

The CATHEDRAL TIMES

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IS JESUS THE ONLY WAY?

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

Join me this Sunday in the Dean's Forum, as I continue a series titled, "Refreshing Christianity in Good Faith!" We will meet in the Good Faith Chapel at 10:10 a.m. for Part 3 of the series: a discussion one of the controversial questions of our Christian time: "Is Jesus the Only Way?"

It is the question about other religions. It comes in various forms. Maybe it is: "How does a Christian, explain other religions?" Or, "Do you really believe Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; and do you really believe that no one gets to the Father except through him?" Or, in its most simple form: "Will people in other religions get to heaven?"

Sometimes folks use the question as an accusation, as a test, a simplistic way of determining if my brand of Christianity meets their standards. At any rate, surely you all know that kind of question. You do not live in today's world if you have not asked that question.

There are lots of ways to address, and to answer, the question; and I prefer to answer by using the Bible itself. In fact, I will address directly the famous verse, John 14:6, *Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

Let me deliver a clear answer in this preview. I enjoy a life-giving and progressive view of the Bible and of Christianity; and you might be surprised that I actually believe this provocative verse from the Gospel of John. I understand that many Christians are embarrassed by this seeming exclusivity of this verse, John 14.6; and that is too bad. Yes, I do believe Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Because, I believe that no one gets to the Father except through Christ, the Way of Jesus.

I am equally clear about something else. I also believe that other religions, in addition to Christianity, get to God, too. In fact, it is because I believe that Jesus is the Way, that I also believe that other faithful people besides Christians get to God, too.

This Sunday, I will present various passages of scripture that describe the people of God, whoever the "chosen" people of God are at the time, being surprised to discover that God is present in another people, another tribe, another form of religion! In this way, I believe the Bible ("the holy conversation" that I presented three weeks ago) describes good faith, over and over again, in ways other than their own way.

Let's hear from Jacob, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it!" Let's hear from Jesus telling the (foreign) Canaanite woman, "Great is your faith!" Let's hear from Jesus using a foreigner, a Samaritan, as an example of someone who loves their neighbor!

Let's hear Psalm 87 say:

"Glorious things are spoken of you, * O city of our God.

I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; *behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia:
in Zion were they born."

Is Absolutism the Way, or is Jesus the Way? I believe Jesus is the Way! Our faith is in Jesus the Christ. Jesus came to give us life – life above these absolutist polarities. Jesus came to give us truth – truth above these divisions. Jesus came to be the way – the way of saving grace that expands beyond our understanding. Jesus the Christ is the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to God except through that way of Christ, the way of God's wide and unimaginable mercy.

Join us on Sunday to discuss the way, the truth, and the life: The Way of Christ!

Sam Candler



This SUNDAY

OCTOBER 25, 2026 • The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 25, Year A

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18 / Psalm 1 / 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 / Matthew 22:34-46

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 David Boyd

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Ashley Carr

Preacher: The Very Rev. Sam Candler

8:45 a.m. Cathedral Singers:

11:15 a.m. Cathedral Choir:

Herbert Howells (1892-1983), *Thee will I love*

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946), *Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face*

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

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Juan Sandoval

4:00 P.M. CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF TABITHA (DORCAS) OF JOPPA, CATHEDRAL

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon Ashley Carr

Choir of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, TN (Christian Crocker, director)

Käthe Wright Kaufman (b. 1993), *Preces & Responses*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) in C

Richard Shephard (1949-2021), *The secret of Christ*

Charles Wood (1866-1926), *Expectans expectavi*

5:22 P.M. CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST, GOOD FAITH CHAPEL

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon Ashley Carr

SUNDAY AFTERNOON RECITALS

**ABBIE WOOD, ORGAN
STUDENT, PEABODY CONSERVATORY,
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 — 3:15 P.M.

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

AT CATHEDRALATL.ORG/RECITALS

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971), *Cortège et Litanie*

Liv-Benedicte Bjørneboe (b. 1965), *Barndommens Dans*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983), *Master Tallis's Testament*

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986),
Prelude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain

NEW MEMBERS

Carrie and Scott Taylor from Atlanta, Georgia

Ian McGraw from Atlanta, Georgia

Marisa Ann and Alex Rowedder
from Little Rock, Arkansas and St. Augustine, Florida

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from Denver, Colorado and Hilton Head, South Carolina

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Becky Rigas and Gretchen Boyles
from Houston, Texas and Shelby, North Carolina

Caroline and Jett Fisher from Atlanta, Georgia

PRAYER *List*

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FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Olabode Emile Carew • John Allen Conkle • Leonora Thelma Christiana Dakin-Davies • Wayne Goodman • Arnold Lu Hunter • Florence Christiana Omojowo Johnson • Doug Mitchell, Jr. • Eku Victor Renner-Thomas • Melissa Tibbetts • Victoria Bradley Garber Williams

BIRTH: William Caswell Zurn, son of Megan and Lawton Zurn

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FOR THE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21**. FOR THE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 ISSUE, THE DEADLINE IS **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28**.

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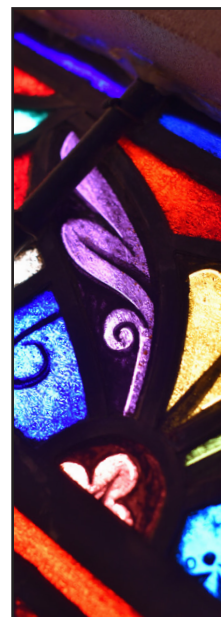
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CATHEDRALATL





The CATHEDRAL of ST. PHILIP

50th Anniversary of LGBTQ+ Inclusion

October 25, 10:10 a.m., St. Mary's Chapel

At the 65th General Convention in 1976 in Minneapolis, The Episcopal Church adopted a resolution affirming that LGBTQ+ people are children of God with a full and equal claim upon the church's love, acceptance, and pastoral concern and care.

Now, fifty years later, the church is marking the milestone and reflecting on the church's ongoing journey toward LGBTQ+ inclusion. Join Cathedral Canon Ashley Carr for a discussion on where the church has been and where the church is going.

WORSHIP SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES TRAINING

Sunday, October 25, after the 11:15 a.m. service, Cathedral

We invite confirmed members of the Cathedral to participate in worship services by serving as Lay Chalice Bearers (LCB), Lectors, and Intercessors.

- Lay Chalice Bearers: Assist in serving the communion for our Sunday and other services.
- Lectors: Proclaim the scripture readings during services.
- Intercessors: Lead the congregation in the Prayers of the People.

Training will be provided for each position, ensuring that you feel prepared and confident to serve. If you feel called to serve in any of these ministries or would like more information, please contact the Rev. Canon Salmoon Bashir at sbashir@cathedralATL.org or Hillary Jones, hjones@cathedralATL.org.

APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING

November 23-24, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Lanier House

Whether at work, at home, with friends or teammates, or in more formal helping roles, many of us have been, or will be, called upon to respond to someone who is experiencing a mental-health crisis or considering suicide. The Cathedral hosts a two-day workshop in one of the world's leading suicide-intervention models, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST). ASIST teaches individuals to provide a skilled intervention to a person who may be having thoughts of suicide and develop a collaborative safety plan to keep them safe and alive. If you're interested, please register: cathedralATL.org/asist. This workshop is led by Mary Chase Mize and Katie Barrington. Contact Hillary Jones, hjones@cathedralATL.org, for more information.

"DEVASTATINGLY BEAUTIFUL" *Gramophone Magazine*



T | TENEBRAE

November 10, 2026 7:30 PM

As one of the world's leading vocal ensembles, renowned for its passion and precision, we are thrilled to present this award-winning choir for its first concert ever in Atlanta. Under the direction of Nigel Short, Tenebrae performs at major festivals and venues across the globe and has enjoyed collaborations with some of the UK's leading orchestras, including the London Symphony Orchestra, the Academy of Ancient Music, and Britten Sinfonia. Having earned international acclaim for its interpretations of choral works from the Renaissance through to contemporary masterpieces and its commissions of new music, this is certain to be one of the most sublime musical events in Atlanta this season. Presented by Friends of Cathedral Music. Tickets: cathedralATL.org/concerts

Choral Eucharist for All Faithful Departed

*At this service we will remember
by name those members, family,
and friends who have died
in the past year.*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026
4 P.M.

On All Saints' Sunday, November 1 at 4:00 p.m., the Cathedral will offer a Choral Requiem Eucharist in remembrance of members and friends of the Cathedral who have died during the past year. The image-rich and comforting texts of the Requiem mass – the ancient Christian burial service – will be prayed this year using the music of *Requiem* by Dan Locklair sung by the Cathedral Choir and accompanied by chamber orchestra and organ. Whether you attend to mourn, to accompany those who are mourning, or simply to contemplate the mystery of heaven, we hope you will be comforted, inspired, and strengthened by it. This service will be livestreamed at cathedralATL.org/worship but will not be subsequently available, so join us at 4 p.m. on All Saints' Sunday.



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The James Wynn Ricks, Jr and the Kenneth Wayne Wheeler Fund of the Cathedral of St. Philip is a fund with the Cathedral endowment established by the bequest of Cathedral parishioner, the late Jim Ricks. Mr. Ricks' will restricts the use of these funds to programs and activities that minister to persons living with HIV/AIDS. The amount available for disbursement each year now exceeds \$32,000 and grant requests are reviewed by a committee of Cathedral parishioners. While engaging with our community partners by volunteering and serving with them, the Cathedral also contributes monetarily to ensure stability for our partners' ongoing efforts to serve our neighbors.

To add impact and contribute to the Ricks-Wheeler Fund, please contact David Rocchio at 404-365-1033 or drocchio@cathedralATL.org.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities with the Ricks-Wheeler grantees, please contact the Rev. Julia Mitchener, Canon for Mission, at 404-365-1083 or julia.mitchener@cathedralATL.org.

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UNITED THANK OFFERING AND THE "BLUE BOX"

Many Episcopalians fondly remember dropping coins of thanks into their "blue box" during UTO season in their childhood parishes. Although it is often associated with learning about gratitude in childhood, the United Thank Offering invites all ages to practice gratitude in everyday life.

The UTO is a global ministry of the Episcopal Church that reminds us that our Great Thanksgiving extends beyond Sunday worship. As fall unfolds, we are invited to reflect on our blessings and, on **UTO Sunday (November 15)**, offer a financial gift—of any size—to support grants that uplift underserved communities worldwide.

Blue boxes were distributed to children on October 18 and will be available for the next three weeks. To request one for yourself, visit cathedralATL.org/UTObox.

To explore UTO Generosity for Family Resources, visit unitedthankoffering.com/generosity/families

UNITED THANK OFFERING BLUE BOX PRAYER:

Almighty God, I give you praise for blessing me in many ways.

Create in me a grateful heart and with this gift a blessing start. AMEN.



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OUTREACH

RESPITE CARE ATLANTA

Free Dementia Caregiver Workshop at Respite Care Atlanta

Navigating the Holidays: Supporting Loved Ones with Dementia During the Holiday Season

Thursday, November 5, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Ryland Knight Room, Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church

Respite Care Atlanta invites caregivers, family members, and friends of those living with dementia to attend Navigating the Holidays: Supporting Loved Ones with Dementia During the Holiday Season, which is free and open to the community. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association, this workshop will explore ways to navigate holiday gatherings, prepare family and friends, adapt traditions, and meaningfully include loved ones living with dementia in seasonal celebrations. To register, email respitcareatlanta@spdl.org.

THE 38TH ANNUAL HOMELESS REQUIEM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2



The Cathedral will host our 38th Annual Homeless Requiem on Monday, November 2. This service remembers our unhoused neighbors who have died in Atlanta in the past year. The Cathedral community, service providers, and guests gather for an evening of prayer, support, and fellowship. You can help in the following ways:

Sign Up to Volunteer

Volunteers are still needed to help make this year's Requiem a caring and hospitable event for our guests. For more information and to sign up, please visit cathedralATL.org/hrvolunteer. Volunteers are especially needed in the following areas:

- Atrium set up—assist our care providers as they set up and maintain their stations in the atrium—4-6:30 p.m.
- Welcome Committee—help our guests find their way around the Cathedral, assist them in navigating Atrium services, and be a caring, hospitable presence—4:30-6:30 p.m.

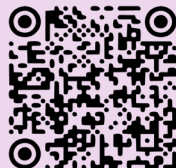
Homeless Requiem Clothing Drive

Sundays through October 25

Please bring new or gently used winter clothing for men, women, and children to the Cathedral Sunday mornings through October 25. There will be tables and bins set up in the Atrium for your donations. Men's coats, sweaters, jeans, sweatpants, and shoes are especially needed. No summer clothing, please.

Amazon Wish List

Purchase something from our Amazon wish list, to donate to our guests to make them a little more comfortable this winter: cathedralATL.org/WishlistHomelessRequiem



Make a Donation

Contribute funds in support of the Homeless Requiem:
www.cathedralATL.org/DonateHomelessRequiem



THIS SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Mikell Chapel

8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Cathedral

10:10 a.m. The Dean's Forum

Good Faith Chapel

10:10 a.m. All God's Children

St. Mary's Chapel

10:10 a.m. Living Faith

Room 239

**10:10 a.m. Informed First Communion
Class with Deacon Juan Sandoval**

Room 120

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. Godly Play

3rd Floor above the Atrium

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Cathedral

11:15 a.m. La Santa Eucaristía

Mikell Chapel

**12:45 p.m. Worship Support
Opportunities Training**

Cathedral

1:15 p.m. Enjoy Biblical Greek!

Room 239 and online

3:15 p.m. Sunday Afternoon Recital:

Abbie Wood

Cathedral

4 p.m. Choral Evensong

Cathedral

5:22 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist

Good Faith Chapel

6 p.m. EYC for Middle and High School

Room 382



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8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

