



The CATHEDRAL TIMES

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I GIVE THANKS FOR THE RELIGIOUS GENIUS OF SAINT PAUL

by the Very Rev. Sam Candler, Dean of the Cathedral

The faithful and delightful bible studies that I lead have turned to *The Epistle to the Galatians* during this month of May! We actually read the text, every week, in those bible studies! Thank you!

The study of *Galatians* prompts me to remember a special project of mine: to redeem the popular image of Saint Paul the Apostle! Some people claim he distorted that original message of Jesus when he set up communities of faith across the ancient Mediterranean. Other critics claim that he was a prisoner to his cultural context, too, unable to grant women, for instance, their proper place in a progressive world.

Well, of course he was bound to the particular culture of his time, like every one of us is. No matter our positive contributions to the world, we also carry old baggage with us, baggage that might not be discarded in our culture until generations and centuries after us. Yet, when Saint Paul appointed the leader of the first Christian church in what is now Europe, that person was a woman! She was Lydia, the first person in Europe to host a Christian church community in her home, in Philippi. St. Paul deserves credit for advancing women, not blame! (“There is no longer male and female,” he would say at Galatians 3:28, “for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”)

I believe Paul was actually a religious genius. I give thanks for that religious genius. What Paul taught about psychology, and especially religious psychology, was nothing short of genius. Despite the simple story of his being thrown from his horse on his way to Damascus, and being blinded for three days until he recognized Christ, I believe his effectual conversation took years to mature. It was just like the maturity of each of us, no matter what our original and overwhelming encounter with God was.

Over those years, the conversion of Saint Paul taught him that the human soul longs to be set free. The human soul longs to be released from the bondage and luggage of our lives. That bondage and luggage is what Paul came to recognize as “law.” That was his own Jewish concept, to be sure, but the concept can be translated into any human culture or religion.

All of humankind, no matter what religion we are, no matter whether we even believe in God or not, carry inside ourselves some notion of “law.” Our communities of faith develop customs and behaviors that are good for us, so good that they become “law.” But then, somehow, the letter of the law turns against freedom, and the law turns ultimately against love.

In his genius, Paul realized that we are saved not by works which try to scrupulously satisfy the law, but we are saved by Christ. Christ, we might say, is faith itself—the power of believing only the ultimate goodness and freeing love of God. Paul was set free from law when he encountered the true and living and loving Christ.

That is the freedom Paul teaches us to celebrate in Christ—the freedom of the human soul. It is the very principle of salvation. Saint Paul’s genius was the realization that Jesus Christ came to set us free—free from any principle or law or expectation that keeps us in bondage. “For freedom,” Paul said, “for freedom, Christ has set us free” (Galatians 5:1).

Finally, many critics would claim that Paul’s authoritarian zeal and moral admonition stand in contrast to the “more spiritual” works of the New Testament—say, the Gospel of John, for instance. I must point out, however, some similarities between John’s spirituality and that of Saint Paul. It was after Paul spoke of Christ setting us free, that John the gospel writer wrote, saying “the law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ” (John 1:17). The message of Saint Paul, then, for any Christian—and even for non-Christians—is this: The spirit of Christ—Love!—sets us free from whatever the Law is in our lives.

Sam Candler



This SUNDAY

MAY 11, 2025 • The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C
Acts 9:36-43 • Psalm 23 • Revelation 7:9-17 • John 10:22-30

8:45 A.M., 11:15 A.M. AND 4 P.M.: IN-PERSON AND ONLINE
CATHEDRALATL.ORG / THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PHILIP APP / FACEBOOK / YOUTUBE

7:45 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, MIKELL CHAPEL

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon David Boyd

8:45 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, CATHEDRAL

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Sam Candler

Youth Preachers: Lillis Davis and Peter Davis

Cathedral Singers and Cathedral Choristers:

William Mathias (1934-1992), *As truly as God is our Father*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), *O taste and see*

Matthew Owens (b. 1971), *This joyful Eastertide*

11:15 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, CATHEDRAL

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Youth Preachers: John Overend and Stan Watkins

Cathedral Choir:

William Mathias (1934-1992), *As truly as God is our Father*

Matthew Owens (b. 1971), *This joyful Eastertide*

11:15 A.M. LA SANTA EUCARISTÍA (SPANISH), MIKELL CHAPEL

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval

4 P.M. CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF JULIAN OF NORWICH, CATHEDRAL

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon Julia Mitchener

Cathedral Schola:

Stephen Caracciolo (b. 1962), *Preces & Responses*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983), *Sarum Service*

William Mathias (1934-1992), *As truly as God is our Father*

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014), *Every soul who has willingly served*

SUNDAY AFTERNOON RECITALS

DAVIS BADASZEWSKI, ORGAN

*St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Shaker Heights, Ohio*

SUNDAY, MAY 11— 3:15 P.M.

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE AT [CATHEDRALATL.ORG/RECITALS](https://cathedralatl.org/recitals)

Harold Friedell (1905-1958),

Verses for the Nunc Dimittis: Based on a Chant by Croft

Friedell, *Processional*

Friedell, *Prelude on St. Columba*

Friedell, *Prelude on Two Hymn Tunes*

THE CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE IS HIRING!

The Cathedral Bookstore is looking for a second Assistant Manager. The ideal candidate will have prior retail and management experience. Knowledge of the Episcopal church and church supplies is a plus, but willingness to learn is a must. This is a part-time, on-site position consisting of 20 set hours, 5 days per week—with flexibility to work more hours during holidays, events, and as needed. This is an hourly non-exempt position without benefits. To apply, please send cover letter and resume to: info@cathedralbookstore.org. We will send the full position description in return.

**Please note that due to the high volume of interest, we will only contact those candidates whose experience best align with the requirements above.*

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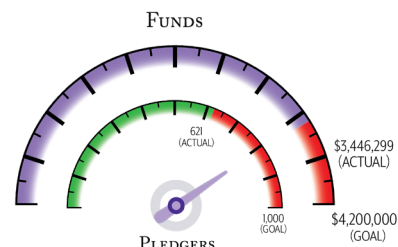
THANKS TO 2025 PLEDGERS! LET'S KEEP GOING!

Over the past month, almost 40 families have pledged more than \$350,000 to the 2025 Stewardship Campaign. In addition, usher and guild volunteers have reached out to their groups asking for pledges of financial support this year. And hundreds of thank you letters have been written and sent from the stewardship volunteers and Dean Sam Candler. All of this helps Grow Our Holy Community. The parish is now \$750,000 away from its goal of \$4,200,000 in pledges. Can you help? Pledges of all sizes are crucial to meeting our budgeted needs for the year—most of those expenses are the clergy and lay staff that minister to the parish every day.



Please join us in Growing Our Holy Community by joining your fellow ushers, guild members, teachers, acolytes, etc. in making a financial commitment to the Cathedral today. Scan the QR code to the left, fill out the pledge card below, or visit cathedralATL.org/pledge to make your pledge.

2025 STEWARDSHIP (AS OF 5/6/25)



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MUSIC



KERENSA BRIGGS MESSE SOLENNELLE PREMIERE

Sunday, May 18

4 p.m., Cathedral

The Cathedral Choir will premiere a new choral Eucharist setting by rising British composer, Kerensa Briggs, who will be present for this final 4 p.m. choral service of our full music season. This *Messe Solennelle* was commissioned for our Cathedral Choir in memory of the Rev. Kirk Lee (organist emeritus David Fishburn's late partner). All worship services are free and open to the public.



CATHEDRAL SINGERS CONCERT

Friday, June 6

7:30 p.m., Cathedral

Enjoy a lovely June evening's respite amid the glow of stained glass, basking in music to soothe the soul and delight the senses!

The third annual Cathedral Singers Concert will be presented by the semi-professional core of our Choirs. Featuring a delightful mix of madrigals; a Bach motet; luscious works by contemporary composers Lucy & Thomas Coxhead, Ēriks Ešēvalds, Ivo Antognini; and performances by our talented organists, this annual concert was originally conceived as a memorial to longtime parishioner, Emile Fisher. Tickets are available at cathedralATL.org/concerts.

FAITHFUL *Politics*



THE SPACE BETWEEN US

How Jesus Teaches Us to Live Together When Politics and Religion Pull Us Apart ~ An Evening with Sarah Bauer Anderson

Thursday, May 15

6:30 p.m., Gould Room

Sponsored by the Cathedral Bookstore and Georgia Braver Angels

In our polarizing times, faith, politics, and the media seem to be leading more to rage than actual change. But our faith calls us to be in relationship with one another! Sarah's book outlines many routes for navigating the space between us without abandoning our values.

A native of the greater Washington, D.C. area and a current resident of the Bible Belt, Sarah has spent her entire life learning to live in the tension both politics and religion create, and striving to learn how to best navigate the complicated issues and emotional conversations around these weightier topics. She is a writer and speaker, and currently lives in Roswell, Georgia with her husband and two boys.

Join us for this timely conversation on **Thursday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Cathedral, followed by a book signing. The book may be purchased at the Cathedral Bookstore in advance and will also be available for purchase that night. Please register at cathedralATL.org/faithfulpolitics. There is no cost to attend, but we want to have enough chairs ready!

OUTREACH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LAAMISTAD PARTIES

Monday, May 12 and Thursday, May 15, 3–5 p.m.

Can you bring cookies, mini cupcakes, fruit, or punch for our LaAmistad students to enjoy at their end of the school year celebrations?

Have an hour to help serve treats, hand out gift bags, and congratulate our students and families on their achievements? Volunteers are needed on Monday, May 12 and Thursday, May 15 between 3 and 5 p.m. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Canon Julia Mitchener, julia.mitchener@cathedralATL.org.

ADULT Education

THIS SUNDAY, MAY 11

Old Fashioned Sunday School

What Do We Believe?

10:10 a.m., Child Hall

In this series, the Rev. Canon George Maxwell leads a conversation about the central elements of Christian faith as set forth in the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds. Using Rowan Williams' book, *Tokens of Trust*, Canon Maxwell will address questions like: What does it mean to believe in God? Can God possibly be almighty in the midst of so much evil and suffering? How am I to understand the meaning of Jesus Christ's ministry and resurrection? To what purpose is the church called? And what does it mean to follow Christ in today's broken world? Join us. We look forward to seeing you.

Living Faith

10:10 a.m., Room 239

Continuing through the end of May, we'll be grounding our conversations in Jonathan Haidt's New York Times bestseller *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness*. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, or simply someone concerned about the welfare of others, you will find yourself engaged and challenged by the questions Haidt poses about the health of our society. A particular focus will be on what we, as a community of faith, can do to better support one another in our quest for less anxious, more joyful, living. For more information, please contact the Rev. Canon Julia Mitchener, julia.mitchener@cathedralATL.org. The book is available for purchase in the Cathedral Bookstore.

Young Professionals Sunday School

10:10 a.m., Room 368

Join the Young Professionals (adults in their 20s and 30s) as we share conversation exploring relevant topics about Christianity, our lives in faith, and spirituality in today's culture. Each week's class is supported by Canon Ashley Carr and members of the group. For questions, please contact the Rev. Canon Ashley Carr, ashley.carr@cathedralATL.org.

Godly Play Parents (GPP)

10:10 a.m., Room 316

Join fellow Godly Play parents, the Rev. Canon David Boyd, and Deacon Linda Rosengren weekly for fellowship and conversation as we explore how we might engage in the stories and lessons of the Bible alongside our children. Contact Lynn Wilmoth, lwilmoth@cathedralATL.org, for more information.

Enjoy Biblical Greek!

1:15 p.m., Room 239 and on Zoom

Open to beginners, this class includes long-term members who translate using grammar aids, lexicons and commentaries, enjoying how the Greek text reveals nuance and depth in scripture. First-time visitors can drop-in and need no previous knowledge of Greek. Newcomer classes begin with alphabet and pronunciation practice prior to translation. Contact the Rev. Dr. Thee Smith, tsmith@cathedralATL.org, for more information.

ADULT EDUCATION DURING THE WEEK

The Dean's Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays, Chapter Room, 7–8 a.m.

This group meets every Tuesday morning in the Chapter Room, September through May, to read and study scripture, to share faith stories, and to support each other in prayer. Sam Candler, the Dean of the Cathedral, usually leads the group; all men are invited, whether Cathedral members or not.

Early Morning Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays, Room 239, 7 a.m.

All women are welcome to this group led by Canon David Boyd; drop in when you can!

The Dean's Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, Chapter Room, 10:45–11:45 a.m.

This group meets Wednesday mornings in the Chapter Room, September through May, to read and study scripture, to share faith stories, and to support each other in prayer. Dean Candler usually leads the group and coffee is available. All women are invited, whether Cathedral members or not.

Eat Your Word Bible Study

Wednesdays, Room 239, 12 p.m.

All are welcome to this weekly Bible study, led by the Rev. Canon Salmoon Bashir in Room 239. Please bring your lunch and be ready for a lively conversation!

After *The Chosen*: Media Practice as Spirituality

Wednesdays, The Lanier House, 5 p.m.

Join the Rev. Dr. Thee Smith for a watch party of various media offerings and discussion contemplating Renee Miller's book, *Strength for the Journey: A Guide to Spiritual Practice*. The watch party begins at 5 p.m. with intermission at 6 p.m. to enjoy a potluck and snacks.

Bible Study at Parish Grove

Thursdays, Parish Grove Library, 11 a.m.

All are welcome to join the Rev. Canon Julia Mitchener for a Bible study with a focus on the upcoming Sunday lectionary readings. *Note: You do not need to be a Parish Grove resident to participate! Simply check in at the front desk when you arrive.*

PRAYER *List*

FOR THOSE WITH IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Ellen Cordova • Leigh Eiger • Jane Jackson • Andrew Pittman • Art Vinson

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FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Kenya Anders • Steve Baker • Darrell Boyette • Bill Dixon • Patricia Flock • Nancy "Jan" Horner • Bernard Johnson

PASTORAL *Care*

RESILIENCE: BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 17

1:30 p.m.–5 p.m., Child Hall

Hospice Atlanta is hosting its 3rd Annual Resilience Bereavement Workshop on **Saturday, May 17**, from 1:30 p.m.–5 p.m. in Child Hall. This half-day event will help you discover the resilience within as you work through grief following the loss of a loved one. The event features speakers sharing personal stories of resilience in grief, and loss-specific group breakout session facilitated by trained bereavement professionals.

This is a free event, open to all adults working through the death of a loved one.

For questions and to register for Resilience 2025, please contact Paulette Slawson, Bereavement Coordinator at Hospice Atlanta: 404-527-6558 or Paulette.Slawson@vnhs.org.



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CHILL ON THE HILL

*The Cathedral parking lot was rockin' last Sunday at Chill on the Hill!
Thanks to the band, Yuppie Scum, and Dean Sam Candler for all their
great tunes, and to all who came and made this a fun evening!*



THIS SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Mikell Chapel

8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Cathedral

10:10 a.m. Old Fashioned Sunday School
Child Hall

10:10 a.m. Living Faith
Room 239

10:10 a.m. Godly Play Parents
Room 316

10:10 a.m. Hispanic Bible Study
Room 120

10:10 a.m. YP Sunday School
Room 368

10:10 a.m. Youth Sunday School
Room 382

10:10 a.m. Godly Play
3rd Floor above the Atrium

10:10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Instruction Class
St. Mary's Chapel

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Cathedral

11:15 a.m. La Santa Eucaristía
Mikell Chapel

1:15 p.m. Enjoy Biblical Greek!
Room 239 and online

3:15 p.m. Sunday Afternoon Recital:
Davis Badaszewski
Cathedral

4 p.m. Choral Evensong
Cathedral

6 p.m. Sunday Evening EYC for
Middle and High School
Room 382



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YOUTH SUNDAY

This Sunday, May 11, we will celebrate Youth Sunday. Our Cathedral youth will serve at our 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. services as lectors and intercessors. Lillis Davis and Peter Davis will preach at the 8:45 service, and John Overend and Stan Watkins will preach at the 11:15 a.m. service.

We will honor the many contributions of our young people to our faith community – especially recognizing our graduating seniors. Additionally, we thank our many adult volunteers, teachers, chaperones, and mentors for their dedication and love of our Cathedral youth.