



The CATHEDRAL TIMES

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I BLESSED MICHAEL FARADAY THIS PAST SUNDAY!

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

I blessed Michael Faraday this past Sunday! We transferred the Feast of Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation, to the Sunday before its actual day, February 2. In the deepest part of mid-winter, we blessed light. We blessed candles! And I blessed Michael Faraday. Here is part of what I said about Faraday (from Sunday's sermon):

...on this day of candles, I salute another special character: Michael Faraday. I bless Michael Faraday. You might remember his name from your physics or chemistry classes, or from your early education about electricity and magnetism. An English physicist of the nineteenth century, he was the first person to create an electric current from a magnetic field. He thus invented the first electric motor and dynamo, and he discovered the effect of magnetism on light.

But what I especially admire about him was his famous ability to teach. Like Jesus, and like many of you, he was raised in a religious household; and he had the gift of being able to communicate complicated things directly, in ways that people could understand and even learn from.

In 1848, he delivered a series of brilliant lectures, simple lectures about a simple phenomenon. He titled the lectures, "The Chemical History of a Candle." Yes, a candle. In those six lectures, he demonstrated how the burning of a candle, the simple burning of candle, involves such a tremendous range of scientific processes. The lectures were so popular that they were published as a book in 1861, and I think the book remains in print: "The Chemical History of a Candle."

He starts the book by saying that "there is no better, there is no more open door by which you can enter into the study of science than by considering the physical phenomena of a candle." In examining the burning candle, Faraday introduced the concepts of mass, density, heat conduction, capillary action, and convection currents. He explained the difference between chemical and physical processes, such as melting, vaporization, incandescence, and all types of combustion.

For instance, Faraday showed in a fascinating way that it is not the wick that burns in candle light; it is the melted vapor right above the wick that is burning! Check it out! And the flame has different colors—blue to orange to red—because of heat variations. Faraday revealed the nature of gases in this lecture; he showed the properties of hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, and carbon dioxide.

He then used a candle to demonstrate respiration, how a candle takes oxygen from the air, combines it with carbon from the wax, and forms carbon dioxide and water, in the same way that a human being inhales oxygen and combines it with carbon-containing food to produce carbon dioxide and water, which are exhaled. (I take many of these notes from the book, *Michael Faraday's The Chemical History of a Candle*, by Bill Hammack & Don DeCoste, copyright 2016.)

Wow! The simple burning of a candle teaches us about all kinds of science. A candle teaches us about all kinds of life! It is good to celebrate candles and light today!

You can read more of the sermon at cathedralATL.org. Thank you celebrating candles and light. In the midst of darkness, we light candles, in our hands and in our hearts. These candles have the light of life! And these candles can melt cold hearts and cold ice. Thank you for lighting candles of light and truth in today's world!

Sam Candler



This SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 • The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, Year A

Isaiah 58:1-12 • Psalm 112 • 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 • Matthew 5:13-20

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 Ashley Carr

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

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Sam Candler

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Ashley Carr

8:45 a.m. Cathedral Singers:

Peter Hallock (1924-2014), *The Lord is my Light*

William Byrd (1539/40-1623), *Surge illuminare*

11:15 a.m. Cathedral Choir:

William Mathias (1934-1992), *Arise, shine, for your light has come*

G.P. da Palestrina (1525-1594), *Surge illuminare*

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

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval

4 P.M. CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF JOSEPHINE MARGARET BAKHITA, CATHEDRAL

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon Julia Mitchener

Cathedral Choristers and Cathedral Schola:

Craig Phillips b. 1961), *Preces & Responses (St. David's, Roswell)*

Käthe Wright Kaufman (b. 1993), *Hinsdale Service*

Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989), *I will trust in the Lord*

Chase Loomer, (b. 1997), *O Lord, support us*

SUNDAY AFTERNOON RECITALS
KATERI ANDRESS, ORGAN
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH,
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8— 3:15 P.M.

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

AT CATHEDRALATL.ORG/RECITALS

Alexandre Pierre François Boëly (1785-1858),

Fantaisie et fugue, Op. 18, No. 6

Joseph-Ermend Bonnal (1880-1944), "La vallée du Béhorléguay,
au matin" from *Paysages Euskariens pour Grand Orgue*

Naji Hakim (b. 1955), "Praeludium" from *I Love the Colourful World*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937), "Cantilène," "Intermezzo," and "Final"
from *Symphonie No. 3*, Op. 28



NEWCOMERS BRUNCH

This Sunday, February 8

12:30 p.m. | Gould Room

Are you new to the Cathedral? Or new-ish?
It can take a while to navigate this beautifully
complex community. Whether you've been here
one week or eighteen months, please join us after
the 11:15 a.m. services for a lovely brunch with
parishioners and staff. **We are glad you're here!**

Please contact Canon Ashley Carr,
ashley.carr@cathedralATL.org, for more information.

PRAYER *List*

FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Sparling Wilson

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 • Stacy Boyd • The Bryant Family • Don Cameron • The Crossley Family • Rita Daly • Jerri Darnell • Jean Davis • Debbie Dewees • Sharon Douglas • Lucy Draper • 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 • Martin Tilson, Jr. • Tommy Truesdale • Art Vinson • Jim Wilson

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Josephine Rose Adams • Ray and Pat Bell • Sam and Tyler Betancourt • Marianna Bortner • Jason Brady • Trip Bray • Dennis and Robin Bridges • Saint Legend Brown • Beverly Brownlee • Geneveive Brownlee • Anne Bumbak • Memory Calame • Lila Jo Callaway • Anna Clifford • Andrea, Nick and Weston Cody • Sally Coleman • Beatrice “Bea” Comstock • Linda Connelly • Inaam Coptly • Ellen Cordova • Ava Corroon • John M. DeBorde IV • Paul Dopp • Mary Kent Ellis • Marilyn Epstein • Bryce Erickson • Marly Farias • Martha Flory • Pete Fonash • Kyle Garcia • Shannon Garcia • Laura Gardner • Camilla Garlock • David Garlock • Ann George • Alexis Grace • Nikki Greenaway • Lanae Grimes • Thomas E. Glynn • Ted Hackett • Nicholas Hadden • Harold Ham • McKee Hamilton • Joanne Dopp Hamlyn • Josh Hargraves • Shirley Helmke • Keith Hinze • Lisa Hoybach • Jane Hunnicutt • Cherish Huntley • Wayne Huerth • Beth Ingle • William Irwin • Richard Jacobson • Alan and Denise Janssen • Dilini Jayawardena • Rhett Jayne • Farley Jenkins, Sr. • Curtis Jones • Ellie Jones • Delores and Lee Josephs • Patricia Kasm • Christopher Keltz • Mary Weston Klein • Gary Laney • Doris Little • Pete Livezey • Beverly Loper • Lauren Makhlof • Iris Miller • Carlene Minar • Jon Moravec • Larry Mortimer • Tom Myer • Augusta Horsey Nash • Fred Neuschel • Linus Nickel • Ramona O’Neill • Jeff Pace • Alfredo Paniagua • Stephen Pararo • Anna Lilia Diaz Parra • Ann Paskey • Kari Pekar • Jacquelin Bennett Phillips • Paul Reeves • Hugh Ripps • Charlie Roberts • Mr. and Mrs. William Rowe • Einar Sagstuen • Ernest Sandoval • James Sands • Patricia Schooley • Lelia Sinclair • Alice Smith-Mather • Michael and Kathryn Snider • Laura Snyder • Becky Spotts • Steve Stacey • Doug Stapp • Kimberly Still • Izzy Straus • Jan Swanson • Ted Tarantino • Pierson Thames • Cliff Thompson • Charles Vaughan • Angel Vega • Leopoldo Velita • Pat Volpicella • Dan Walls • Hosea Webster • John Wilmer • Caroline Davis Wish • Christie Woodfin • Cutler Woodfin • Gordy Grayson Wyatt • Hollis Youngner

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Anthony “Tony” Lewis Amos

The CATHEDRAL *of* ST. PHILIP

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

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

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CATHEDRAL TIMES SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

FOR THE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4. FOR THE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

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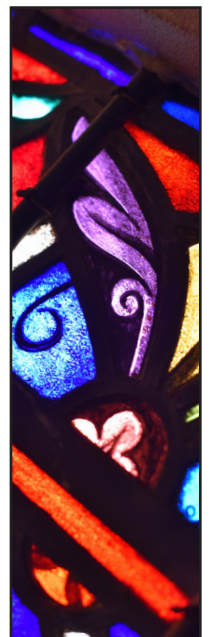
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Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE PARTY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Child Hall

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

Register at cathedralATL.org/ShroveTuesday



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18

*Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
Services at 7 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 7 p.m.*

*6 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service for Children
(simple supper served at 5:30 p.m.)*

CATHEDRAL FARMERS MARKET

Opening Day
MARCH 7

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

peachtreeroadfarmersmarket.com

CHILL ON THE HILL

SAVE THE DATE **APRIL 26**

IN THE CATHEDRAL PARKING LOT



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[PLACEHOLDERS]

PASTORAL *Care*



GOING THERE: CONTEMPLATING DEATH TO INVIGORATE LIFE

Tuesdays, Beginning March 3

10 a.m., Room 368

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 david.boyd@cathedralATL.org. You can register at cathedralATL.org/goingthere.

Parish LIFE

CATHEDRAL WRITERS GROUP RE-FORMING

Wednesdays, beginning February 11

7:30 p.m., Room 240

If you enjoy writing and sharing what you've written with others, this group is for you! Whether it is a poem, letter, short story, novel or memoir, or maybe non-fiction or a cookbook, even a grocery shopping list for a unique menu, share your enjoyment of writing. We will meet in Room 240 every Wednesday (except Ash Wednesday) from 7:30 until around 9 p.m. Bring something you have written to share. Everyone is welcome, even non-Cathedral members. Bring a friend who likes to write. Everyone will have their own primary project. The chief scribe will be Ken Brownlee. For more information or questions, contact the Rev. Canon Ashley Carr at ashley.carr@cathedralATL.org.

SPIRITUALITY

SECOND WEDNESDAY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE SERIES

Contemplative Practices for a Meditative Season

Wednesday, February 11

6:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room 239

Join us as we explore how we each encounter the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives through a series of seasonally oriented spiritual practices. We will examine our own lives, learn from the traditions of the Church, and explore our spiritual journeys as they intersect with everyday culture.

As we approach the season of Lent, learn about the origins of this time in the church year and how we might prepare ourselves for a meaningful Lenten practice. We'll discuss tools like contemplative prayer, fasting, and deep reflection which draw us closer to God.

Our leader for these explorations is Dr. Lindsey E. Hardegree, DMin. She is the Executive Director of the Episcopal Community Foundation for Middle and North Georgia and provides coaching and consulting at Get Organized Y'all®. She completed her Doctor of Ministry at Emory University's Candler School of Theology where her research focused on spirituality outside of the church and missional ecclesiology. All are welcome to join! Each month's conversation will build upon prior months, but all sessions serve as a standalone exploration; join us as you are able! For questions, contact Jeannie Mahood, jmahood@cathedralATL.org or 404-365-1031.

LENTEN QUIET DAY

"I Will Put My Spirit Within You" — An Invitation to Heart's Rest and Restoration

Saturday, February 28, Lanier House

Lent offers us an opportunity for thoughtful reflection. Amid our daily lives, which for some are overwhelmingly busy and for others quietly lonely, Jesus is forever and deeply calling us to "Follow me." It is an invitation to renewal, freedom and enduring connection. Join us for a Quiet Day in the Lanier House with opportunities to explore through scripture, icons, creativity and prayer, the themes of simplicity, the present moment, release of that which is dividing our hearts, and God's invitation to "sprinkle clean water upon us, to cleanse us and to put God's spirit within us" (Ezekiel 36:24-28). Register at cathedralATL.org/quietday.

The Quiet Day will be led by Barbara Pendergrast, long-time member of the Cathedral. She received an MDiv from Candler School of Theology at Emory and became commissioned and endorsed by the Episcopal Church, serving as a board-certified chaplain at Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital. Barbara also graduated from Shalem's spiritual guidance program in 2014 and offers in-person Spiritual Companionship in the Atlanta area.



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

The Cathedral of St. Philip is proud to host the 2nd 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

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.

Adult EDUCATION

EAT YOUR WORD BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 12–1 p.m., Room 239

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

Eat Your Word group is starting a new Bible study series in which we will turn our attention to the Old Testament Minor Prophets. They are called minor not because they matter less, but because they are shorter.

These writings come out of real history and real communities. They ask hard questions about faithfulness when life feels uncertain, and trust has worn thin. They are short books, but they are not easy ones. They push us to look honestly at ourselves, our assumptions, and the shape of our faith in the world we live in now.

Whether you’ve studied the Bible for years or are just getting started, this is a space for curiosity, honest questions, and a place to build holy community. A Zoom option is available for those who prefer to join online.

For more information, please contact the Rev. Salmoon Bashir, sbashir@cathedralATL.org

STEWARDSHIP



GOOD FAITH CHAPEL UPDATE: FEBRUARY 2026

What a good month for the Good Faith Chapel! In January, video screen installation began (and is almost complete!), water was connected to the building and a new fire hydrant was installed, and grading commenced. The chapel, wood finishes, and metal paneling are coming together very nicely and look great.

Installation of wood and metal trim will continue over the next month. In addition, exterior grading, drainage, and some hardscaping will pick-up in February. Andrews Drive and the sidewalk are also expected to be patched in the next two weeks.

Incredibly, with just a few more months of construction to go, less than one-half million dollars is needed to reach our goal of \$31,000,000! Many thanks and please join us! To learn more and contribute to the construction of this sacred space, please visit cathedralATL.org/goodfaithchapel or contact David Rocchio at 404-365-1033.

CHILDREN’S *Ministries*



Wear your PJs and bring your sippy cups! Deacon Linda Rosengren invites littles of all ages to gather at 6 p.m. in the Nave on Wednesday, February 11 for PJs, Sippy Cups, and Bible Stories. This ministry is geared towards our youngest parishioners (ages 0-3), and we welcome older siblings to join. A simple supper will be provided in the Gould Room beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please contact Director of Children’s Ministries, Lynn Wilmoth, lwilmoth@cathedralATL.org for more information or to RSVP for supper.



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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. Youth Confirmation Class
St. Mary's Chapel

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:
Kateri Andress
Cathedral

4 p.m. Choral Evensong
Cathedral

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

This SUNDAY

**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**

THIS 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 worshiping with their families and serving as ushers at the 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. services. 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.