#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

 $\begin{array}{c} 1 \; A \text{dvent} \\ First \; Sunday \; of \; A \text{dvent} \\ Y \text{ear} \; A \end{array}$ 

#### TODAY

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Great Litany, Rite I
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Great Litany, Rite II
11:00 a.m. Solemn Holy Eucharist with The Great Litany, Rite II
6:00 p.m. BreakingBread@6

#### WEEKDAYS

7:15 a.m. Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Nave open for prayer 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

#### EVERY SUNDAY

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast (Cheek Hall) Suggested donation: \$3

12:20 p.m. Coffee Minute (Parish Hall)

### CHILDCARE

(Ages six weeks – five years old) 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Nurseries are located in the Undercroft of the Cathedral. Please ask the receptionist, an usher, or a member of the clergy for directions.

Christian Formation classes will not meet this morning. All are encouraged to attend both the Advent Gathering in Cheek Hall and the Alternative Gift Market for Christmas in Parish Hall.

## BREAKINGBREAD@6 FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 6 P.M. | NAVE

Come, hear the story of St. Nicholas, a fourthcentury bishop of Myra, in what is now Turkey. After his death on December 6, 342, stories spread of his love for children and charity toward the hungry, sick, and oppressed. This special event is an additional opportunity for our children and families to celebrate the traditions of our saints in Advent.



## **VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS**



Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral! We are delighted that you have joined us this morning. Children of any age are welcome to attend the Liturgy, but if you prefer, a nursery for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age is also available in the Undercroft. An usher will be happy to direct you. You may pick up copies of *Sunday Paper* at any of the Nave entrances for the young children in your family who are accompanying you. If you are attending the

7 a.m. Liturgy, we invite you to join us afterward for breakfast in Cheek Hall downstairs. If you are attending the 8:30 a.m. Liturgy, come to our Christian Education classes afterward, and if you are attending the 11 a.m. Liturgy, please stop off afterward at the Coffee Minute in the Parish Hall. In addition, after the 8:30 and 11 a.m. Liturgies, we invite you to come meet one of the clergy at the lectern with the angel, so we can get to know you in person. We look forward to meeting you! If you would like more information about Christ Church Cathedral, contact the Very Reverend Timothy Kimbrough at tkimbrough@christcathedral.org

# 2019 ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET FOR CHRISTMAS IN HONOR OF LAUREN MCCATHREN

TODAY | 9:45 A.M.-12:45 P.M. | PARISH HALL

REDEFINE GIFT GIVING THIS YEAR. GIVE A GIFT OF LOVE THIS CHRISTMAS AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE.



The Alternative Gift Market for Christmas gives all of us an opportunity to share from our bounty by making a donation to a local or global charity in honor of friends and family. You will receive a gift card for each donation that you can give your friends and family to show you have honored them with a donation. There will be five local charities and four global charities participating in this year's market. Shop the market on December 1.

For online ordering go to https://www.christcathedral.org/alternative-gift-market-online through December 14. Contact Josephine Chromy at josephinechromy@gmail.com for more information. Credit or debit cards accepted.

# **TOURS**

Tours of the Cathedral are conducted after the closing voluntary at the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Liturgies. Please join a guide near the lectern.

# AN ADVENT GATHERING

TODAY | 9:45 A.M. | CHEEK HALL

Adults, youth, and children are invited to the Advent Gathering in Cheek Hall today. Besides making an Advent wreath, you can participate in outreach by making packets of soup mix to give to families in need through St. Luke's Community House. The ornaments that we make will go on the Jesse trees that



will be taken to homebound parishioners. Walking the labyrinth has become a favorite activity, as participants follow the ancient prayer rituals in the center of Cheek Hall. There will be cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate, so join us for this annual gathering!

# CHURCH IN THE YARD (CITY)

TODAY | 2:00 P.M. | CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Every first Sunday of the month at 2 p.m., Christ Church Cathedral serves a meal to the hungry at the Church of the Holy Trinity (615 6th Ave. S.). You are invited to come and assist in this servant ministry. Please contact Gina Williams at ginakwilliams@gmail.com for more information.



# SCRIPTURE, SAINTS, AND SONG

Wednesday, December 4 | 4:15 p.m. | Nave

Open to children age 3 through 3rd grade. Parents and grandparents are invited to stay with their child. We will begin promptly at 4:15 p.m. and end promptly at 4:45 p.m.



# MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 6 P.M. | PUBLIC SQUARE PARK

The Cathedral Choir and Senior Choristers have been invited by Mayor John Cooper's office to open the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration on Friday evening, December 6, at 6 p.m., at Public Square Park. We will be singing several carols, and welcome you to come out and join in the fun and good cheer, support the Cathedral Choir, and enjoy the program, which will also feature other local choirs.

# ANNUAL JESSE TREE EVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 2 P.M. | PARISH HALL

"A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Isaiah 11:1

Many in our parish family are unable to come to church due to illness or infirmity. A wonderful way to share the love of Christ during the season of Advent is to make a visit to one of these parishioners and present them with a Jesse Tree\*. Please consider gathering your family or a group of friends and join us on December 8 at 2 p.m. for a brief time of



fellowship and carol singing before being sent out to make your visit. If you have a family member who would like to receive a visit on December 8, or if you would like to participate, please contact the Reverend Lissa Smith at lsmith@christcathedral.org

\*The Jesse Tree is a small evergreen that represents Jesus' family tree that rises from Jesse of Bethlehem, the father of King David. It is decorated with symbols portraying Jesus' ancestors.

#### **CALENDAR**

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

10:00 a.m. - Spiritual Direction Meeting

5:00 p.m. – Junior Choristers 6:30 p.m. – EfM

#### Tuesday, December 3

1:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:30 a.m. - EfM

11:15 a.m. – Bible Buddies

11:30 a.m. - AA Meeting

4:15 p.m. - Scripture, Saints, and Song

5:30 p.m. - Centering Prayer

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:30 a.m. - Inspired: Bible Study

12:15 p.m. – Centering Prayer 5:00 p.m. – Room In The Inn

6:15 p.m. – Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

12:30 p.m. – Tours with Vince 6 p.m. – Choir and Senior Choristers at Mayor's Tree Lighting (off-site)

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

10:00 a.m. - Charles Hall

Ordination (off-site)

10:30 a.m. - Cathedral Tours

10:30 a.m. - Senior Choristers

6:00 p.m. - EYC Christmas Party

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

2 Advemt

7:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:45 a.m. - Christian Formation

9:45 a.m. - Centering Prayer

9:45 a.m. - The Order of the

Daughters of the King

11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

12:20 p.m. - Coffee Minute

12:30 p.m. - JIF Service Card

Luncheon

2:00 p.m. – Jesse Tree Event 4:00 p.m. – Night of Light Liturgy

6:00 p.m. – BreakingBread@6

Feast of St. Nicholas

### **NIGHT OF LIGHT LITURGY**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 4:00 P.M. | NAVE

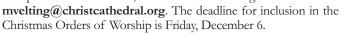
This time of year, with all of its activity, is difficult to maneuver even in the best of times, but for those who are heavy of heart due to personal losses it is ever more painful. On Sunday, December 8, we will gather at 4 p.m. in the Nave for the Night of Light Liturgy to acknowledge the suffering of God's people and the coming of the One True Light into the world to



guide us through the darkness. This time of worship will include scripture readings, prayers, silence, the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, music, and the lighting of candles. Please plan to attend this Liturgy as we offer our hearts to God and as we wait, hope, and heal. For more information, please contact the Reverend Lissa Smith at lsmith@christcathedral.org

#### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSIC**

If you would like to give a gift for flowers or music to celebrate Christmas in memory of or in thanksgiving for family or friends, please send a check to the Cathedral in an envelope marked Christmas Flowers, c/o Madeline Welch, or Christmas Music, c/o Michael Velting. For questions about flowers, contact Madeline Welch at mwelch@christcathedral.org. For questions about music, contact Michael Velting at

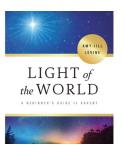


# THEDRAL

# ADVENT BOOK STUDY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 9:45 A.M. | CHAPEL

Join the Reverand Matthew Lewis for a three-week study of Amy Jill Levine's new book, Light of the World on December 8, 15, and 22. The class will meet in the Chapel and walk through the birth narrative of the Gospels while also building upon the corresponding Diocesan podcast series. The series includes discussions of the book with other priests, and one podcast with A.J. Levine as the guest! Books are available to purchase at the front desk for \$10.



#### ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 4 P.M. | NAVE

A GATHERING OF FAMILIES WITH

to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Sung by the CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND SENIOR CHORISTERS

Directed by Canon Dr. Michael Velting, Organist and Choirmaster Elizabeth Smith, Organ

Childcare provided. A reception will follow.

YOUNG CHILDREN



# $20^{\mathrm{TH}}$ ANNUAL NASHVILLE UNLIMITED CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Proudly presented by Earwave Productions and Christ Church Cathedral

MONDAY AND TUESDAY DECEMBER 9 & 10 | 7 RM. | NAVE (Two-Night Event) Suggested donation \$20

This popular annual event marks its 20th anniversary this year and to celebrate there will be two nights of spirited music benefitting Room In The Inn! Come hear top Nashville musicians and surprise guest artists as they lend their talents to help our city's homeless.



Seating is first come, first served.

# The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Tuesda

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, December 17, at 7 a.m. Suggested donation is \$5. Please RSVP by calling the Cathedral at **615.255.7729.** The deadline is Sunday, December 15.

CATHEDRAL MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 | 7:00 A.M. | CHEEK HALL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 8:30-10:30 A.M. | CHEEK HALL

On Saturday, December 14, families with young children, ages 2-6,

will gather in Cheek Hall to make items that can be used at home

# ADVENT RETREAT IN KENTUCKY

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13-15

A group from Christ Church Cathedral is planning an Advent retreat with the Sisters of Loretto in Kentucky the weekend of December 13-15. The group will travel to Kentucky on Friday, December 13, and will meet with Sister Elaine Prevallet the following morning. On Saturday evening, they will attend Compline at the Abbey of Gethsemani, outside Bardstown. For more information, please contact Joe Ingle at joeingle@comcast.net

#### **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 | 4 P.M. | NAVE

Children of all ages are invited to be part of the Christ Church Cathedral Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 22, at 4 p.m., followed by cookies and punch. There is a role and a space for every child. Older children will help younger children and we will all sing and be filled with joy at this wonderful gift of the Christ child among us.



# YOUTH HAPPENINGS

**DISCOVERY WEEKEND 2020**—Early bird registration is open. Save \$30 by registering by Sunday, December 15. Discovery Weekend is a spiritual formation weekend that will be held at the Cathedral January 10-12. Open to youth in grades 6-12.

**DECEMBER 7-EYC CHRISTMAS PARTY, 6-9 P.M.**—All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for our last EYC shindig of the year! We will have brinner (breakfast for dinner), including chicken and waffles and a cereal bar, plus ELF on the big screen, a gingerbread house building competition, a photo booth, and more!



For more information on Youth events or to register for an event, visit www.christcathedral.org/youth or contact Alison Bocking, Director of Youth Ministries, at 615.255.7729 or abocking@christcathedral.org to be added to our mailing list.

# 2020 VESTRY NOMINATION COMMITTEE FORMS Names Requested

The election of the Christ Church Cathedral Vestry class of 2023 will begin at the end of January 2020. The Vestry Nominating Committee is presently seeking suggestions of Cathedral parishioners who might serve well on the Vestry. Suggested individuals must be at least 16 years old and confirmed members of Christ Church Cathedral. Members of the retiring class of the Vestry, including Catherine Clark, Charlie Cook III, Mary Herbert Kelly, Gibson Prichard, and Anna Rodriguez Masi, are ineligible, as are members of the previous class, including Tameron Hedge, Roger Moore, David Morton, Caroline Rossini, and Katy Sheesley.

Please give prayerful thought to suggesting fellow parishioners who might serve the Cathedral well as Vestry members and forward the names to Anna Rodriguez Masi at **arodrimasi@gmail.com**. The deadline for suggesting individuals is Sunday, December 8. The Vestry Nominating Committee will then finalize a slate of 10 nominees, according to the approved Vestry Election Procedures, "two nominees for each vacancy on the Vestry, bearing in mind the age and gender distribution of the parish."

In early January 2020, the slate of nominees, including photographs and biographical information, will be presented to the parish. On Sunday, January 19, the nominees will be introduced at 9:45 a.m. in the Nave, at which time nominations from the floor will also be accepted. The opening of the polls in the Parish Hall will follow.

The business portion of the Annual Parish Meeting will take place the following Sunday, January 26, at 10:45 a.m. in the Nave, followed by open election polls in the Parish Hall.

Members of the Vestry Nominating Committee, formed according to the Cathedral's Vestry election procedures, include Tyler Yarbro, appointed by the Senior Warden; Hosanna Banks and Anna Rodriguez Masi, appointed by the Dean; and Catherine Clark and Charlie Cook III, selected by lot from the retiring Vestry class.

# GIVE TO MS. CHEAP'S PENNY DRIVE!

THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2020

Did you know that hunger is a reality for nearly 400,000 Middle Tennesseans? In Middle Tennessee, 1 in 8 people, including 1 in 6 children, don't know when or where they will find their next meal.

Since 2009, Ms. Cheap's Penny Drive has raised more than \$580,000, providing almost THREE MILLION meals to hungry Middle Tennesseans.

As the demand for food assistance continues to increase, Second Harvest must distribute more food than ever and needs your help. You can make a big difference with the change in your pocket. Every \$1 donated to Second Harvest provides 4 meals to our neighbors in need. Please give and give often!

### **WEATHER ADVISORIES**

When inclement weather strikes, please check the Cathedral website at **christcathedral.org** or the Cathedral Facebook page at **facebook.com/christcathedralnashville** for current notices about schedules at the Cathedral.

# 2020 ANNUAL GIVING DRIVE

For it is in giving that we receive...

Prayer attributed to St. Francis

We acknowledge with gratitude those who have recorded a pledge during the week of November 19-25, 2019:

Hosanna Banks Alex Joyce

Jane Boram Hannah and John Lavey
Amy and George Cate Diane and John Meakin
Lisa and Timothy DiScenza Barbara and Mason Rowe
Anna Russell and Christopher Melissa and Thomas Riss
Friedman Kay and Keith Simmons

Michelle and Michael Hasty
Sally Gentry and Jack Hill
Linda Holt
Robert Sullivan
Bette White
Terri White

Sandra and Art Hooper Varina and Walker Willse

#### PLEDGE UPDATE

As of Monday, November 25, a total of 323 households had pledged \$1,402,393. Of these, 131 increased their pledge and 34 were new pledgers. Mail your pledge card today or pledge online at christcathedral.org/giving

# **DISCOVERY WEEKEND**

JANUARY 10-12, 2020

Christ Church Cathedral will host its fifth annual Discovery Weekend in January. Discovery is a powerful weekend of renewal and spiritual formation for middle school and high school students. The model of Discovery Weekend is similar to Happening or Cursillo, but instead of being a Diocesan event, it's for the youth and friends of our parish. The high school students are trained to be the leaders alongside adult leaders. Discovery isn't just a weekend for youth; it's a weekend for the entire parish to live out its Baptismal Covenant by surrounding our youth with a community of love and forgiveness. The whole parish is invited to participate in the weekend through serving on the team, praying, and providing snacks and gifts. Stay tuned and find out how you can be a part of this powerful youth experience. Early bird registration for youth in grades 6-12 is open now. For more information, contact Alison Bocking, Director of Youth Ministries, at abocking@christcathedral.org

Names and contact information for the Cathedral clergy and staff may be found at: https://www.christcathedral.org/clergy-staff

#### **WEAPON-FREE POLICY**

The Cathedral clergy and Vestry have declared the Cathedral to be a weapon-free place of worship, prayer, study, and fellowship, as a sign of Eucharistic peace. Please leave any weapons you are licensed to carry at home or in your car before entering the Cathedral grounds.