

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful! We welcome you this evening as we celebrate our Savior's birth. Come, let us adore Him in word, song, and sacrament together as one family. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, St. John's welcomes you! My hope is that you will encounter God powerfully during our worship tonight.

As a parish, we have a clear mission: to love and serve Christ and our neighbors in Tallahassee and the world. St. John's is united by five core values:

### **WORSHIP**

Worship is at the center of all that we do. We value powerful liturgy rooted in Episcopal tradition, preaching that brings God's Word alive with clarity and conviction, and an exceptional music program.

## **COMPASSION**

We are committed to compassionately serving our local and global neighbors, especially through our pastoral care and outreach ministries. Whether it's caring for those in need in Tallahassee or embarking on international mission trips, we are passionate about selfless service in Christ's name.

### **OPENNESS**

We are firm at the core and open at the edges, which means that we adhere closely to the core teachings of Holy Scripture and Episcopal tradition, while meeting all persons wherever they are on their spiritual journey. We are an inclusive church that seeks to embrace all of God's people.

#### **COMMUNITY**

Daily worship, a bustling café, and meeting spaces open to the public—we are a downtown church that joyfully extends hospitality to our members and the community.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Since 1829, we have valued faithful stewardship of the time, talent and treasure with which God has blessed us. We seek to be good stewards not just for our own benefit, but also for the wellbeing of generations to come, that future members of St. John's will share in our faith and love God and their neighbors.

If you desire to grow in your faith, please see the information below, detailing the many ways St. John's Episcopal Church can fulfill your spiritual needs.

I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Christmas!

The Rev. Abigail W. Moon Interim Rector

### **EPIPHANY PAGEANT & CHILI COOK-OFF**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7 | 5:30 PM

Sample chili recipes while raising funds for summer youth mission trips. And celebrate the season of Epiphany by watching our children share the Christmas story one last time.

### **SUNG COMPLINE RESUMES**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 | 7:30 PM

Spend Sunday evenings by candlelight with this opportunity for spiritual reflection and renewal.

#### **WEEKLY YOGA BEGINS**

MONDAY, JANUARY 10 | 5:30 PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 13 | 6 PM

Sponsored by The Front Porch: A Spiritual Life Center, and led by licensed yoga instructors.

#### **NEW MEMBERS' CLASS**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 | 3:30 PM

Join clergy, staff, and lay leaders to learn about St. John's and the Episcopal tradition. See how you can fit in and what church membership can look like. Classes held quarterly.

# LENTEN QUIET DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 | 9 AM

Quiet prayer and reflection, led by the Rev. Kathy Walker, in preparation for the season of Lent.

#### YOUTH B.E.A.T. WEEK

WEEK OF JUNE 6-10

Teens take part in community service projects while <u>Being Extraordinary Around Tallahassee</u>.

# **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

JUNE 25 THROUGH JULY 1

A week of stories, music, art, and fellowship to help children in Pre-K through 5th grade learn about God's love. Save the date for this half-day camp!

