



# The CATHEDRAL TIMES

*The weekly newsletter of the Cathedral of St. Philip · Serving Atlanta and the World · February 1, 2026*

## YOU ARE LIGHTS! YOU ARE CANDLES! THE CATHEDRAL OBSERVES THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION THIS SUNDAY!

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

Wow, you were lights and candles this past Sunday! As Atlanta worried about ice and transportation, so many of you prayed and kept the faith! We had church, as we always do. In adverse weather, we always counsel safety first – be safe! But we also try to keep the church open for prayer. And we did so this past Sunday. Many of you were here! Thank you! Many of you prayed online with us! Thank you! Thank you for keeping good faith! Yes, many of us were worried about another kind of ice, which has interrupted life and good faith. Thank you for keeping good faith.

This Sunday, we continue to keep good faith, and a good feast! The feast day has gone by many different names, but the Christian Church has long observed the holy character of February 2, roughly forty days after Christmas. It is the Feast of the Presentation. Tradition says that the holy family of Jesus presented the child in the temple, for the first time, forty days after his birth (thus, around 40 days after December 25).

According to the Gospel of Luke, there were prophets in the temple, waiting for the child. Old Simeon broke out in song, “Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for these eyes of mine have seen the savior!” Old Anna, a widow, joined him in praise.

Since then, many traditions have blossomed. Candles have come to be used in Christian churches for this event, especially in the northern hemisphere when winter is at its deepest this time of year. So, the popular name, Candlemas, has also been given to this feast.

It is a glorious feast, coming as it does in the middle of darkness, when we wonder about whether spring will come again, about whether things will grow. We wonder, too, about the growth of a savior, and about the growth of our salvation. The Lucan passage describing the event says that, “The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him” (Luke 2:40). At the Feast of the Presentation, we marvel at the growth of all children!

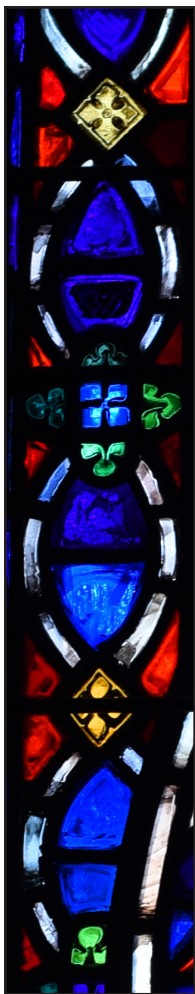
Again this year, the Cathedral of St. Philip will observe this feast on the Sunday closest to February 2, which is this Sunday, February 1! At all our services, the Cathedral will be observing the Feast of the Presentation. Further, following another old tradition, we will use this day to bless all the candles of the Cathedral!

Here in Atlanta, we continue a new feature of Candlemas. Bring your own candles! We invite you to bring your own household candles! Bring whatever candles from home that you want to bring, and we will bless those candles, too!

At various points throughout our lives, each of us presents ourselves to God. This Sunday, we present ourselves again, in the “temple,” in our glorious cathedral space. We will be welcoming light in the world, and we will be presenting ourselves in the temple of God! And, in the deepest part of winter, we will be encouraging the growth of light. Saint Paul, too, talked about presentation; he said, “I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship” (Romans 12:1). Our light can overcome darkness! Our candles can melt ice.

Yes, I realize that some people, yearning for light and the end of winter this week, will be depending upon ... a groundhog! That frivolity is fine. But that is not us in the Christian Church. We will be depending upon, and celebrating, the Light of Christ this week! On February 2, and on February 1! We will light candles. We will bring the Light of Christ to the world! Join us!

*Sam Candler*



## *This* SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 1, 2026 • The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

Malachi 3:1-4 • Psalm 84 • Hebrews 2:14-18 • Luke 2:22-40

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 Julia Mitchener

### 8:45 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, CATHEDRAL

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Ashley Carr

Preacher: The Very Rev. Sam Candler

8:45 a.m. Cathedral Singers / 11:15 a.m. Cathedral Choir:

William Walton (1902-1983), *Nunc dimittis (Chichester Service)*

Johannes Eccard (1553-1611), *When to the temple Mary went*

### 11:15 A.M. LA SANTA EUCARISTÍA, MIKELL CHAPEL

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Thee Smith

Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval

### 4 P.M. CANDLEMAS PROCESSION AND CHORAL EUCHARIST, CATHEDRAL

Celebrant and Preacher: The Very Rev. Sam Candler

Cathedral Choir:

Gustav Holst (1874-1934), *Nunc Dimittis*

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585), *Missa Salve Intemerata Virgo*

Johannes Eccard (1553-1611), *When to the temple Mary went*

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON RECITALS

ANDREW SORDS, VIOLIN

CHAGRIN FALLS, OHIO

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1— 3:15 P.M.

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

AT CATHEDRALATL.ORG/RECITALS

Ernest Bloch (1880-1959), *"Nigun," from A Chassidic Life*

Fritz Kreisler (1875-1962), *Recitativo and Scherzo*

Heinrich Biber (1644-1704), *Passacaglia*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750),

"Largo," from *Sonata No. 3*

Eugene Ysaye (1858-1931),

"Fugato," from *Sonata No. 1 in G minor*

J.S. Bach, "Presto," from *Partita No. 3*

## STEWARDSHIP



### WANT TO SUPPORT CLERGY & STAFF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT?

Thanks to the generosity of a parishioner, the Cathedral maintains an endowed fund for education, sabbaticals, and pilgrimages for Cathedral Clergy and Lay Staff. Your financial contribution can help us continue to grow the fund and foster further staff development. Contact David Rocchio at [drocchio@cathedralATL.org](mailto:drocchio@cathedralATL.org) or by phone at 404-365-1033 for more information.

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# PRAYER *List*

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**FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS:** Stacy Boyd • Rhett Jayne • Doris Little • Cathryn MacArthur

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING:**

**LONG TERM PRAYERS:** R. Huntley Allen • David Apple • Betsy Bacon • Lucy Baker • Benjamin Bao • Ann and Frank Blackistone, Jr. • Alvin Blount • Larry Boggs • The Bryant Family • Don Cameron • The Crossley Family • Rita Daly • Jerri Darnell • Jean Davis • Debbie Dewees • Sharon Douglas • Janet Harrison Estes • Phoebe Forio • Brad Foresythe • Tom Frolik • Susan Gavalis • Jenny Ham • Heather Huber • Christopher Kell • Bennie King • Karen Klein • Lisa Krysiak • Bonnie Lamberth • Michael Lewis • Jill Mahaffey • Tommy Mason • Clyde May • Wynetta McNeill • Floyd McRae • Sally Menning • Glenn Miller • Graham Mulling • Jim Myrick • Charlie Neal • Lori Hegwood Owens • Marian Palmore • Patti Parker • Rubye Reid • Lorraine Reynolds • Barbara Rice • Bob Riggins • Lisa Rowe • Lisa Staats • Louis “Skip” Schueddig • Ellie Scully • Roberta Shields • Bronnie Smith • Richard Swanson • Tommy Truesdale • Art Vinson • Jim Wilson

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**FOR THOSE WHO WERE BORN:**

Jack Henry Haddow, son of Caroline and Ladson Haddow, grandson of Mary and David Haddow

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## *The* CATHEDRAL *of* ST. PHILIP

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The Very Rev. Samuel G. Candler, *Dean*

Dale Adelman, Ph.D., *Canon for Music*

The Rev. Canon Salmoon Bashir,

*Canon for Liturgy and Ecumenism*

The Rev. Canon David E. Boyd III, *Canon for Pastoral Care*

The Rev. Canon Ashley Carr, *Canon for Parish Life*

The Rev. Canon George M. Maxwell, Jr., *Vicar*

The Rev. Canon Julia B. Mitchener, *Canon for Mission*

The Rev. Deacon Linda Rosengren

The Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval,

*Deacon for Hispanic Ministries and Pastoral Care*

The Rev. Theophus “Thee” Smith, Ph.D., *Priest Associate*

Haven Long, *Senior Warden*

Mary Hall Perrin, *Junior Warden*

**CATHEDRAL TIMES SUBMISSION DEADLINES:**

FOR THE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28. FOR THE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

**TO RECEIVE THE TIMES BY EMAIL:**

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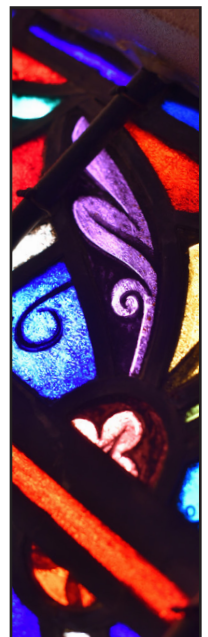
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CATHEDRALATL



*Shrove Tuesday*  
**PANCAKE PARTY**

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

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*Child Hall*

DINNER AT 5:30. FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 6 P.M.

*Register at [cathedralATL.org/ShroveTuesday](http://cathedralATL.org/ShroveTuesday)*



**SOUPER BOWL**  
**FOOD DRIVE**



**WHO WILL WIN? VOTE WITH YOUR DONATION!**



Accepting canned and non-perishable food items  
 Donations benefit the Intown Cares food pantry

**PLACE DONATIONS IN YOUR TEAM'S BIN IN THE ATRIUM THROUGH SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8**



**CATHEDRAL FARMERS MARKET**

**Opening Day**  
**MARCH 7**  
 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

[peachtreeroadfarmersmarket.com](http://peachtreeroadfarmersmarket.com)

**CHILL ON THE HILL**

SAVE THE DATE **APRIL 26**  
 IN THE CATHEDRAL PARKING LOT



**the**  
**[PLACEHOLDERS]**

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# SPIRITUALITY

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## Braver Angels

### **BRAVER ANGELS WORKSHOP: SKILLS FOR DISAGREEING BETTER**

**Saturday, February 7**

*10–11:30 a.m., Lanier House*

In this polarized time, we lack basic understanding of why people on the other political side hold their beliefs. We don't see them as they see themselves — their core values and central concerns — but instead as we choose to see them. We are tempted to regard our own side as principled and the other side as self-interested.

When we try to communicate across this gap, we often lack the skills for listening carefully, looking for common ground, and sharing our perspectives in ways that connect rather than create more misunderstanding.

We can learn to disagree better in polarized times, which means accurately seeing where we differ and where we share common ground.

#### **Goals**

- More understanding of the values and concerns of people who differ from you politically
- Better skills for listening in a way so that the other person feels heard
- Better skills for sharing viewpoints in a way the other person might hear — even if they disagree

**Register at [cathedralATL.org/braverangels](https://cathedralATL.org/braverangels).**

Lunch is not included in this workshop, but those interested in practicing their new skills will find lunch across the street at Fellini's Pizza a convenient option!

For questions please contact Jeannie Mahood 404-365-1031 or [jmahood@cathedralATL.org](mailto:jmahood@cathedralATL.org).



### **WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT: ROOTED AND GROUNDED: FINDING STRENGTH AND SOLACE IN TIMES OF TURMOIL**

**March 13-15 at St. Mary's Sewanee**

Join us for the 2026 Women's Lenten Retreat! Exploring modes of spiritual practice such as Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina as well as enjoying communion with nature and one another, our hope is that each participant will come away with some new ways to know that they are beloved and held safe in the arms of love.

Join other Cathedral women on the bluff at beautiful St. Mary's in Sewanee, TN. There will be time for quiet, rest, fellowship, and spiritual exploration as we mine the unexpected treasures that can be found in the rough ground of this wilderness time of Lent. The retreat will be led by Canons Ashley Carr and Julia Mitchener.

*Single Occupancy \$400*

*Double Occupancy \$330/person*

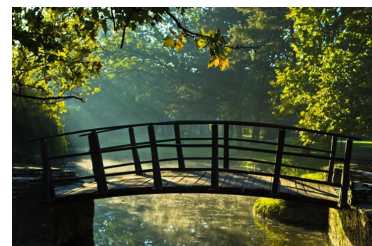
*Meals included: dinner on Friday through breakfast on Sunday*

Contact Jeannie Mahood, [jmahood@cathedralATL.org](mailto:jmahood@cathedralATL.org) or 404-365-1031 with questions. Registration deadline is **February 15**. Register at [cathedralATL.org/lentenretreat](https://cathedralATL.org/lentenretreat). All women of the Cathedral are welcome!

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### **GOING THERE: CONTEMPLATING DEATH TO INVIGORATE LIFE**

Join Cathedral member and Conscious Dying Coach, Susan Patterson, in this small group course beginning March 3. Over the course of six two-hour sessions, participants will focus on five contemplation topics, participate in grounding exercises, and share personal insights in order to increase our comfort level with dying and death; increase our ability to envision the experiences and connections that bring deep meaning to our lives, and, create action steps to share our thoughts, wishes and plans with others. Limited to 8 participants. A fee of \$150 covers all materials and Susan's leadership. Please direct questions to Susan or David Boyd at [dboyd@cathedralATL.org](mailto:dboyd@cathedralATL.org). Please use [cathedralATL.org/goingthere](https://cathedralATL.org/goingthere) to register.





**Saturday, February 21, 8:30 a.m. Race Start**

The Cathedral of St. Philip is proud to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 5K for Housing, Hope, and Resilience to support the work of Project Community Connections, Inc., (PCCI). There will be a race village with coffee and breakfast available and an exciting kids' dash following the main race. We look forward to you joining us with your family, friends, and little ones in support of this impactful organization.

**Register at [cathedralATL.org/5k](https://cathedralATL.org/5k)**

## MUSIC



### ATLANTA BAROQUE ORCHESTRA: LUTE AND STRINGS BY CANDLELIGHT

Friday, February 27

7:30 p.m., Cathedral

Scintillating, intimate chamber music concert for strings and lute by Antonio Vivaldi and his contemporaries, illuminated by candlelight. The Cathedral Schola will sing alongside the orchestra as the ABO celebrates its tenth year in residence at the Cathedral of St. Philip with a special “shooting star” performance of Vivaldi’s *Laetatus sum* for chorus and strings. Tickets are available at [cathedralATL.org/concerts](http://cathedralATL.org/concerts).

## Parish LIFE

### BEGINNER MAHJONG



#### MAHJONG INSTRUCTION FOR BEGINNERS

February 3, 10, and 19

Room 316, 3–6 p.m.

Always wanted to learn to play mahjong but didn’t know where to start? The Cathedral! Mahjong is a wonderful way to build community while challenging your brain!

Buckhead Mahjong will offer three comprehensive classes for beginners on Tuesday, February 3, Tuesday, February 10, and Thursday, February 19. These classes will meet from 3–6 p.m. in room 316. All materials will be provided. Attendees are strongly encouraged to participate in all three classes. Cost is \$250, payable to Buckhead Mahjong by cash, check, or Venmo at the first lesson.

Register at [cathedralATL.org/mahjong](http://cathedralATL.org/mahjong) for the beginners instruction classes. For questions, please contact Liz Aull, [laull@cathedralATL.org](mailto:laull@cathedralATL.org).

# The CATHEDRAL thrift house

### CELEBRATING 77 YEARS OF SERVICE: SUPPORT THE CATHEDRAL THRIFT HOUSE

For 77 years, the Cathedral Thrift House has been a powerful ministry of generosity, stewardship, and community care. Since its founding, the Thrift House has transformed donated goods into meaningful support—funding outreach, extending compassion, and ensuring that usable items continue to serve a purpose rather than go to waste.

As we celebrate the Thrift House this year, we invite you to be part of the story by donating any and all items that can be used or resold. Clothing, household goods, décor, books, accessories, small furnishings—every contribution helps. Each donated item represents an opportunity to support ministry, to serve neighbors, and to practice faithful stewardship of our resources.

Even items that are damaged, worn, or no longer usable still have value. These items will be donated to United Clothing Services for recycling, helping keep materials out of landfills while supporting the Thrift House’s mission of sustainability and care for creation.

Your generosity—whether through gently used goods or recyclable materials—makes a real difference. Thank you!

#### Sales Hours:

Tuesday–Saturday,  
11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

#### Donations accepted:

Tuesday–Saturday,  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

*The Cathedral Thrift House is located just 2 miles from the Cathedral at 1893 Piedmont Road NE.*

## 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. YP Sunday School**

Room 120

**10:10 a.m. Godly Play Parents**

Room 368

**10:10 a.m. Youth Sunday School**

Room 382

**10:10 a.m. Godly Play**

3rd Floor above the Atrium

**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

**2 p.m. Landscapes of Grief**

Lanier House

**3:15 p.m. Sunday Afternoon Recital:**

Andrew Sords

Cathedral

**4:00 p.m. Candlemas Procession**

and Choral Eucharist

Cathedral

**6 p.m. EYC for Middle and High School**

Room 382



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### NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 IS SCOUT SUNDAY

Scout Sunday celebrates the founding of the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910. In 2026, the Cathedral's Boy Scout Troop 74 is also celebrating its 75th birthday. It is a tradition for the Scouts of Troop 74 to observe Scout Sunday on **February 8** by worshipping with their families and serving as ushers at the 8:45 service. All Scouts (Scouts BSA, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts) and Scout leaders are invited to join this service in uniform, regardless of their Troop or Pack affiliation.



## *The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord*

**This Sunday, February 1**  
Bring candles for a special blessing!