

CHURCH SCHOOL

Adult Classes:

Sunday Forum

“Origins of Life In The Universe: A Physical Perspective” Part I
Led by Dr. Keivan Stassun (Parish Hall)

Dr. Stassun is a professor of astronomy in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Vanderbilt University, where he directs the Vanderbilt Initiative in Data Intensive Astrophysics (VIDA). He also holds the position of adjunct professor of physics in the Department of Physics at Fisk University.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening, by Cynthia Bourgeault
Led by Heather Rippetoe (Chapel)

Topics for Christian Reflection

“Incarnation: The Birth of Jesus According to John”
Led by the Reverend Canon Joshua Caler (Cathedral Annex Building)

Faith & Family Matters

A Discussion On Passages From “A Christmas Carol.”
Led by Anna and Tom Noser (810 Broadway Building)

Children’s Classes

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Age 3 (as of 08/15/14) through 1st grade—Cheek Hall
2nd through 5th grade—Cathedral Annex Building

Youth Classes:

6th-12th grades (810 Broadway Building)

SERMON NOTES:

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 21

4 Advent

7:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite I
7:30-8:30 a.m. – Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite II
9:45-10:45 a.m. – Christian Education
9:45-10:45 a.m. – Centering Prayer
11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:10 p.m. – Coffee Minute

MONDAY, December 22

7:15 a.m. – Morning Prayer
12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

TUESDAY, December 23

7:15 a.m. – Morning Prayer
12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m. – Companions in Christ

WEDNESDAY, December 24

Christmas Eve
7:15 a.m. – Morning Prayer
12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

4:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:00 p.m. – Solemn Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Music begins at 10:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, December 25

Christmas Day
Cathedral offices closed.
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
5:30 p.m. – Room In The Inn

FRIDAY, December 26

Cathedral closed.

SATURDAY, December 27

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Cathedral Tours

SUNDAY, December 28

Christmas I
7:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I
No Breakfast
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
7:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER

The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough, *Dean and Rector*

ASSISTING

Molly Short, *Seminarian*

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may be found at christcathedral.org

CATHEDRAL VESTRY

2015

Lawrence Blank-Cook
Susan Hudson
Kristine LaLonde
Paul Myers
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2016

Chris Hansen
Scott Hoffman (Senior Warden)
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Pete Stringer (Junior Warden)

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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL ORDER OF WORSHIP



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2014
7:00 a.m.

900 Broadway
Nashville, Tennessee 37203
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Cathedral Parish of the
Diocese of Tennessee (Episcopal)

HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I

A Penitential Order

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*BCP, p. 319*)

THE DECALOGUE (*BCP, p. 317*)

CONFESSION OF SIN (*BCP, p. 320*)

TRISAGION (*BCP, p. 324*)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26

- 1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 ‘I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: *
“I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.’

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith– to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

SERMON – The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough

A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED (*BCP, p. 358*)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*BCP, p. 328*)

THE PEACE

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*BCP, p. 333*)

The Lord’s Prayer (*BCP, p. 336*)

The Breaking of the Bread (*BCP, p. 337*)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (*BCP, p. 339*)

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

ALTAR GUILD – Greer Broemel, Wilburn Johnson, Jane Boram, Sandra Merritt

FLOWER GUILD – Debby Koch

SACRISTAN – Bill Koch

USHER – Picksley Cheek

PRAYERS

Today we pray for *Will Chappell, Roberta LaBour, Darlene Kimbrough, Peggy, Clayton Reeve, Peter, Jim Endicott, Mary Kane, Melanie Bowman, Renee McLaughlin, Clay Bailey, Art Stinson, Jo Turnage, Laura Trimble, and David White. We give thanks* for the birth of *Lena Culver, daughter of Ashley and Casey Culver, and granddaughter of Chris and David Hansen.*

Wayfarers Ministries (*one of the agencies the Cathedral supports*) Wayfarer volunteers provide assistance to transients and homeless people who come to the Cathedral on Sundays seeking help.

WELCOME!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. Page numbers refer to the *Book of Common Prayer*, which is the red book located in the rack on the back of the pew in front of you. *The Hymnal* is the blue book. A church member will be happy to answer questions about worship at Christ Church Cathedral and your opportunities for fellowship, education, and servant ministry. Please complete a Visitor’s Card and leave it with an usher or place it in the alms basin. You may also visit our website, christcathedral.org, to learn more about our parish. Thank you for visiting us today!

FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

Hearing assistance devices are available at the reception desk for use during worship. It is recommended that you bring your own earphones or ear buds for personal comfort.