



The Herald

December 5, 2010

2nd Sunday of Advent

From the Rector: Of Mutability

Rain is pelting the windows of my office. I walked outside to get a sense of the storm, its character, and the temperature had already dropped some ten degrees... the tops of the water oaks frenzied by the torrents of wind a November cold front brings. I am forever amazed and enamored by the flux of weather... the mysterious violence of the change it brings... We think from while to while that we have tamed her... but we know better; we are contingent to her... she, a metaphor of how our world is... mutable, extravagant, dangerous and beautiful... a metaphor for the life of faith... faith at its best, the artful embrace of change.

Perhaps it is the embrace of change that is our work in our maturing in the faith. I'm reminded of Yeats' poem *Lapis Lazuli* wherein the poet's two protagonists are witnessing the destruction of a civilization, the worn patriarchal cycle, but are able to see the grand meaning of it all, the hope of it... the truth of the matter... as Hamlet and Lear, in spite of the tragedy they endure, see an unlikely and surprising reconciliation, unresolved in the play...but a premonition... and therefore the beauty of a world mutable, transient... pulling at the seams of possibility... Change, an uncontainable mystery forever creating and recreating the world.... and the beauty of it... the redemption that comes in spite of the violence.... Perhaps I'm naive... but I believe beauty will have the last word.

We are beginning again in the Church our reading of Matthew's Gospel, Year A in the lectionary. Just this past Sunday we read about the abrupt and rude and random advent of the kingdom... people snatched about... violence that erupts because of the fear of change.... Matthew's admonition is to keep awake... look on the world with artists eyes and know that God's truth will come to bear.... see with glittering eyes through to the way God intends the world to be and then embrace it with all due courage, give yourselves to it, speak well of it... because change comes regardless... and we may as well know and name the beauty of it.... as best we can see.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, November 30
3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels Choir
4pm Deadline for Vestry nominations
5:30pm St. Cecelia Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, December 1
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, December 2
12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
7pm AA (Smith Rm)

Sunday, December 5
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast & Annual Parish Meeting
9:25am Youth Christian Education
10:30am Advent Lessons & Carols
Reception following

Tuesday, December 7
11:30am All Saints serves @ 15 Place
3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels Choir
5:30pm St. Cecelia Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, December 8
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
6pm 15 Place Board Meeting
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, December 9
12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
7pm AA (Smith Rm)

Saturday, December 11
10:30am PFLAG

Sunday, December 5
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Christian Education
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

Annual Parish Meeting 12/05

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 9am this Sunday in Stirling Hall. We will elect five vestry members to serve three year terms, 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 at St. James' Episcopal Church, Fairhope.

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.

If you meet the qualifications to vote at the Parish Meeting you are eligible to serve on the Vestry, with the following exception: our 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.

Stewardship Report

If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, or have not received one, for 2011, PLEASE turn it in to the church office this week! The Finance Committee and the new Vestry will begin working on next year's budget as soon as possible. We need your pledge to make this happen.

Money is Tight... We are still 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 for 2010!

Jane Carson is a member of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Mobile, and has been a participant in the Diocesan training program for Deacons for the past three years. Deacons in the church are the ones set apart to be servants to those in need. Deacons are called to connect the resources of the church to the needs of the least of us, reminding us of our call to follow Christ in sacrificial ministry. Jane has been assigned to All Saints until she is ordained in February for field training. Please give Jane a warm All Saints welcome!

Our prayers are offered ...

Sympathy is extended to:

- Herbert and Linda Anderson, Katy Anderson, and their family at the death last week of Herbert's mother, Vermelle Anderson.
- Valerie and Bill Case at the death of her mother, Dorothy Vernon, on November 29.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Thanksgiving is offered for:

- The safe return from Afghanistan of Todd Jolly, brother-in-law of Emily Kelley.

A Service of Lessons and Carols

will be held at 10:30am this Sunday, Dec. 5, the Second Sunday of Advent. The service is based on the Festival of Lessons and Carols which is presented annually at Kings College of Cambridge University on Christmas Eve.

Our three fabulous choirs will offer music by Boris Ord, Charles Wood, Craig Phillips, Mark Sirett, Bruce Saylor, and Malcolm Archer. You won't want to miss this wonderful service of traditional Advent readings and music!



Calling all angels, sheep, and shepherds!

It is time to sign up to participate in the pageant! Our Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 9:30am in the church, and everyone is invited to attend!

Call or email Elizabeth Doyle for a part in this fun and special activity: eliz_doyle@comcast.net or 694-3019 OR see her Sunday during the Sunday School hour.

The Friday Night Supper Club

will meet next on December 3 at 7:00 pm at the home of Melanie Petithory, 2765 Brevard Drive. Please phone to let her know if you are coming: 473-1350.



Slow down for the joy of Advent waiting

By Katharine Jefferts Schori

We stand at the beginning of Advent and the season of expectation. It's not meant to be as penitential a season as Lent, but it is meant to help us slow down and pay attention.

Think about the last pregnancy you witnessed. If you were at all close to the parents or grandparents, you know that every small change or development or unusual occurrence suddenly gained great significance. The long months of waiting honed everyone's powers of observation, particularly the mother's! Well, the world is waiting for the birth of the long-expected One, who will bring healing and peace to all who labor and suffer in darkness. We still wait in eager expectation for the one who will lead soldiers to turn their weapons into tractors and hay balers and redirect warriors to schools of peace.

Think of the families you know whose sons and daughters are "away at war" – or the people of Sudan, praying and hoping that the coming months will not bring yet another vicious eruption of violence. Their eagerness for deliverance is nearly overwhelming. Most of us can ignore that naked hunger most of the time. These weeks of Advent are an invitation to slow down enough to experience that yearning.

I was in Salt Lake City recently for the consecration of the Diocese of Utah's new bishop. The diocese includes a growing and thriving Sudanese community. Several of its leaders asked me to wait, and meet with them, just before we gathered for the ordination service.

The 20 or so young adults were articulate and passionate, and their spokesperson said to me, "We're lost boys and lost girls who have become lost men and lost women. There are 3,000 of us here in Salt Lake. We fear what will happen in Sudan. We want you to do something."

During the service that followed, they collected the offering and sang for us with immense joy. They know what it is to hunger and thirst for righteousness and peace.

All of us know, or can discover, that same urgent longing, if we'll slow down enough to notice it in some part of our own lives or the lives of our neighbors. The yearly invitation to wait and discover is here — will we answer?

Waiting is not easy for most who live in developed nations. We expect the details of our lives to flow relatively smoothly, and we get frustrated at every interruption or diversion.

We all know the sentiment of James Taylor's old lament, "It hurts my motor to go so slow ... damn this traffic jam." One of the most profound pieces of counsel I ever heard was offered to someone frustrated by traffic jams and rude drivers — "memorize some psalms, and the next time you find yourself in that place, start reciting them at the top of your voice — with the windows rolled up."

There are other and perhaps more creative responses, but the ability to temper our reactivity is an excellent start. The next step comes from continuing to pray those psalms, especially the ones that speak of hope for a different and more peaceful future. Those psalms acknowledge our very human longing for divine balm.

Reciting psalms is a good start. There are many other creative and life-giving ways to wait. What do you dream of, what does that healed world look like? Once you have the beginnings of a concrete picture, an attitude of expectation will lead you to see that vision becoming reality in small and quiet ways. The joy of those Sudanese singers was witness to their knowledge of peace, even though life as a refugee can be enormously difficult.

The prince of peace came among us as herald of that healed world, and instigator of it. He wasn't born in a high-end hospital or hotel; he turned up pretty quietly and unobtrusively, in spite of the lofty language of Luke's Christmas story. He came to poor people, on what passed for a farm, in a nation filled with as much anxiety as Sudan is today. He is still turning up in places like that.

Do we have the time to wait and watch? Where will we discover him anew?

Christmas Greenery and Flowers can be given as memorials or in thanksgiving for loved ones. If you would like to do so, please turn in this form and your donation (suggested: \$50) to the church office by the deadline of Monday, Dec. 20, at 4pm.

Please PRINT the name(s) as you would like them to appear. Check Memorial Thanksgiving

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If you cannot be present for the date you are scheduled, please try to get a substitute and let the church office know who it is. 438-2492. If you cannot find a sub, let us know as soon as possible.

Lay Ministers for December 2010

Date	Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Reception
Dec 5 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00	S Powell	B Ratcliffe	K Winkler		J Basenberg Barbara Evatt	B Bentley D Nichols P Reeves C Ryan	B Bentley S Hester	K Flowers K Gray R Greene	
	10:30	B Nichols M Hennessy L Van Dyke J Rogers Trey Jacobs	None	None	D Williams B Foster L McDonald L Gray T Thiel	D Greene C Doyle M Williams R Pappas	"			R Williams
Dec 12 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00	L Hallett	Bill Evatt	B Ratcliffe		P Mackey H Dodge	"	S Drew K Butler	C Hall A Hamilton K McDonald A Thompson	
	10:30	Cath. Mackey R Gray	W Butler	H Callaway B Barrett	B Foster D Williams L Wood S Williams G Williams M Mosley	A Mitchell J Hamilton C Conte B Hines	"			M Morrison
Dec 19 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00	J Clearman	J Basenberg	M Taylor		W Hannum R Dillard	"	C Ryan D Nichols	C Kelly C Doyle W Hester	
	10:30	A Hunter C Ryan	H Snow	M Elledge L Thomas	B Foster JB Pappas K Kelly W Kelly W Kuot	C Mackey EYC	"			J Woodard J Tucker
Dec 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	5:30 pm	K Winkler MH Slaton	D Foster	S Willcox B Harris	B Foster M Williams B Williams E Gray E Doyle	P Mackey TBA	"	ALL Flower Guild		
	11pm	T Locke B Hardaway	M Petithory	A Mitchell F Rouse	D Williams L Wood H Snow	B Ratcliffe W Hannum TBA	"	ALL Flower Guild		Choir
Dec 26 <i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i>	8:00	P Wilson	T Pressley	R Hester		The Souths	"	R Bradford J Tucker	J Clearman M Harris S Cleveland	
	10:30	D Foster J Hamilton D Nichols H Thompson	None	None	B Reeves M Williams SF Greene E Doyle	L Wood C Blackwell H Callaway H Tate M Morrison	"			TBA

December Birthdays

2 Barbara Brewster
3 Anna Marie Brown
5 Skeeter Robertson
9 David Stuart, Carolyn Carsten
10 Melva Frazier
11 Jensen Basenberg
13 Steve Chiepalich
16 Chloe Ayres

17 Warren Butler
18 Patrick Jenkins
19 Don Mosley, Salma Raouf
20 Paul Carsten
21 Darrel Williams, Stefan Koerner, Emily Kelley
25 Cy Young
27 Kathrine Butler
29 James Flowers, Brannon Woods, Channing Flowers
30 Charlotte Brady

December 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12N Holy Eucharist 7:30pm Adult Choir	2 12N Al-Anon 7pm AA, Smith Rm	3	4
5 2nd Sunday of Advent 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast & Annual Parish Meeting 9:25 Christian Ed 10:30am Advent Lessons & Carols Reception following	6	7 11:30am All Saints serves @ 15 Place 3:30pm St Michael choir 5:30pm St. Cecelia choir	8 7:30am Race Relations Committee 12N Holy Eucharist 6pm 15 Place Board Mtg 7:30pm Adult Choir	9 12N Al-Anon 7pm AA, Smith Rm	10	11 10:30am PFLAG
12 3rd Sunday of Advent 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Christian Ed 10:30am Holy Eucharist Reception following	13 5:30pm L'Arche Board Xmas party	14 12 N Golden Circle 3:30pm St Michael choir 5:30pm St. Cecelia choir 5:30 Family Promise mtg	15 12N Holy Eucharist 7:30pm Adult Choir	16 12N Al-Anon 7pm AA 7:30pm Choir rehearsal w/ Trinity	17 5:30pm Food Share preparation	18 8:00am Food Share distribution 
19 4th Sunday of Advent 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:30 Christmas Pageant 10:30am Holy Eucharist Reception following	20 6pm Vestry mtg	21 2-week Herald No choir rehearsals	22 12N Holy Eucharist 5:30pm Hanging of the Green & Supper No choir rehearsal	23	24 Christmas Eve 12N Office Closes 5:30pm Holy Eucharist 10:40pm Choral Prelude 11pm Holy Eucharist	25 Christmas Day 
26 1st Sunday after Christmas 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 No Sunday School 10:30am Christmas Lessons & Carols Reception following	27	28	29	30	31	

Office closed through New Year's Eve

EYC News

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

CANCELLED. *15 Place.* We will reschedule at a later date.

Instead, meet at the church at 3 for a scavenger hunt. We will finish at 4:30.

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! Begin getting creative with costumes! 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. 5-8pm: All ages are welcome for the party and dinner.

All Junior EYC-ers (middle school) need to be picked up at 8pm.

Senior EYC (high school) will have a Christmas movie marathon lock-in!!

Final details to come in next week's Herald.

December 26th

No EYC. Merry Christmas!!

Contact Info

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Looking Ahead

December

- 5 - 2nd Sunday of Advent; 8am Eucharist; 9:00am 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 Green 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; no Sunday School; 10:30am Christmas Lessons and Carols with the combined choirs of All Saints and Trinity Episcopal Churches
- 27-31 Office closed

Sunday Lectionary:

2nd Sunday of Advent, 12/05

[Isaiah 11:1-10](#)

[Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19](#)

[Romans 15:4-13](#)

[Matthew 3:1-12](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday, December 5

Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Diana Nichols, Paula Reeves, Clayton Ryan

Flower Guild: Betty Bentley, Stella Hester

Breakfast: Katharine Flowers, Kim Gray, Renea Greene

Reception: Rosemary Williams

8:00

Lector: Steve Powell

Intercessor: Burl Ratcliffe

Chalice: Keith Winkler

Ushers: Joe Basenberg, Barbara Evatt

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: Bess Nichols, Martha Hennessy, Lee Van Dyke, Johnna Rogers, Trey Jacobs

Intercessor: none

Chalice bearers: none

Acolytes: Darrel Williams, Lizzie McDonald, Liam Gray, Trevor Thiel

Ushers: Doug Greene, Curt Doyle, Mark Williams, Ray Pappas

Music for Sunday, December 5

Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, BWV 645

Processional Hymn 61 *Wachet auf*

Boris Ord *Adam Lay Ybounden*

Hymn 66 *Stuttgart*

Charles Wood *O Thou, the Central Orb*

Hymn 67 *Psalm 42*

Craig Phillips *People, Look East!*

Hymn 76 *Winchester New*

Mark Sirett *Thou Shalt Know Him*

Hymn 59 *Merton*

Bruce Saylor *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

Hymn 72 *Richmond*

Malcolm Archer *Ave Maria*

Hymn 264 *Song 24*

Hymn 57 *Hemsley*

Processional Andrew Carter *Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'*

Please keep in your prayers . . .

✚ For healing for:

Theodford Daniel Jones, Jr.

Betty Torbert

Edgar Hughes

James Ogilvie

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

Laura

✚ For the safe return of those who serve in the military:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Steven DeWeese

Glenn Foster, Jr.

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.

Refugee Pantry Items

We need items such as **bar soap**

(regular size), **toilet paper**,

toothbrushes and **garbage bags**.

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





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Return Service Requested

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Harold Dodge
Rob Gray
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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
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Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
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Hospitality & Events: Charlotte Hall, Jean Tucker
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
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Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Michael Morrison
Refugees: Martha Harris
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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)