



St. John's Chimes

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | December 17, 2023

TODAY

Christmas Caroling

Today, after the 10 AM service, you're invited to join us for an afternoon of caroling as a parish family! After worship, come to Alfriend Hall where we'll deck ourselves in festive apparel, rehearse some carols, and enjoy light refreshments. There is no Sunday School for grades PreK-12th today. After an abbreviated Adult Sunday School class, our group will depart by bus. All ages and singing abilities are welcome as we visit parishioners and friends at Westminster Oaks and Westminster Gardens. The bus should return to St. John's at approximately 2:30 PM.

SAVE THE DATE

SAT
1/20

New Members' Retreat

8:30 AM TO 1 PM | REGISTER NOW

saint-john.org/nmretreatjan2024/

SAT
1/20

Painting Workshop (The Front Porch)

1 TO 4 PM | ALFRIEND HALL | REGISTER NOW

Workshop series inspired by *The Saint John's Bible!*
saint-john.org/painting-sjb/

SUN
1/21

Growing in Grace Open House

12:30 PM | KILLEEN HALL

see back panel for details

TUES
1/23

Saint John's Bible Docent Training

5:30 PM | NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

RSVP to Laurye Messer (lauryemesser@gmail.com)

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN'S

Service of Comfort & Healing

This Advent, we acknowledge that, for some, there may also be sadness during these joyful times. Our Service of Comfort and Healing (Wednesday, 12/20 at 12:10 PM) is for all, but especially those who are experiencing grief and loss this holiday season. After worship, join the clergy for lunch. RSVP by Monday, 12/18 (850.222.2636 x10).

An Advent Evening Awash in Sound

On Thursday, 12/21 at 6 PM, enjoy a relaxing sound bath, led by Trine, a trio of local sound healing practitioners. This event takes 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 & relaxation. Dress for comfort and bring a yoga mat, pillow/blanket. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served. Fee: \$15

saint-john.org/event/soundbath/

Christmas Eve Worship

Christmas Eve falls on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this year, so there will be one 10 AM Eucharist before our Christmas Eve services begin at 1 PM. Childcare will be available for both the 1 and 4 PM services, and there will be a children's homily and kid-friendly candles at the first service. The three later services feature brass and choirs, and our 11 PM "Midnight Mass" will also feature sung prayers and incense.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,
you are welcome at St. John's!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
1 PM | 4 PM | 8 PM | 11 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY | 10 AM

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STAFF UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that Dr. Frank Kuhny will officially join St. John's as our Organist in January.

Frank is no stranger to our parish, having served as one of our interim organists for the past year along with Michael Corzine, Joe Kraus, and Kim King. Special thanks to all four of these talented musicians!

Frank has been playing organ and piano in liturgical settings for over ten years. He is passionate about hymnody, liturgy, and working with youth. He taught at St. John's Summer Choir Camp this summer and has a piano studio in town where he instructs children as young as four years old. Frank received his doctoral degree from FSU where he studied piano performance. He also holds Master's and Bachelor's Degrees in Piano Performance from the University of Illinois and University of Notre Dame, respectively, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. After graduating from FSU, Frank served as adjunct faculty at Lawson State Community College, in Birmingham, and he currently teaches at Florida A&M University. He is an active member of the Tallahassee Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and the Music Teacher's National Association. We're excited to welcome Frank to the team!

In other staff news, please join us in saying thank you to Darla Gale Marsters. Darla has been a delightful addition to our staff over the past 16 months, serving as a Café Kitchen Assistant. This is not goodbye! Darla will be returning to life as a full-time parishioner in the new year. Please say thank you to Darla as you see her in the pews with her growing family.

COMING SOON

***NEW* Epiphany Service & Pageant – Jan. 6**

At 4 PM on Saturday, 1/6, come celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany at St. John's 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 hear the Christmas story once more during the service's Epiphany Pageant. St. John's children will share how the Wise Men visited Jesus and broke the news to the world that the King of Kings had come for everyone! Afterward, all are invited to a spaghetti dinner in Alfriend Hall. Suggested donation: \$5 kids; \$8 adults or \$25/family max. Note: all children who wish to participate in the pageant portion of the service should join us at 9:30 AM on 1/6 for costume selection, rehearsal ... and donuts!

"Growing in Grace" Open House – Jan. 21

Mark your calendar for an open house about Growing in Grace, St. John's annual spiritual renewal course for adults. This class will mean something different to everyone. Some are looking to become part of the Episcopal Church through confirmation or reception, while others want to publicly reaffirm their faith. Learn more at our open house on Sunday, 1/21, at 12:30 PM. In the meantime, info about Fr. Lonnie's six-week "Episcopal 101" curriculum is online. saint-john.org/growing2024/

Saint John's Bible Docent Training – Jan. 23

We are honored to be hosting the Saint John's Bible at our parish through fall 2024. We look forward to continue sharing it's beauty with our community, but this task takes many hands! Consider attending our next docent orientation so there are enough trained volunteers to bring this beautiful, illuminated Bible to groups both within and outside the church. RSVP to lauryemesser@gmail.com for our next training date on Tuesday, 1/23 at 5:30 PM.

CAMPUS NEWS

Our Lively Café team will be available on Tuesday, 12/19 for pre-ordered holiday catering pick up, but the Café has wrapped up lunch service for the year! We reopen on Wednesday, January 3. The church and offices will remain open through Christmas Eve, but will be closed from 12/25 to 12/29. Note: on Sunday, 12/31, there will be ONE 10 AM worship service, the Festival of Christmas Lessons & Carols.