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## *The Christ is Born! Thank you!*

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by Dean Sam Candler**

Thank you, thank you, thank you, for preparing the way for the Christ to be born!

Yes, Jesus the Christ was born over two thousand years ago. But the way we celebrated that event here at the Cathedral prepared the way for the Christ to be born here in Atlanta, in the world, in our hearts. Christ was born, again and again, in the last two weeks here: in our celebrations, in our service to the world, in our pageants, in our conversations and songs and prayers.

And, surely, in our giving. The Cathedral Parish of St. Philip serves and celebrates because people give here. We—you!—give a lot. That means time and effort and care and money—and then even more time. Every gift counts. Together, our gifts become a glorious proclamation that Jesus Christ is born and alive in the world today. Thank you!

As we return to routines, in a new year, the Cathedral also resumes our work. Our new Cathedral Chapter goes on our annual retreat during the first weekend of January (4-6). But we will be back for the annual Epiphany party on the evening of January 6! We present the Atlanta Baroque Orchestra on January 11. Our youth go on a confirmation retreat at Camp Mikell on January 11. We are also preparing, quietly, for some other, special, January events. Finally, as the month ends, we will be starting our annual Cathedral Antiques Show (23-26).

As the routines of 2019 begin, the Cathedral Parish of St. Philip continues to serve the gospel of Jesus Christ with grace, excellence, and hospitality. Thank you, thank you, thank you, for that service, and for your gifts. Christ is born in your giving!



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