



The CATHEDRAL TIMES

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HER NAME WAS PEARL

by the Rev. Canon George Maxwell, *Vicar*

Traveling home from Maine this month, I spent the better part of a day at an airport gate that was going nowhere. A mechanical problem that began as simple grew complicated; departure times were posted, withdrawn, and posted again. It was the kind of long, formless afternoon that air travel occasionally specializes in, and you could watch a crowd's mood curdle in real time.

Presiding over it was a young gate agent, obviously new and clearly in over her head, and entirely unshaken. For nearly nine hours she worked a line that never dropped below ten people. She looked each of us in the eye. She listened until we had actually finished speaking, which is rarer than it sounds. When she did not know something — and there was much none of us knew that day — she said so plainly and called for help. When she made a mistake she apologized without excuse. She fixed almost nothing, because almost nothing was hers to fix. And yet she was, unmistakably, the truest thing at that gate.

I have been thinking since about what we found worth honoring in her. It was not competence in the usual sense; the plane still would not fly. What she offered was something an airport cannot measure or sell: presence. She stayed. She told the truth about what she did not know. She treated each tired traveler as a person rather than a problem to be processed. In a place built to reduce us to our itineraries, she kept insisting, quietly, on faces.

This is nearer the heart of the gospel than we usually let ourselves believe. We are trained to prize the ones who fix, who resolve, who deliver. But much of the ministry Jesus commends fixes nothing in the moment — it abides, it stays present in the middle of the unresolved, it confers dignity before dignity is earned. The chaplain at the bedside cures no one. The friend who sits with you in bad news solves nothing. And they are, all the same, the truest thing in the room.

Late that evening the pilot emerged with the microphone and, having no good news to give, used his moment to do one good thing. He told us her name was Pearl, that she had stayed hours past the end of her shift, and that she deserved our thanks. The whole gate — strangers, exhausted, each sealed inside our own small grievance — rose and applauded. For a moment we were not a hundred stranded travelers but something briefly like a body, joined at last by the recognition of one person's goodness.

The one who had seen each of us all day was, at the end of it, seen. The servant whose name we never think to ask was named.



This SUNDAY

AUGUST 30, 2026 • The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 17, Year A
Jeremiah 15:15-21 / Psalm 26:1-8 / Romans 12:9-21 / Matthew 16:21-28

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Thee Smith

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Ashley Carr

Cantor(s) (Cathedral Choir):

Thomas Frederick Handel Candlyn (1892-1946), *King of glory, King of peace*

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

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

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval

Adult **EDUCATION**

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

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 30: The Rev. Canon Julia Mitchener and the 2026 Homeless Requiem Committee: Join us for this panel discussion as we anticipate our 38th year of memorializing Atlantans who have died in the past year while unhoused. Learn why the Requiem was started, how it has evolved through the years, why we still observe it, and how it impacts the lives of those who participate. Come hear stories of inspiration and hope. Come learn how you can make a difference!

Organ Demonstration, 10:10 a.m., Cathedral Nave

Organist and Associate Choirmaster Chase Loomer will give a demonstration and explain the intricate workings of our Cathedral's magnificent Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ. Come find out how the music you hear every Sunday is brought to life on the "King of Instruments."

STAFF



Welcome, Hannah Plank!

We are grateful to welcome Hannah Plank to the Cathedral staff as Communications Coordinator. Hannah is a familiar face, as she is a Cathedral member active in worship and the Young Professionals group. As Communications Coordinator, Hannah will work with Director of Communications Dan Murphy to

produce the weekly Times and eTimes newsletters, maintain the Cathedral website, and generally help make sure you know what's going on at the Cathedral! Hannah comes to the Cathedral staff from Emory University, where she worked in the visual resources library – experience that will be valuable as we build our Cathedral image library for the Good Faith Chapel. She has a Bachelor's in art history from Agnes Scott College and Master's degrees from Texas Christian and Kent State Universities. Welcome, Hannah!

SIGN UP TO JOIN A FOYERS GROUP

Sunday, September 27, 6 p.m., Child Hall

Sign up by Monday, September 14

The Cathedral Foyers offers small group dinner opportunities for adults. Members of each group take turns hosting/ providing food for monthly get-togethers throughout the October thru April session. This is a great way to get to know a handful of people without feeling overwhelmed. Groups are intentionally intergenerational and eclectic. The Super Foyers dinner – where all groups convene to kick off the fall / winter session – will be Sunday, September 27 at 6 p.m. in Child Hall. To sign up for a Foyers group for this session, please go to cathedralATL.org/foyers by Monday, September 14.

PRAYER *List*

FOR THOSE WITH IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Patty Bedford • Sharon Foster • Kelly Mandy • LyNae Scott • Crawford Troup, Jr.

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 • Beth and Ray Chenault • 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 Sutherlin • Richard Swanson • Patty Thomas • 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 • 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 • Lis Gevers • 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 Rippes • 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 • Virginia Weatherford • Austin Williams • Ron Winston • Cutler Woodfin • Sylvia Wright • Gordy Grayson Wyatt • Hollis Youngner

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Marty Dunn • Bobby Leatherman • Jeffery Johnson

BIRTHS: Charlotte “Charlie” Gray Jameson, daughter of John and Sophie Jameson; granddaughter of Walter and Margaret Jameson • Peter “Tucker” Oswald, son of Katie and Wilson Oswald

The CATHEDRAL of ST. PHILIP

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

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

The Rev. Canon Salmoon Bashir,

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

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

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Deacon for Hispanic Ministries and Pastoral Care

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Haven Long, *Senior Warden*

Mary Hall Perrin, *Junior Warden*

CATHEDRAL TIMES SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

FOR THE **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6** ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26**. FOR THE **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13** ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**.

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GODLY PLAY

**CHILDREN AGES
THREE-5TH GRADE**
(BY SEPTEMBER 1)

OPEN HOUSE
Third Floor Education Wing
Sunday, August 30
10:10–11:00 a.m.

We look forward
to seeing your
little Saints!

Starting September 13

OUTREACH

Lunch Together - Extended!

Fridays, August 28–October 30, 1–2 p.m., on the Lanier House Labyrinth

The Lunch Together outreach ministry has been drawing neighbors from across the city for free food and fellowship every Friday during the summer. We've served more than 700 meals and it has been so popular that we'll be extending the program through Friday, October 30! Those joining in the lunches include parishioners, residents of Parish Grove, individuals and families living in local shelters or on the streets, worshippers from the 12:15 p.m. Eucharist, representatives from local social service agencies, Cathedral youth, and more. As participants enjoy a meal, swap stories, and get to know one another, we move beyond divisions of age, race, and socioeconomic status to enjoy community in this sacred space. Whether you want to volunteer or just enjoy lunch with friends and neighbors, we hope to see you soon! You can sign up to volunteer or donate at cathedralATL.org/lunchtogether.



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For more information, please
contact Dorsey DeLong at
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SPIRITUALITY

Changed Not Ended: A Workshop to Plan Your Own Funeral

Sunday, September 20, from 1–4 p.m.

Come together with fellow parishioners for an afternoon of delving into the liturgy for the Burial of the Dead and beginning or continuing to consider your own funeral. This spiritual practice is about living as much as it is about death. Contemplating death in light of faith can free us to live more fully. With leadership from Canon Salmoon Bashir, parishioner Susan Patterson, and members of the Funeral Guild, we will explore why you might want to plan your own funeral, discuss the decisions you can make, and experience an instructed liturgy. As a community, we will support one another in this deep and important reflection. Please direct questions and/or your desire to attend to Canon Bashir at sbashir@cathedralATL.org. Participation is free and open to adults of all ages.

STEWARDSHIP

Atrium Restrooms Finished & Child Hall Restrooms starting August 31

The Atrium restrooms are complete and back in use! You will find totally updated new floors, ceilings, lighting, and fixtures. Beginning August 31, the Child Hall bathrooms will be reconfigured and renovated. This construction will take a little bit longer as we transition to seven individual bathrooms—each with their own door, toilet, and sink. All other bathrooms on campus will be available during these renovations. These renovations are inside the Good Faith Campaign Budget and approximately 85 matches remain to complete the fundraising campaign. Your contribution of any amount triggers a \$1,000 matching gift. You can pledge and/or contribute here: cathedralATL.org/good-faith-chapel. Please contact David Rocchio at drocchio@cathedralATL.org with any questions. Thank you!