

The CATHEDRAL TIMES

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GOOD FAITH!

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

It has been a great joy in my life to talk about good faith. It has been a joy to talk about the common good, too! Many of you have appreciated my remarks, my essays, my sermons, on Good Faith and the Common Good. Thank you!

For me, paying attention to good faith and the common good is one of the features of a thriving community of faith. One of the marks of a faithful parish is blessing. Good parishes, and good communities, bless people! Good parishes, and good communities, welcome good faith and the common good. We don't go to church in order to scold, or to hear scolding. We don't go to church to complain, or to hear complaining. We don't go to church to repeat some purity code, whether that code is traditional or progressive. We go to church to bless people, and to be blessed by people. We go to church to be blessed by God, by good faith, for the common good.

And now, a new chapel at the cathedral will proclaim and represent that good faith in still another way! Our new chapel, the Good Faith Chapel, is not finished yet. We still have some details and routines to develop. But many of us have been praying in it, and sharing community in it, for over two years, while the land was still a playground, and when we broke ground over eighteen months ago. Thank you! Good faith to you!

In fact, thank you to each of you reading these words who have been encouragers and prayers. You have prayed. You have given time. You have given money. You have given hope! Your participation is at the heart of the Good Faith Chapel. You, your good faith, is at the heart of the Good Faith Chapel!

We are not finished yet. And maybe our good faith will never be complete, until God's glory covers the earth. We still welcome people who want to be part of good faith in the world.

For all of you who have given, and for all of you who will give, we are thrilled to have a small celebration in the Good Faith Chapel this Sunday, July 5! Yes, it is a holiday weekend, and much of the country will be honoring the United States of America. We will honor our country, too. However, between our two major Sunday services, at 10:10 am, we will gather in the Good Faith Chapel for a new service.

Services in the Good Faith Chapel will be a new kind of prayer, a new kind of religion, and maybe a new kind of Christianity. As many of you have noticed, the chapel offers a new way to experience transcendence and immanence, two primary components of worship. We know the transcendence of God, the awe of God, in the beautiful oculus in the ceiling – “an eyepiece to the heavens!” We know the immanence of God, the closeness of God, in seeing each other, face to face, in the octagonal space. We know God when we look up in love, and we know God when we look at each other in love!

If the world around us is a world of complaint and scolding and worry and fear, the Good Faith Chapel will welcome blessing and hope. And we will honor good faith no matter where that good faith comes from. All our services there will be services that offer love and hope, not complaint and fear.

Join us! The world needs good faith! And the world needs blessing! Good Faith to you! Blessings to you!

Sam Candler



This SUNDAY

JULY 5, 2026 • The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 9, Year A
Zechariah 9:9-12 • Psalm 145:8-15 • Romans 7:15-25a • Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

8:45 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M.: IN-PERSON AND ONLINE
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7:45 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, MIKELL CHAPEL

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon David Boyd

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Julia Mitchener

Preacher: The Very Rev. Sam Candler

Cathedral Choir:

Harold Friedell (1905-1958), *Draw us in the Spirit's tether*

Spiritual, arr. Dale Adelman, *Steal away to Jesus*

10:10 A.M. GOOD FAITH CHAPEL CELEBRATION SERVICE, GOOD FAITH CHAPEL

Celebrant and Preacher: The Very Rev. Sam Candler

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Thee Smith

Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval

STEWARDSHIP

BATHROOM RENOVATIONS AND GOOD FAITH CHAPEL MATCHING GIFT

As construction of the Good Faith Chapel wraps up, the Cathedral will be undertaking additional improvement projects over the summer and early fall. Beginning mid-July, the Atrium bathrooms will be closed for renovation for approximately six weeks. Upon completion of the Atrium restrooms, the Child Hall bathrooms will be reconfigured and renovated. All other bathrooms on campus will be available during these renovations.

And, approximately 100 matches remain to complete the Good Faith Chapel fundraising campaign. Your contribution of any amount triggers a \$1,000 matching gift. You can pledge or contribute at cathedralATL.org/goodfaithchapel.

ATTENTION YOUTH ACOLYTES!

If you would like to acolyte during the summer, we encourage you to serve and you can earn service hours as well! You can sign up at cathedralATL.org/summeracolyte. For questions, please contact Keith Dumke, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, at kdumke@cathedralATL.org.

WORSHIP



CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Wednesday, July 22

6 p.m., Good Faith Chapel

On July 22, the Cathedral will host a contemplative service of Evening Prayer honoring the life and ministry of St. Mary Magdalene. Known as the "Apostle to the Apostles," Mary was entrusted to bring the news of Jesus' resurrection to the other disciples and to share her experience of meeting the risen Christ outside the tomb.

We will gather in the Good Faith Chapel at 6 p.m. If you would like, wear red, and feel free to bring a friend. Afterwards, on the patio outside the chapel, we will enjoy fellowship over spice cakes and tea. Have questions? Please contact the Rev. Canon Julia Mitchener, julia.mitchener@cathedralATL.org.

PRAYER *List*

FOR THOSE WITH IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Jeff Bonnell • Lawrence Booker • Elaine Escher

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING:

LONG TERM PRAYERS: Randy Allen • R. Huntley Allen • Lucy Baker • Benjamin Bao • Ann and Frank Blackistone, Jr. • Larry Boggs • Stacy Boyd • The Bryant Family • Don Cameron • Alex Cann • The Crossley Family • Rita Daly • Jerri Darnell • Jean Davis • Laura Demo-Anderson • Debbie Dewees • Sharon Douglas • Lucy Draper • Janet Harrison Estes • Max Ferguson • Phoebe Forio • Brad Foresythe • Susan Gavalis • Jenny Ham • Heather Huber • Melanie Johnson • Bennie King • Karen Klein • Lisa Krysiak • Bonnie Lamberth • Charles Lane • Jill Mahaffey • Barbara Maples • Tommy Mason • Marlene Matthews-Muniz • Clyde May • Wynetta McNeill • Floyd McRae • Sally Menning • Glenn Miller • Susannah Morgan • Graham Mulling • Jim Myrick • Charlie Neal • Leo Ortiz • Lori Hegwood Owens • Marian Palmore • Patti Parker • Brenda Pruitt • Rubye Reid • Lorraine Reynolds • Barbara Rice • Lisa Rowe • Lisa Staats • Louis “Skip” Schueddig • Taylor Shailendra • Roberta Shields • Bronnie Smith • Fair Sutherlin • Richard Swanson • Tommy Truesdale • Art Vinson • Jim Wilson

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Frank Adams • Josephine Rose Adams • Frank Armstrong • Alexander Collins Astrop • Savannah Biven • Walter Boleman • Brenda Bootle • Marianna Bortner • Jason Brady • Trip Bray • Dennis and Robin Bridges • Saint Legend Brown • Beverly Brownlee • Geneveive Brownlee • Anne Bumbak • Grace Burnias • Lila Jo Callaway • Anna Clifford • Andrea Cody • Sally Coleman • Beatrice “Bea” Comstock • Linda Connelly • Inaam Copt • Ava Corroon • Barbara Daniel • Henry “Hank” Diversi • Marty Dunn • Nancy Ehringer • Mary Kent Ellis • Mercy Elyon • Marilyn Epstein • Martha Flory • Pete Fonash • JT Foster • Kyle Garcia • Laura Gardner • Ann George • Emily Giesen • Alexis Grace • Peter Grandell • Nikki Greenaway • Thomas E. Glynn • Dub Gulley • Ted Hackett • Nicholas Hadden • Harold Ham • McKee Hamilton • Josh Hargraves • Victoria Leigh Hartness • Shirley Helmke • Keith Hinze • Lisa Hoybach • Jane Hunnicutt • Cherish Huntley • Wayne Huerth • Beth Ingle • William Irwin • Richard Jacobson • Dilini Jayawardena • Rhett Jayne • Farley Jenkins, Sr. • Margaret Maples Jones • Woody Jones • Delores and Lee Josephs • Patricia Kasm • Christopher Keltz • Mary Weston Klein • Gary Laney • Doris Little • Pete Livezey • Henry Long • Lauren Makhlof • Dawn and David Mayers • Stephen McCain • Hailey McKeefry • Barry Miller • Iris Miller • 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 • Jacquelin Bennett Phillips • Kevin Race • Paul Reeves • Hugh Ripps • Charlie Roberts • Mr. and Mrs. William Rowe • Einar Sagstuen • Don Saliers • Ernest Sandoval • Krista Sandoval • Patricia Schooley • Pam Shannon • Lelia Sinclair • Alice Smith-Mather • Michael and Kathryn Snider • Laura Snyder • Doug Stapp • Izzy Straus • Dan Sullivan • Jan Swanson • Ted Tarantino • Pierson Thames • Cliff Thompson • Charles Vaughan • Angel Vega • Leopoldo Velita • Pat Volpicella • Dan Walls • Ron Winston • Cutler Woodfin • Sylvia Wright • Gordy Grayson Wyatt • Hollis Youngner

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Rose Angela Brunetti Bennett • John D. Clark

FOR THOSE WHO WERE BORN:

Jackson Crowell Owens, Jr., son of Sara Elizabeth and Jackson Owens; grandson of Anne and Chip Matthews

The CATHEDRAL of ST. PHILIP

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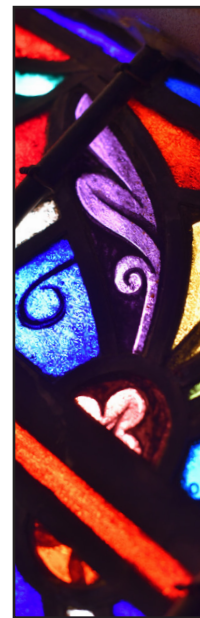
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Good Faith Chapel

GOOD FAITH CHAPEL
CELEBRATION SERVICE

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OUTREACH

RESPITE CARE OF ATLANTA (RCA) VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Respite Care Atlanta (RCA) is a program designed to provide joy filled care for those suffering from dementia and respite for their caregivers. The Cathedral is one of the nine founding congregations who began RCA several years ago. The Cathedral has several volunteers at RCA, but their extensive programs always has need for more enthusiastic and caring volunteers.

Housed at Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church at Peachtree and East Wesley, RCA serves members of Club RCA on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Volunteers serve in several roles (morning greeter, lunch server, program or exercise leader, helper with arts and crafts, member of the "goodbye" team or a member companion for the day). It is truly a joyful and caring facility. Please contact Executive Director, Jenna Smith at 404-591-4364 for additional information about Respite Care for a loved one or becoming a volunteer. Additional information is available on RCA's website, respitecareatlanta.org.



Motherhood Beyond Bars
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CATHEDRAL GIVING BY DESIGN ANNOUNCES BENEFICIARY

Cathedral Giving by Design is excited to announce our 2027 beneficiary is Motherhood Beyond Bars, whose goal is long-term, healthy reunification and a permanent end to cycles of incarceration in families. Motherhood Beyond Bars (MBB) is the only organization in Georgia offering comprehensive support for incarcerated mothers, their infants and caregivers.

Please join the Cathedral in celebration of home and hospitality January 22-23, 2027. These two fun-filled days are designed to raise awareness and funds for Motherhood Beyond Bars. With a kick-off party, design panel of some of the most celebrated designers and architects in the country, and a tour of homes, it's a weekend not to be missed. Want to get involved? Email info@cathedralgivingbydesign.org.

URGENT FOOD DRIVE



Intown Cares has an urgent need for donations for their food pantry for the next two weeks. Please use the QR code to see what is most needed and drop off donations in the Cathedral breezeway. Thank you for helping to feed our neighbors!

Peachtree ROAD RACE

Bless and cheer on the runners, walkers, and wheelchair athletes of the Peachtree Road Race at the Cathedral **Saturday, July 4!** The Cathedral is at mile 2, and clergy will once again be blessing racers with holy water as they pass by in one of Atlanta's grand and holy traditions. All are welcome to watch the race from the Cathedral lawn along Peachtree Road. The morning concludes with a short prayer service.

