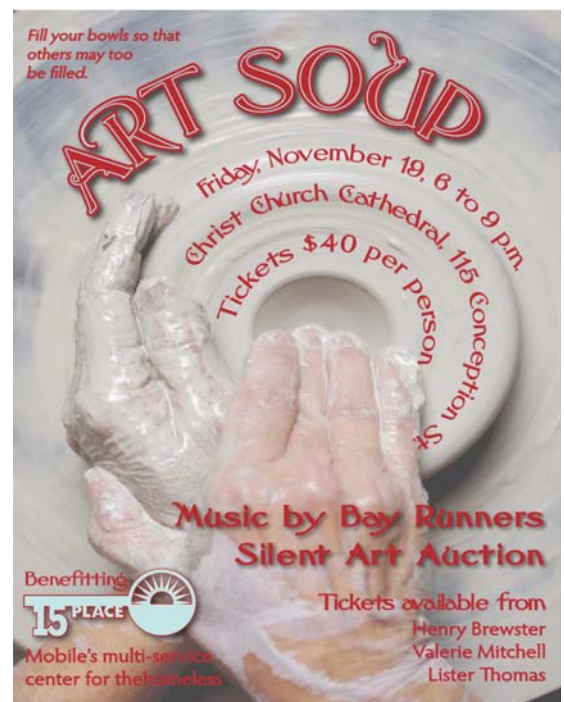
Congratulations to all those

who were baptized, confirmed or received on All Saints’ Sunday: Christa Harkins, baptized and confirmed; Kristen Ritter, Zach Samuels, Nyirou Kuot, Atong Kuot, Jacob Harkins, Debby Harkins, Kelly Baker, and Martha Hennessy, confirmed; and Sarah Walter and Thomas Locke, received from the Roman Catholic church.

Our sympathies are extended

to Burl Ratcliffe on the death of his aunt, Charlotta Noyes, last week. *May light perpetual shine upon her.*

Art Soup takes place on Friday, November 19, from 6 to 9pm at Christ Church Cathedral. Tickets are \$40 per person for a hand-crafted pottery bowl and the soup that goes in it! There is also a silent auction. Proceeds benefit 15 Place, Mobile’s multi-service center for the homeless. The cathedral is located at 115 Conception Street.



Building Kingdoms

by Robert Gray

once we forgot
that all gods
and deities reside
inside the human breast¹

we created a god
in our image
and confined him
to imaginary realms

further forgetting
the proper place
and function of god
is human communion

and dignity so jesus came
to tear down empires
and institutions
built on our forgetfulness

he came to write new worlds
with imagination and love
but new institutions
bearing his name

and an imperialism
of empiricism erected
in error new empires for
their imaginary god

but all jesus wanted
was simply to remind us
that the only way to
the kingdom he spoke of

is through creative
acts of the imagination
the mind doing
the work of the heart

the mind and heart
in their rightful roles
building the kingdom
of god within us²

¹ *The Marriage of Heaven and Hell*, William Blake, 1793.

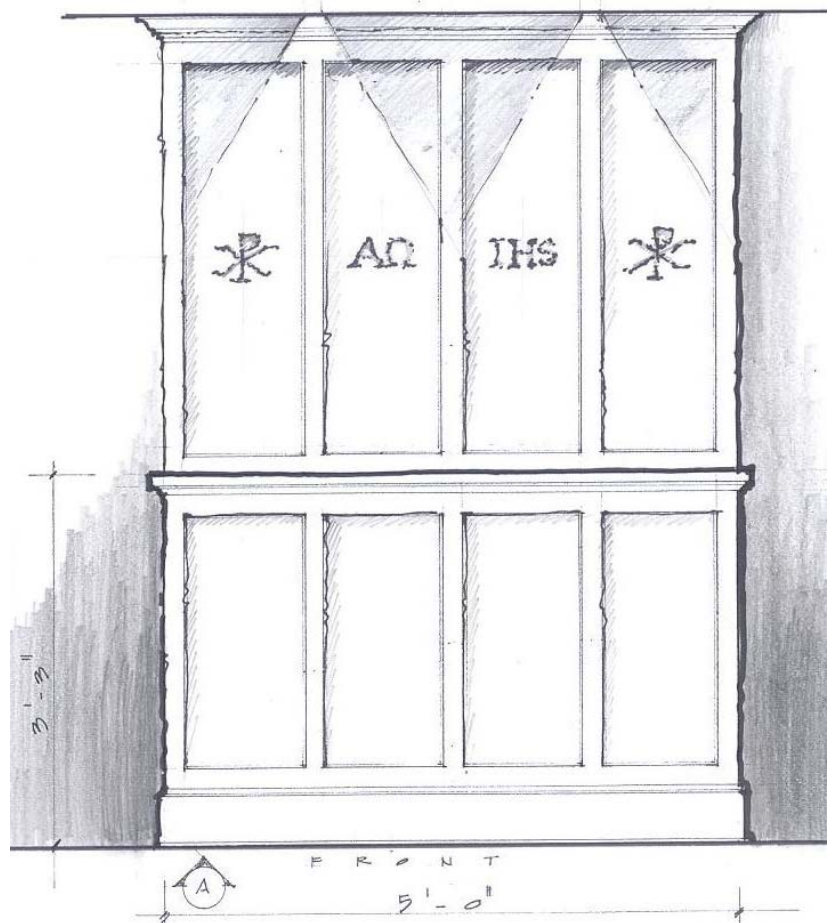
² Luke 17:20.

The poem in the column at left was written by parishioner Rob Gray. Rob read it at the conclusion of his stewardship talk last Sunday in the 10:30 service. Thanks to Rob for sharing it with us in person and in print!

Chapel Reredos Being Carved

We are making progress on finishing renovations to the chapel. A reredos (the carved wooden panel and retable behind the Altar upon which the Cross sits) has been commissioned which will give focus and beauty to this intimate space. Hastings and Anne Read will do the work; they are consummate woodworking artisans who were reared in the Church of England. They understand the importance of the aesthetics in this enterprise.

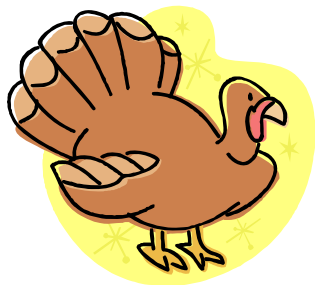
There is some seed money for this project but we need a little more. Now would be a good time to make a memorial. Please mark your donation for 'Chapel memorial.' If we get a good response it is possible that we can finish the lighting and refinish the flooring as well. The reredos will be dedicated at the Epiphany service in January, 2011.



The reredos, which will be against the wall behind the chapel altar, is hand carved. There is spot lighting above it. The shelf (or retable) can hold candles, vases and the cross.

Food Share November 19 & 20

This month's Food Share weekend will be held Friday, November 19 at 5:30 p.m. to assemble the food bags and Saturday, November 20 at 7:30 a.m. to distribute the food. We'll be giving turkeys out with the regular food, so there will be a need for extra hands to help people carry these groceries to their cars. Bring gloves to keep from making those hands too cold! Please join us in this worthwhile ministry!



Refugee Pantry Items

We need items such as **bar soap** (regular size), **toilet paper** and **garbage bags**. To make things easier for handling Thanksgiving leftovers, some plastic storage bags or disposable containers and strong paper plates would be very helpful!

Please bring them to the church office or put them in the basket in the Ann St. narthex. Thanks!



Upcoming Fall & Winter Events

November

- 19 - Food Share preparation, 5:30pm
- 20 - Food Share distribution, 7:30am
- 21 - Last Sunday after Pentecost; one service only, at 10:30am, with pledge ingathering and barbeque lunch in Stirling Hall
- 25 - Thanksgiving Day; no service, office closed
- 26 - Friday, office closed
- 28 - 1st Sunday of Advent

December

- 5 - 2nd Sunday of Advent; 8am Eucharist; 9:30am Annual Parish Meeting; 10:30am Advent Lessons and Carols
- 7 - All Saints serves at 15 Place, 11:30am
- 8 - 15 Place Board meeting, 6pm
- 11 - PFLAG, 10:30am
- 12 - 3rd Sunday of Advent; 8am and 10:30am Holy Eucharists
- 14 - Golden Circle, 12N; Family Promise Host Coordinators meeting, 5:30pm, Stirling Hall
- 19 - 4th Sunday of Advent; 8am Holy Eucharist; Christmas Pageant, 9:30am; 10:30am Holy Eucharist
- 20 - Vestry meeting, 6pm
- 22 - Hanging of the Greens and Supper, 5:30pm
- 24 - Christmas Eve; office closes at noon; Holy Eucharist at 5:30pm and at 10:30pm with choirs
- 25 - Christmas Day; no service
- 26 - 1st Sunday after Christmas; 8am Holy Eucharist; Christmas Lessons and Carols with the combined choirs of All Saints and Trinity Episcopal Churches at 10:30am
- 27 - Office closed
- 31 - New Year's Eve; office closes at noon

January 2011

- 2 - 2nd Sunday after Christmas; 8am and 10:30am Holy Eucharists
- 3 - Office closed
- 9 - The Rev. Lane Denson, guest preacher

The Annual Parish Meeting is December 5, 2010

At the Annual Parish Meeting we will elect five vestry members to serve a three year term replacing retiring members Jim Ayres, Chris Conte, Charlotte Hall, Martha Harris, Matt McDonald, and three deputies with alternates to Diocesan Convention, which will be held February 10-12, 2011. The Convention will be hosted by St. James' Episcopal Church, Fairhope.

Who may vote at the Parish Meeting?

The Canons of the Episcopal Church (Canon 17.3) define communicants as 'confirmed persons aged sixteen and over who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.' The All Saints Episcopal Church Constitution also requires that a communicant must have received Holy Communion at least three times in the preceding year.

Who may serve on the Vestry of All Saints Episcopal Church?

If you meet the qualifications to vote at the Parish Meeting you are eligible to serve on the Vestry, with the following exception: The All Saints Constitution states that retiring Vestry Members may not be elected to succeed themselves for *two years*, with the exception of those serving an unexpired term for one year or less.

Nominations for New Vestry Members

I wish to nominate _____ to serve on the All Saints Episcopal Church Vestry. I have read the requirements above and believe this person is qualified to serve. I have received his/her consent to stand election on December 5, 2010.

(Current Vestry members are listed on the back page of The Herald.)

Nominations for Deputy to Diocesan Convention

I wish to nominate _____ to serve as a Deputy to Diocesan Convention, February 10-12, 2011 at St. James', Fairhope.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Name (Please print) _____

Your signature _____ Date _____

**Nominations are open until 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 30**

Make sure that the person you are nominating is willing to serve
before nominating him or her.

Please turn in this form to the office or call 438-2492 to make a nomination.

EYC News

November 19th, 20th

Food Share. This month's food share will be special because it will be in preparation for Thanksgiving. Come Friday at 5:30pm to help bag up the food. Come Saturday morning at 7:30am to help distribute it.

November 21st

Mulherin Home. It has been requested that we visit here often, so we will be going back to make Thanksgiving crafts and play games. Please let me know if you are coming so rides can be arranged. 3-5pm

November 28th

No EYC! Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, December 3rd

Babes in Toyland. Grace Williams is starring in Babes in Toyland at the Saenger Theater. The show is at 7:30pm, tickets are \$15 for students and \$20 for adults.

December 5th

15 Place. We will be cooking chili and serving lunch after church for the homeless. Time TBA.

December 12th

Mulherin Home Christmas Parade. We will be having a Christmas parade for all of the residents, which will be lots of fun! Please let me know if you can attend! 3-5pm

December 19th

EYC Ushers. EYC will be ushering for the 10:30 service. I need 4 people, so please let me know if you can be there.

EYC Christmas Party. More details to come, but go ahead and mark your calendars!

Contact Info

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Please keep in your prayers . . .

✚ For healing for:
Don Armentrout
Danny Moreau
Dot Casey
Devanie Ellison
Scott Podstato
Barbie Driver
Frederick Salvo
Brian Montgomery
Patsy Childress
Pete Gaillard
David Sanders
Marion
Debbie Davis
Chris
Leila Hollowell
the White family
Kate Makkai
Brenda
Tillye Semple
Celeste Taylor
Laura

✚ For the safe return of those who serve in the military:
Spencer Abbot
Matt Abbot
Steven DeWeese
Thedford Daniel Jones, Jr.
Glenn Foster, Jr.
Todd Jolly
Soren Rodning
Zack Hadley
T. J. Sherman
Jamie Pontious

Our policy is to keep names on the prayer list for one month. After that, they will be removed. If you want a name to be on the list longer, please call the office; the request will be updated and it will be kept on for another month.



Sunday Lectionary:

Last Sunday after Pentecost, 11/21

[Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)

[Psalm 46](#)

[Colossians 1:11-20](#)

[Luke 23:33-43](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory, Kim Gray, Laura Williams, Gretchen Thiel

Flower Guild: Ricky Bradford, Carol Mackey

Breakfast: *none today*

Reception: *none today*

Lunch follows the 10:30 service

8:00

There is NO 8:00 service on 11/21

10:30

Lectors: 1) Bruce Barrett 2) Cart Blackwell

Intercessor: Diana Nichols

Chalice bearers: Clayton Ryan, Louie Wood

Acolytes: Rebecca Brewster, Brendan Williams, Douglas Greene, Emily Doyle, Darrel Williams, Ben Foster

Ushers: Ricky Bradford, Henry Brewster, Marion Elledge, Thomas Locke

Music for Sunday, November 21

Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach *Concerto in A minor, BWV 593*

Processional Hymn 494 *Diademata*

William Mathias *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* S-278

Ivor Algernon Atkins *Psalm 46*

Sequence Hymn 454 *Lowry*

Offertory Anthem Arthur Somervell *O Saviour of the World*

Presentation Hymn 458 *Love Unknown*

Ronald Arnatt *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

Mason Martens *The disciples knew the Lord Jesus* S-167

Communion Hymn 324 *Picardy*

Motet John IV, King of Portugal *Crux fidelis*

Post Communion Hymn *Guiting Power*

Processional Sigfrid Karg-Elert *Nun Danket alle Gott*

Sunday Lectionary:

1st Sunday of Advent, 11/28

[Isaiah 2:1-5](#)

[Psalm 122](#)

[Romans 13:11-14](#)

[Matthew 24:36-44](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory, Kim Gray, Laura Williams, Gretchen Thiel

Flower Guild: Becky Wilson, Jean Tucker

Breakfast: Carol Mackey, Valerie Case, Woody Han-num, Betsy Schneider

Reception: Karen McDonald

8:00

Lector: Tressa Pressley

Intercessor: Joe Basenberg

Chalice bearer: Ray Hester

Ushers: Burl Ratcliffe, Will English

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Richard Coarsey 2) Marion Elledge

Intercessor: Hank Caddell

Chalice bearers: Beth Hardaway, Skeeter Robertson

Acolytes: Mark Williams, Dustin Reeves, David Reeves, Danner Butler, Boone Reeves, Ben Foster

Ushers: Don Mosley, Hank Caddell, Jim Ayres

Music for Sunday, November 28

Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659*

Processional Hymn 56 *Veni, veni Emmanuel*

Franz Schubert *Kyrie* S-96

Ivor Algernon Atkins *Psalm 122*

Sequence Hymn 540 *Dir dir, Jehovah*

Offertory Anthem Stephen Cleobury *Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth*

Presentation Hymn 74 *Valet will ich dir geben*

Franz Schubert *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit* S-130

Franz Schubert *Agnus Dei* S-164

Communion Hymn 53 *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

Motet Mark Sirett *Thou Shalt Know Him*

Post Communion Hymn 68 *Llangloffan*

Processional Johann Sebastian Bach *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661*

If anyone would like to help with the meal (baked beans, cole slaw or dessert) or with the setup of Stirling Hall for the barbecue this Sunday, Nov. 21, please call Jean Tucker at 753-1984.



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Chris Conte
Harold Dodge
Rob Gray
Renea Greene
Charlotte Hall
Martha Harris
Clark Kelly, Treasurer
Pete Mackey, Senior Warden
Matt McDonald
Susan Meztista
Michael Morrison, Junior Warden
Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker
Darrel Williams

All Saints Committee Chairs

Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert
Addiction & Recovery: Becky Wilson
Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers
Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Melanie Petithory
Choirs: Jeff Clearman
Communications: The Rev. Mary Robert
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey
Episcopal Youth (EYC): Catherine Mackey
Finance Committee: Clark Kelly, treasurer
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
Food Share: Susan Meztista, Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
Hospitality & Events: Charlotte Hall, Jean Tucker
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
Lectors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary C. Robert
Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle
Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres
Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Michael Morrison
Refugees: Martha Harris
Ushers: Bill Evatt, Louie Wood
Stewardship: Woody Hannum, All Saints Vestry
Youth Christian Education: Renea Greene

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Service Schedule

Sundays	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Breakfast 9:25 a.m. Christian Education Classes (during school year) 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays	12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)