
The Word Became Flesh And Dwelt Among Us!!!!

**An article from the *Cathedral Times*
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Yes, the Word became flesh in Jesus Christ at Christmas; and the Word became flesh and dwelt all among us here at the Cathedral of St. Philip. All among us!

My personal thanks to ALL of you, so many of you, who helped the Word become flesh here at the Cathedral of St. Philip during Advent and Christmas. You arranged beautiful flowers. You directed beautiful children. You carried candles and sang songs. You hugged one another and smiled at strangers. Thank you!

You made last-minute financial gifts to the Cathedral. Thank you! You got your 2006 financial pledges in! Some of you have now completed very generous pledges to the Cathedral Capital Campaign. Thank you! You even made EXTRA gifts to the Capital Campaign. Thank you! Those kinds of gifts certainly make the Word become flesh.

You carried the gospel out into the world. You served meals to the poor. You served the city. You attended to family gatherings. You comforted crying children. You comforted other upset family members, and you even calmed irritations. You served dinners to various fellowship groups. You gave gifts. Those gifts were signs of your incarnate love. In all these matters, you were-and are-making the Word become flesh.

On behalf of the parish of the Cathedral of St. Philip, I continue to wish all of you a blessed Christmas, a beautiful Epiphany, and a spectacular New Year. May the Word-the Word of grace, love, and new life-become flesh for all of us this year.

Blessings, Always,

Sam Candler signature



**And Another way that the Word becomes flesh:
Welcome to the Rev. Beth Knowlton!**

I announced on the Fourth Sunday of Advent that the Rev. Beth Knowlton has accepted my call to be our new Canon for Prayer and Mission. Currently the Associate Rector of St. Peter and St. Paul, in Marietta, Beth will be joining us in February.

Many of you already know Beth; and, as part of our interview process, she met with several clergy and lay groups. We are all convinced that Beth's spirit and experience make her the ideal candidate to inspire and sustain the considerable prayer and study groups of the Cathedral, and to encourage and develop our sense of outward mission. Her arrival is another sign of the growing energy and enthusiasm of our community.

Stay tuned. I will tell you more about Beth and her ministry with us as the time for her arrival approaches.

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