

February 2017

The Chimes

We are Trans-political

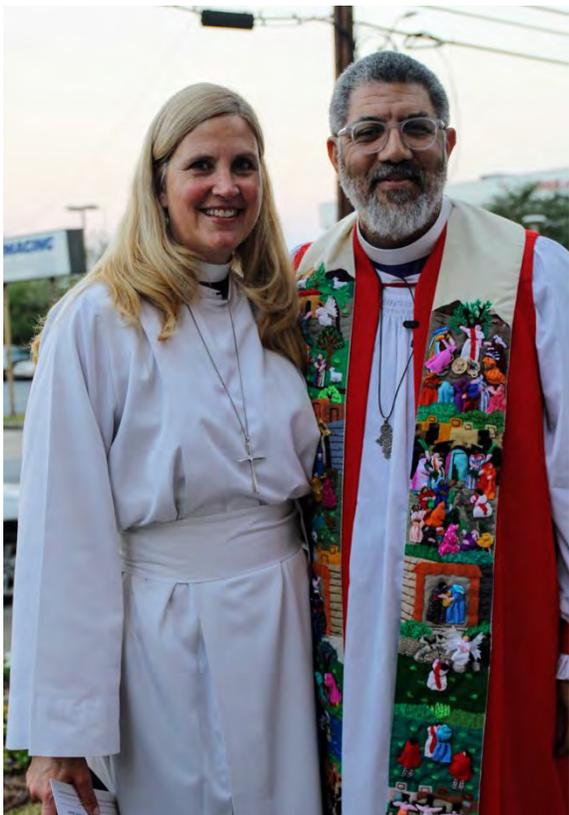
In the bishop's sermon, an address to the people of Christ Church at the installation service on the 18th he called us to remember who we are and

whose we are. As the body of Christ we are trans-political. We transcend the issues of politics in our identity and in our life together because we build our lives individually and together on the cornerstone that is Jesus Christ. We are first and foremost baptized into Jesus Christ and that is bigger and greater than any political platforms or issues. We are called to share in the work of Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We are called to love one another in His Name. We are to companion with Christ by living out our

faith in the community of believers that is Christ Church and in the world.

Bishop Wright called us to revival; to **say "Yes" again to Jesus Christ. He called** us to remember that Jesus is the chief cornerstone and in Him we have life—a life that cannot be found anywhere else. It is a privilege and a joy to share this journey with you—a journey into Christ, into a revival of our faith and a commitment to serve the Lord together united in our identity as Christians and in the call on our lives to live for Christ.

-the Rev. Cynthia Knapp



ALPHA PROGRAM

The Alpha program begins Wednesday February 8th 6:00-8:00 pm at the home of Jenny and Hal Greer. This transformational course on the Christian faith that includes dinner, a teaching, and discussion had been filling up fast. It's an opportunity to work through questions and either gain a greater understanding or be at peace with embracing the mystery. The format begins with a shared meal followed by a teaching and a discussion time. It covers 14 lessons which can be done in as many weeks or in a shorter time with a Saturday commitment along the way—the schedule will be determined by what works best for the group. There is limited space so if we exceed the limit we will either need to add another location or have people wait for the next time it is offered. If you are not able to participate this time there will be another opportunity in the fall when it will be offered at the church with child care. We also encourage people who are part of a couple to sign up together as it tends to strengthen relationships in going deeper spiritually together. Please call the Parish office to sign up for the Alpha Program.



LEARNING TO LEAD

Saturday February 25th at Christ Church 9:00-3:00 the diocese is providing a course on Learning to Lead- a one day retreat for vestry members and others involved in leadership in the church. If you would like to attend contact the church office.

MINISTRY FAIR AND BOOK SALE

Sunday February 26th

The Cathedral Book Store will be coming to Christ Church in time to get reading material for your Lenten study. They will be setting up in the Cloister room along with representatives from the various ministries at Christ Church during the 10:00 Sunday School hour and following the 11:00 service. The ministry representatives will be prepared to tell you about the various ways you can get involved at Christ Church. This is intended to provide an opportunity for you to be encouraged in your Lenten discipline of going deeper in your relationship with the Lord through study and through seeking to live out your faith in serving the Lord.

HOME COMMUNION KITS

There are 4 Home Communion Kits that have not been returned to the church and have been out for several months. If you have ever taken a Home Communion Kit out to provide this ministry, please double check your home and car and make sure you do not still have the kit. If you do find a kit, please contact Nan Harper at (478) 955-5391 or return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your help in locating these kits.

DIOCESAN YAM RETREAT

Young Adults from around the Diocese of Atlanta are coming together for the First Young Adult Ministry Retreat to be held at Serenbe Inn on March 11th. The retreat will be from 10 AM to 5 PM. The cost of the retreat is \$20.

The Diocese of Atlanta Young Adult Ministry Day Retreat (or YAM Day Retreat) is an intentional retreat for young adults (aged 22-35) to have the opportunity to get away, relax, talk about God, and most importantly, participate in the community of fellow young adults across the Diocese of Atlanta. This first Day Retreat will include lunch, opportunities to sit and chill in some epic rocking chairs, hang out with two different Wallaces (we are a rarity), and go on a farm tour! We pray that you will consider joining us on March 11th and participate in the awesome Young Adult community of the Diocese of Atlanta!

For more information, check out the Facebook and Instagram pages. @DioAtIYAM
Registration closes February 22nd, so register now
at: <https://goo.gl/forms/eQx9xtbPApbNSUGQ2>

Sincerely,

Sally Paris, Wallace Benton & Maggie Paul
Young Adult Ministry Team

EYC NEWS

PRAYER BREAKFASTS

Join us for EYC Prayer Breakfast on Thursdays at Chick-Fil-A on Zebulon Road beginning at 6:30 am and Fridays at Jittery Joe's in Mercer Village beginning at 7:00 am.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation classes continue on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am, except we will not have class on Sunday, February 5. Join us as we continue our spiritual journey.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS with REV. CYNTHIA

February 12 at 10:00. High school students are invited to join our rector for a special class session that meets each month. As always, friends are welcome!

NEW BEGINNINGS RETREAT

February 3-5 (Friday-Sunday)

Everyone in grades 6-9 is encouraged to attend New Beginnings at Camp Mikell the first weekend in February. For more information and to register, visit eycdioatl.org. Scholarships available. Ask John Mark for details.

HAPPENING 67 RETREAT

February 24-26 (Friday - Sunday)

All students in grades 10-12 are encouraged to attend Happening 67, a special retreat designed for and led by high school students. For more information and to register, visit eycdioatl.org. Scholarships available. Ask John Mark for details.

YOUTH-LED WORSHIP

February 26 (Sunday)

Be part of our special youth-led worship experience on Sunday, February 26, in Jones Chapel at 5:00 pm. Pizza served following the service.

ANNUAL HUNGER WALK/RUN

March 5 (Sunday)

Join us - and thousands of other participants - for the Annual Hunger Walk/Run in Atlanta benefitting the Episcopal Charities Foundation. We begin the day with breakfast and a special Eucharist near Turner Field. For more information, contact John Mark and/or visit eycdioatl.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Washington & Lee University Singers

The Department of Music at Washington and Lee invites you to join the award-winning University Singers under the direction of Shane M. Lynch in their concert at Christ Episcopal Church at 7:30 p.m. on February 21. The University Singers, recognized as one of the finest collegiate *a cappella* choirs on the east coast, tour nationally or internationally every year, performing a wide variety of literature at major venues across the globe while serving as artistic ambassadors for the University in concert series, music festivals, conventions, and University outreach events. The tour program will feature a variety of works, from modern Sacred Latin motets to music of the ether featuring tuned wine goblets to traditional American folksongs and Appalachian music. Admission is free.

Four themed sets that cover a wide portion of the choral spectrum will be presented. The concert will begin with a bang of modern sacred Latin motets, including the world debut of conductor Shane

Lynch's motet *Oratio*

Fatimae and the *Sanctus*

from Frank Martin's epic *Mass for a Cappella Double Choir*. The second set will take the audience 'Into the Ether.' Of special note is Latvian composer **Ēriks Ešņvalds' wonderful setting of Sara Teasdale's poetry in his work *Stars***, performed complete with tuned wine goblets that truly transport the audience to the heavens. Johann Sebastian **Bach's grand motet *Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf*** kicks off the second half of the program, which additionally features works by Bach's grand champion, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy.



The final set of the program, *No Such Beauty as Where You Belong*, will provide the Macon audience with a journey to home, from **Ešenvalds' beautiful** *Only in Sleep* to **Mack Wilberg's** *Homeward Bound* to a little John Denver with *Take Me Home, Country Roads*. Rousing music such as **James Stevens' Nearer My God to Thee** help **wrap up the program, finally ending with W&L's traditional** *Shenandoah* by James Erb.

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

America's Original Sin, February 19 and 26, Led by Matt and Elizabeth Harper
To get ready for national bestselling author Jim Wallis's visit to Macon, we will hold two classes based on his latest book, *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America*. You don't need to have read the book to attend. We'll ask, can the Christian language of original sin, repentance, and parables help us understand racism as corporate sin and not just individual sin? What would it look like to take our Christian calling seriously in response to racial injustice? (Note: Wallis will speak at Mercer University on February 28, 6:30 pm & March 1, 10:00am and at Centenary Methodist, March 1, at 6:30 pm.) We will be ordering books for \$14 each in advance of this class. If you would like one, please call the church office at (478) 745-0427 before February 7.

Our Lenten Study for the Sunday School hour is Adam Hamilton's 24 Hours That Changed the World. This study looks at the way the crucifixion unfolded using solid scholarship that combines the biblical story, historical detail, and spiritual insight to better understand the theological significance of Christ's suffering and death and reflect on the impact of these events on your life. We will be using the accompanying videos created on location in Jerusalem with short presentations by the author to help bring this critical period of the ministry, life, and death of Christ to life for us. This is the same author as our study during Advent that was so well received by those who participated, but this time we will be using the DVDs that go with the book. This study will begin the first Sunday in March and taught by the Rev. Cynthia Knapp.

BIBLE STUDIES

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Wednesdays @ 7:00 am, Cloister Room

EARLY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Wednesdays @ 9:00 am, hosted by The Rev. Cynthia Knapp, @ The Rectory, 139 Country Club Rd.— Wednesday Bible Study at the rectory continues a study on the book of Acts. All are welcome!

WISE WOMEN BIBLE STUDY—Wednesdays @10:45 am in the Davis Room taught by The Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp— **Wednesday Wise Women's Bible Study will be completing** their study on the Fruit of the Spirit February 1st and beginning a study on Genesis February 8th. All are welcome!

SHINE BEFORE THE GRIND—Look for information soon about when we will resume our study! For more information, please email sjcmaddux@gmail.com, elizabeth@elizabethschorr.com, or elizabethmccain@gmail.com.

THE GIFT OF **GAB WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**— Gift of Gab Bible Study finishes the study on Jonah February 2nd **at Lizzie Clark's house and begins a new study February 16th at Erin Bickley's (topic TBA)**. All women are welcome to attend!

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those on our parish prayer list: Andrew, Alice, Bailey, Beverly, Bill, Bill, Bill, Bonnie, Carmen, Carolyn, Charlie, Chuck, Crawford, David, Deitz, Eddie, George, George, Hannah, Helen, Jack, Jeffery, Kelly, Lynn, Malinda, Margaret, Margarete, Mary, Millie, Molly, Nina, Peter, Scott, Sparky, Susan, Alan, Angela, Bailee, Beth, Brady, Bobby, Cole, Colin, Deborah, Ed, Felecia, Gail, Gene, Henry, Jim, Joann, Julie, Justin, Larry, Larry, Lilla, Lucille, Lynn, Maddox, Maggie, Matthew, Richard, Saville, Suzanne, Tommy, and The Talbert Family.

For those serving in the military, especially Allen, Austin, Brian, Caylee, Charlie, George, Regis, and Terry.

For Bishops Rob Wright and Don Wimberly, for our priests Cynthia, Joseph, and Julia, and for our Staff and Vestry.

For all congregations seeking new or renewed direction. For architects and artists, judges and jurists. For all Christians serving in public office.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Daughters will be helping the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew with the Mardi Gras Low Country Boil on February 28th.

The Christ Church Brotherhood of St. Andrew Presents

An Evening on Bourbon Street

Shrove Tuesday • February 28, 2017 • 6–8:30 PM

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Drinks & Fellowship
6:00–6:30

Food & Music
6:30–8:30

Adults: \$25
Family: \$60

Proceeds to benefit Camp Little Shot
in its efforts to help children with diabetes.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

The Ash Wednesday services are:

7:00am (no music)

12:00 noon (includes music)

5:30 pm family service in the Chapel

7:00 pm Choral Holy Eucharist in the Church

All services include the imposition of ashes.



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