

The CATHEDRAL TIMES

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WELCOME HOME!

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

Welcome home! It is the time of year to welcome each other back. Welcome back, Ted Lasso! Welcome home, Odysseus! There are so many who teach us the way back home. Welcome back to the Cathedral, you who have been away this summer! Welcome back to the Cathedral, you who may have been away for a few years! Welcome to seekers who are at the Cathedral of St. Philip for the first time! It is time to be joyful! It is time to be joyful in God's house of prayer.

In the sixth century B.C., a group of God's people were in exile, longing to return home. A prophet calling himself Isaiah proclaimed what that return to a rebuilt house would look like. He said of God's new house that "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." That image, "a house of prayer for all people," has become a welcoming and powerful description for our church today, the Cathedral Parish of St. Philip. We enjoy welcoming, and serving, and praying with, all sorts and conditions of God's people here.

Isaiah, in his new vision, described a new quality of God's renewed house of prayer. According to the prophet, it would not be a place that was closed, laden with stiff law and with sacrifices that did not serve the poor. It was to be a new place. A new Jerusalem, a new home. He said, "Do not let the foreigner joined to the LORD say 'The LORD will surely separate me from his people;' and do not let the eunuch say, 'I am just a dry tree.'" (56:3). According to Isaiah, God says about the eunuchs and the foreigners, "these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. (Isaiah 56:7).

The prophet Isaiah had a vision of a new temple, a new assembly of God's people, that included not just the exiles of Israel, but also outsiders everywhere. Philip the deacon caught that vision, too, when he climbed up into the chariot to serve the Ethiopian eunuch, who was both a foreigner and one with a so-called blemish. The Cathedral of St. Philip is named for that very deacon.

We have welcomed and enjoyed the diversity of God's people here at the Cathedral. But there is another word from Isaiah's vision that I want to emphasize this year in our service and worship. It is "joyful!" Isaiah said that God "will make them joyful in his house of prayer." I have experienced that! It is fun, it gives us great joy, when we gather with the multitude of God's people: with insiders and outcasts, with those who have been here for generations, and with those who got here yesterday!

God intends for us to be joyful in this house of prayer! And we are! This year we will also be living into a new room in our house of prayer, the Good Faith Chapel. What a glorious and uplifting space that is, a space for blessing. When we touch awe in that space, we touch joy. When we touch each other in that space, we touch joy.

Join us in joy! It is time to come home to joy, even if you have never been here before. How wonderful it is to be part of a community that blesses people, that blesses all sorts of people. And thank you! Thank you to all who have been steadily serving and praying at home, preparing for a new year here. We are not only a house of prayer for all people. We are joyful in that house of prayer!



HOMEcoming SUNDAY: BAPTISMS AND THE MINISTRY FAIR

On Sunday, August 16, we will baptize new Christians at the 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services! We also welcome you to join us for the Ministry Fair at 10:10 a.m. in Child Hall to learn about and sign up to join the many ministries doing God's work in our midst! We look forward to your presence with us! It is time to be joyful in God's house of prayer.

This SUNDAY

AUGUST 16, 2026 • The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 15, Year A

Isaiah 56:1,6-8 / Psalm 67 / Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 / Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

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 Very Rev. Sam Candler

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Salmoon Bashir

Preacher: The Very Rev. Sam Candler

Cathedral Choir:

William Mathias (1934-1992), *Let the people praise thee, O God*

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955), *Be thou my vision*

Baptisms at 8:45 a.m.:

Alexander Walter Simon

Dawson Alexander Simon, *son of Mackenzie and Alex Simon*

Graham Mackenzie Simon, *son of Mackenzie and Alex Simon*

Bennett Hanson Simon, *son of Mackenzie and Alex Simon*

Baptisms at 11:15 a.m.:

Monroe Mae Cohoes, *daughter of Malerie and Crew Cohoes*

Chapman Isabel Fuqua, *daughter of Jessica and John Rex Fuqua*

Virginia Nell Houck, *daughter of Callie and Woody Houck*

Craig Crane Perry III, *son of Sarah and Crane Perry*

Conrad Everett Vining, *son of Laura and Austin Vining*

Robert Geoffrey Neville IV, *son of Caitlin and Geoffrey Neville*

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

Officiant: The Rev. Dr. Thee Smith

Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval

Bautismos:

Keylen Yusleydi Bautista Peña, *hija de Gilberto Bautista Riaño y Reynalda Peña Candelario*



GIVING BY DESIGN

We are excited to announce the 2027 Cathedral Giving by Design honorary chair. We welcome the leader and legend of The Thrift House, Nellie Holleman.

Nellie makes grace, generosity and style look easy. After 16 years, she welcomes the community, the customers and the devoted volunteers with warmth and dignity, making the Thrift House an Atlanta legend in its own right. With Nellie on the team, we are confident we will exceed our goals of raising support and funds for Motherhood Beyond Bars. Welcome Nellie!



SPIRITUALITY

Third Monday Facilitated Labyrinth Walk and Taizé Prayers for Peace

Monday, August 17 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Start your summer with a contemplative Third Monday of August. We'll begin in the Good Faith Chapel for an hour of walking the sacred labyrinth path starting at 7:00 p.m. Or come a few minutes early for a brief introduction if you are new to the labyrinth.

Then, come to Mikell Chapel at 8:00 p.m. for Taizé Prayers for Peace. Originating in Taizé, France, this simple service of scripture, music, silence, and candlelight will bring a beautiful and prayerful close to your Monday.

Many thanks to Carlisle Dent, Certified Labyrinth Facilitator, and Sandra Carey, Barbara Bazzel, and Buddy Weston for tending the Taizé service every month. The facilitated Labyrinth walk and Taizé service take place every 3rd Monday at the Cathedral. Come to one, or both – and bring a friend! Centering Prayer takes place on the other Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Good Faith Chapel. Questions? Contact Jeannie Mahood (jmahood@cathedralATL.org or 404-365-1031).

PRAYER *List*

FOR THOSE WITH IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Ray and Beth Chenault

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING:

LONG TERM PRAYERS: Randy Allen • R. Huntley Allen • Lucy Baker • 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 • Richard Shook • Bronnie Smith • Fair Sutherland • 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 • Marion Bunch • Grace Burnias • Lila Jo Callaway • Caroline Cate • Anna Clifford • Andrea Cody • Sally Coleman • Beatrice "Bea" Comstock • Linda Connelly • Inaam Copt • Ava Corroon • David Crawford family • Barbara Daniel • Henry "Hank" Diversi • Marty Dunn • Nancy Ehringer • Mary Kent Ellis • Mercy Elyon • Marilyn Epstein • Elaine Escher • Martha Flory • Frederick G. Fogg • 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 • McKee Hamilton • Josh Hargraves • Victoria Leigh Hartness • Shirley Helmke • Alex Hill • Keith Hinze • Dave Hopkins • Lisa Hoybach • Jane Hunnicutt • Cherish Huntley • Wayne Huerth • Beth Ingle • William Irwin • Richard Jacobson • Dilini Jayawardena • Rhett Jayne • Farley Jenkins, Sr. • 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 • Eric Merrifield • Barry Miller • Iris Miller • Jon Moravec • Larry Mortimer • Tom Myer • Augusta Horsey Nash • Katie Neill • 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 • 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 • Peggy Thuyler and family • Pamela Tubbs • 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: Joanna Adams • Mary Elizabeth Morgan • Jean Lyon • William Kennon Perrin • Allan Sandlin

The CATHEDRAL of ST. PHILIP

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

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

The Rev. Canon Salmoon Bashir,

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

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Mary Hall Perrin, *Junior Warden*

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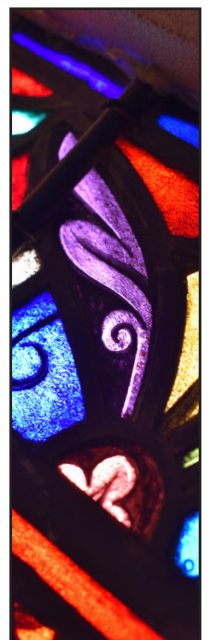
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HOMECOMING

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!

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MUSIC

CATHEDRAL 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. We will be showcasing many styles from 42nd Street to Studio 54 to the French Quarter and back again. This musical feast will also include snacks and beverages for your enjoyment. Our Silent Auction will feature fine treasures from the vaults of our community. All proceeds from the fundraiser will help the Cathedral Choir's next pilgrimage to Canterbury and Winchester Cathedrals in 2027. Tickets are available for purchase online only at cathedralATL.org/uncorked!



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WHY WE GIVE

by Elizabeth and
Sandeep Murthy

We have attended the Cathedral since before we were married, but it has become more of a home as our family has grown. We are not from Atlanta, and the Cathedral has been one of the first places where we have found a sense



of community: a place where our children are known, where we are building friendships, and where our family feels belonging.

It matters to us that our children grow up surrounded by families, children, and adults who will be part of their lives and help shape their understanding of faith and purpose. The Cathedral gives them a place that feels familiar and loving, and gives us as parents a community walking alongside us.

The Cathedral's programming has brought richness to our lives. Old Fashioned Sunday School, the Thursday Morning Men's Group, Godly Play Parents, and the Green Aprons make us feel connected and support our spiritual growth. These experiences have helped evolve our faith as we have welcomed children, navigated ten years of marriage, and learned what it means to build a full life.

We are grateful for the infrastructure that makes church welcoming for families: the caregivers in the Nurturing Center, the pipe cleaners that help keep the noise down in our pew on Sundays, and the gatherings and spaces that make the Cathedral a home.

We pledge because we want to support the community that has supported us — and to make more community and connection possible for other families.

PARISH BBQ

CathedralATL.org/ParishBBQ

August 23

5:30 p.m.

