



St. John's Chimes

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | December 10, 2023

TONIGHT

Advent Lessons & Carols

Join us tonight for the annual Service of Lesson & Carols, a beautiful evening of music and scripture that heightens the expectancy of the Advent season! It all kicks off with a pre-service recital by the Tallahassee Bach Parley.

6:30 PM PRELUDE RECITAL
7 PM SERVICE BEGINS

After the service, join us at a festive dessert reception. The Stewardship Committee will share champagne punch to toast a promising year ahead at St. John's! Childcare will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE

THURS
12/14

SPUDS* Holiday Fellowship Gathering
6:30 PM | HOSTED BY THE PASCOES
*SPUDS = SJ Parishioners United for Dining & Spirit
Come for holiday cheer and appetizers. B.Y.O.B.*

SUN
1/14

Ecuador Mission Registration Deadline
JULY 11-19 | OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOLERS
saint-john.org/event/quito2024/

SAT
1/20

Next New Members' Retreat
8:30 AM TO 1 PM | REGISTER NOW
*About St. John's, the Episcopal faith, and how you
can get involved: saint-john.org/nmretreatjan2024/*

TUES
1/23

Saint John's Bible Docent Training
5:30 PM | NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
RSVP to Laurye Messer (lauryemesser@gmail.com)

ADVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Service of Comfort & Healing

This Advent, we acknowledge that, for some, there may also be sadness during these joyful times. Our annual Service of Comfort and Healing (12/20 at 12:10 PM) is for all, but especially for those who are experiencing grief and loss this holiday season. After the service, all are invited to lunch with our clergy. RSVP with Deborah by 12/15 (850.222.2636 x10).

Christmas Eve Service Times

This year, Christmas Eve falls on the Fourth Sunday of Advent! There will be one 10 AM Eucharist before our Christmas Eve services begin at 1 PM. We will have a children's homily at the first service, the three evening services feature brass and choirs, and our 11 PM "Midnight Mass" will also include incense. saint-john.org/christmas2023

An Advent Evening Awash in Sound

On Thursday, 12/21 at 6 PM, come enjoy a relaxing sound bath, led by Trine, a trio of local sound healing practitioners. This special event will take place on the winter solstice, the longest night of the year. Join us as we wait for the coming light in a state of deep rest and relaxation. Dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat, pillow, and blanket. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served after the sound bath concludes. Fee: \$15; scholarships available. saint-john.org/event/soundbath/



As we continue through this holy season of Advent, we invite you come and soak up the peace of God found at St. John's. Find info about Advent and Christmas Eve offerings on our website.



Highlights

NEXT WEEK

Christmas Caroling

Join us next Sunday, December 17, for an afternoon of caroling as a parish family! After the 10 AM service, all are invited to gather in Alfriend Hall, where we will deck ourselves in festive apparel and enjoy some light refreshments. After an abbreviated Adult Sunday School class, we will depart by bus. All ages and singing abilities are welcome!

ST. JOHN'S CONNECTS

Help with Grace Mission's Angel Tree

Grace Mission's annual Angel Tree donation drive is underway. This holiday season, please consider meeting a need for those served by Grace Mission. Between now and Christmas, choose a gift tag from the tree in Alfriend Hall, purchase the item, and drop it in the donation box or by Grace Mission. Monetary donations will also be accepted; see gift tags for instructions.

COMING SOON

Feast of Epiphany Service and Pageant

Epiphany, celebrated 12 days after Christmas, is when Christians remember the Wise Men who visited Jesus and broke the news to the world that the King of Kings had come for everyone! At 4 PM on Saturday, January 6, come celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with a special Service of Holy Eucharist. Fr. Lonnie will give a brief homily and "bless the chalk," to start a new Epiphany tradition at St. John's. Worshippers will also get to hear the Christmas story told once more during the service's Epiphany Pageant. St. John's children will lend their voices to share how the world discovered the living God. Afterward, all are invited to a spaghetti dinner.

NOTE: All children who wish to participate in the pageant portion of our service should come to church on Saturday, 1/6, at 9:30 AM for costume selection, a brief rehearsal, and donuts!



Our holiday catering menu is now online along with our weekly offerings. The deadline to place catering orders is noon on 12/15.

saint-john.org/livelycafe/



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
6:30 PM Advent Lessons and Carols & Dessert Reception <i>see details above</i>	7 PM Centering Prayer	11 AM The Knitters 1:30 PM Meditation		7 AM Men's Bible Study 12 PM Good Book 6:30 PM SPUDS Holiday Gathering <i>details on front</i>	12 PM Friday Book Study 12:10 PM Bach's Lunch Mini Concert 6 PM Integrity Holiday Party	9:30-11 AM Elder Elf Gift Delivery

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This grid highlights a few of the ways to get involved at St. John's. For event details and weekly worship times, scan the QR code or visit saint-john.org/events

