

The CATHEDRAL TIMES

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THE SEEDS OF LIFE AND THE CATHEDRAL

by the Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval, *Deacon for Hispanic Ministries and Pastoral Care*

I recently revisited the parable of the Sower and the seeds. I have reflected on the seeds planted in my own life, as well as the seeds sown at the Cathedral of St. Philip. Faith formation is often planted quietly over time and later bears fruit.

Growing up in a home next to my paternal grandmother provided an important seed. Often, my Grandmother Juanita would come by and take me with her to morning Eucharist, and at other times she would take me to the evening rosary service at St. Anthony's. I started attending during the week at the age of three, although I was also in church every Sunday with my parents. My grandmother would explain the services to me and help me in prayer as well.

At the age of five, my family moved to a new home about six miles away because a new sibling was on the way. I was not sure what to expect at St. Catherine's Church, but I began attending Sunday school classes there. These classes offered a more formal method of learning, and though I was frightened at first, I learned to enjoy discovering more about God and Jesus.

My family moved again when another sibling was on the way. There, we attended St. Vincent de Paul. My church education continued with classes most Saturdays. We studied church doctrine, and each year we used a more advanced book to learn more about the Church and Jesus.

As a teenager, I attended Saturday evening classes offered at St. Vincent's. These classes built upon all we had previously studied, and they gave us more opportunities for discussion about a variety of topics.

During these years, the seed was planted and helped form me into a better, more informed Christian. The seeds the Sower, Jesus, scattered into the various soils were coming to fruition. Many of my dear friends who also attended these classes continued to study doctrine and to love God and Jesus. My love of God and the Church has continued throughout my life and led me to serve in many capacities until God called to me and I said, "Here am I, Lord; send me."

Here at the Cathedral, I see so many seeds coming to blossom, and I am constantly in awe of the children and adults who attend the many educational and wonderful offerings that assist them on their journey toward being closer to God.

The young children who attend Godly Play on Sundays are given an opportunity to better understand the Bible, the Church, and God. How important are these sessions? I wonder.

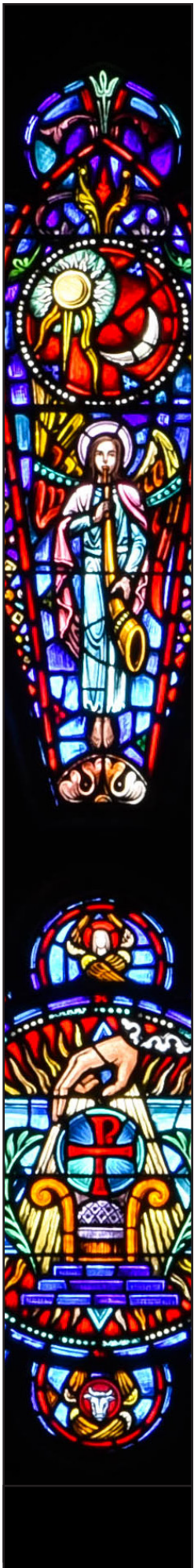
The teenagers are invited to attend weekly Bible study and other activities that lead to wonderful camaraderie. These young people grow into the Church and toward God by serving in various capacities. Many bloom into acolytes, lectors, or junior ushers. I love seeing how many, over the years, continue to serve and grow.

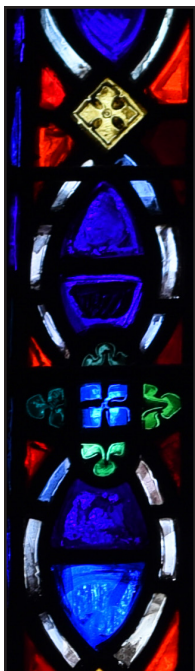
The Cathedral is so blessed to have many volunteers who are willing to nurture the seeds of all ages. Like a flower garden, we must water them, fertilize them, and wait for the seeds to become the beautiful flowers we hoped for. Some seeds take longer to blossom, but the education, care, and hospitality of St. Philip's provide the nutrients they need to reach upward and become wonderful members of the church community and children of God.

Ecclesiastes reminds us of this: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

Perhaps we may remember the words from Isaiah 6:8: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'"

Gracious God, thank you for the seeds of faith you have planted in our lives and for the people who have nurtured them with love, patience, teaching, and prayer. Continue to bless the Cathedral of St. Philip, its children, youth, adults, teachers, volunteers, and all who seek to grow closer to you. Help us to tend the seeds entrusted to us, to rejoice when they blossom, and to trust your timing when they take longer to grow. When you call us to serve, give us open hearts and willing spirits, so that we may answer with faith: Here am I, Lord; send me. Amen.





This SUNDAY

AUGUST 2, 2026 • The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 13, Year A

Isaiah 55:1-5 / Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22 / Romans 9:1-5 / Matthew 14:13-21

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 Ashley Carr

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon George Maxwell

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Ashley Carr

Decani (Cathedral Choir):

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946), *O Living Bread, who once didst die*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791), *Ave verum corpus*

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

Officiant: The Rev. Dr. Thee Smith

Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval

Adult EDUCATION

Summer of Hope, 10:10 a.m., Child Hall

Join us in Child Hall on Sunday mornings for the second annual "Summer of Hope." This speaker series sponsored by the Outreach Ministry will focus on the Cathedral's many new and continuing ministries offering relationship, encouragement, advocacy, support, joy, and purpose in partnership with our most vulnerable neighbors.

This Sunday, August 2: Attorney and Public Policy

Advocate: Elizabeth Appley is an experienced attorney and public policy advocate representing multiple non-profit organizations at the Georgia State Capitol on affordable housing and homelessness. She will discuss how to be an effective advocate, identify key issues on housing and homelessness anticipated to be addressed in the 2027 session, and explain the importance of the upcoming elections in making policy changes to increase access to safe, decent, affordable housing for Georgians.

Enjoy Biblical Greek! *is on summer break. Sessions resume on September 13 in room 239 and via Zoom..*



**BACK TO SCHOOL
SUPPLY
DRIVE**

As the school year nears, The Ansley School requests your support. You can help provide essential classroom supplies and resources by contributing through their Amazon Wishlist. Your donation ensures that every student and teacher has what they need to start the year strong!



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SPIRITUALITY



SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Elizabeth Oldfield:
**Becoming the People the
World Needs Now**

*Saturday, October 17,
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

Join us on October 17, when we will explore with Elizabeth Oldfield what it means to grow up our souls in order to meet this moment. Drawing on theology, philosophy, behavioral psychology and more, we will spend time clarifying our values, reflecting on our formation, and building courage, steadiness and even joy for these turbulent times. And mark your calendars for Sunday, October 18, when Elizabeth will speak at the Dean's Forum in between services.

Elizabeth is a writer, public speaker and coach. She is fascinated by how we build lives and organizations which reflect the values of connection, clarity and courage. Her Substack is a bestseller in Philosophy. She is the host of *The Sacred* podcast and author of "Fully Alive: Tending to the Soul in Turbulent Times." Elizabeth lives in an intentional Christian community in South London with her family. Read more about Elizabeth at cathedralATL.org/2026-spirituality-conference.

PRAYER *List*

FOR THOSE WITH IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Lucy Baker

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING:

LONG TERM PRAYERS: Randy Allen • R. Huntley Allen • Benjamin Bao • Ann & Frank Blackistone, Jr. • Larry Boggs • Jeff Bonnell • Lawrence Booker • 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 • Janet Harrison Estes • Phoebe Forio • Brad Foresythe • Susan Gavalis • Allison Gould • Jenny Ham • Heather Huber • Melanie Johnson • Bennie King • Karen Klein • Lisa Krysiak • Bonnie Lamberth • Charles Lane • Jill Mahaffey • Tommy Mason • Marlene Matthews-Muniz • Clyde May • Wynetta McNeill • Floyd McRae • Sally Menning • Glenn Miller • Millicent Miller • Graham Mulling • Jim Myrick • Charlie Neal • Leo Ortiz • Lori Hegwood Owens • Marian Palmore • Patti Parker • Patricia Payne-White • 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

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FOR THE **SUNDAY, AUGUST 9** ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS **WEDNESDAY, JULY 29**. FOR THE **SUNDAY, AUGUST 16** ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5**.

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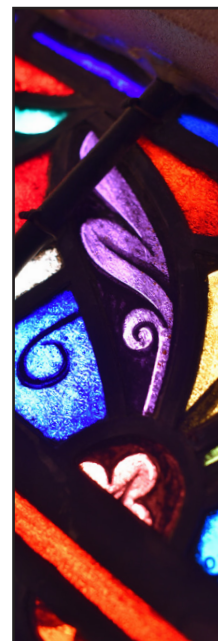
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MUSIC



SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHOIRS UNCORKED

Choirs Uncorked is back – Friday, August 28! Proceeds from this fun and entertaining evening will help support the Cathedral Choir's pilgrimage to Canterbury and Winchester Cathedrals in the summer of 2027. Join us as we hang up our cassocks and let our hair down to show a side of ourselves not seen on a normal Sunday morning.

As part of this fundraiser, we are once again hosting a Cathedral of St. Philip-style Silent Auction. The success of this event depends on the generosity of our Cathedral community, and we are now accepting donations of auction items. Your donation—whether an experience, service, collectible, or handcrafted item—will help make this extraordinary journey possible.

Some of the items that have been especially popular in past auctions include vacation stays, original artwork, airline miles or hotel points, professional services, sports memorabilia, adventure experiences, unique jewelry and crafts, curated gift baskets, antiques and decorative collectibles, rare or specialty books, and event tickets. These are simply suggestions—all donations are sincerely appreciated. Our goal is to offer distinctive and desirable items that generate excitement among bidders while supporting the Cathedral's vibrant music ministry.

Donations are being accepted now and may be dropped off at the Cathedral front desk, in the choir room, or given to Carlisle Dent, Michael Vandergriff, or any member of the music staff and choir. Please include your contact information and a suggested opening bid with your donation so we may properly acknowledge your generosity. Thank you for your continued support of the Cathedral and its music ministry!

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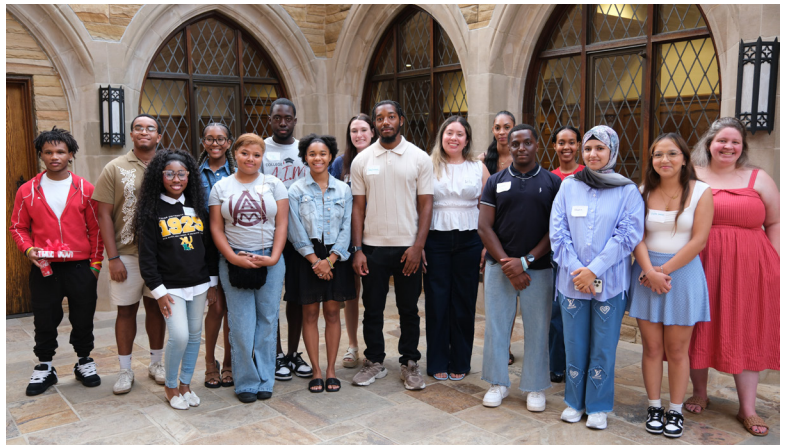
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HOMECOMING MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, August 16
10:10 a.m. in Child Hall

Join us at the Ministry Fair to learn how you can connect and serve with others in our vibrant Cathedral Community!

STEWARDSHIP



SUPPORT CATHEDRAL SCHOLARS!

It's back to church and back to school time for many in the parish, including our cohort of 28 Cathedral Scholars. Thanks to the generosity of so many parishioners, these young students, who otherwise would not be able to attend college, will be attending with the help of a scholarship from the Cathedral. Annual gifts and contributions to the Endowment enable the Cathedral to offer long-term holistic support to these deserving scholars, with opportunities to meet not only their financial needs, but their vocational, communal, and spiritual needs as well. Annual gifts help scholars this year and contributions to the Cathedral Scholars Endowment can be matched dollar-for-dollar and will ensure support for this program for years to come. To learn more and contribute, visit the website at cathedralATL.org/scholars

PARISH BBQ

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August 23

5:30 p.m.

