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Advent and Christmas at All Saints'

2024



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Welcome

Dear Saints,

Light in the darkness. That is the message of Advent at its simplest. Yet, the difference between the lights we might decorate the outside of our homes with or that will festoon our city streets is that the light we wait for this Advent season is not one of our own making. The light we know in the Christ child is not one we get to place, or to choreograph, or even to know the full nature of. In the beginning was a Word, a Word made flesh in Jesus, a straightforward idea yet one also utterly mysterious to us. Therein lies the gift. We might want light in dark places to look and sound and feel a certain way, but that is not how it works. God's light is a gift that is free—freely given and free to appear as and when it wills. I invite you to come to this place that bears witness to such a light. Come and sing carols, help us tell the story, come as you are—beloved of the Light of the World. Wait to hear us telling that story once more here.



Peace,

Simon

The Rev. Dr. Simon Mainwaring

Winter 2025



Experiences

**Epiphany Service for All
Wednesday, January 8 ,
5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

The evening begins in the chapel with a procession of the Bethlehem star and the three magi bearing gifts for the Christ child in the manger. We will bring gifts of baby clothes for the children that come to shop at Threads as we learn to follow and reflect the light of Christ in our day-to-day lives.

**New Offering: Jazz at All
Saints' ft. Carmen Bradford
Friday, February 22,
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Join us for the third concert in our season, presented by jazz royalty, Carmen Bradford (vocals) with Reginald Thomas (piano). Details at allsaintsatlanta.org/jazz

Events

**Martin Luther King Jr.
Weekend
Saturday, January 18 and
Sunday, January 19**

Join us for a weekend of music celebrating the legacy of Dr. King at our Sunday worship services (9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.) and at the Saturday concert (7:00 p.m.) which explores music's power to transform a community. The concert will be hosted by The Rev. Natosha Reid Rice.

**Children's Musical
Sunday, February 9
10:20 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.**

Our children's choirs will have worked hard to prepare a wonderful performance. Come and support our young singers as they share their gifts. See you all there!

The First Sunday after Christmas

New Year's Eve Services
Sunday, December 29, 2024

As we near the eve of 2025, join us to to give thanks for the year in a peaceful winter service of Holy Eucharist (Communion) with a sermon.

- **8:00 a.m.: First Sunday of Christmas: Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

As we near the eve of 2025, join us to to give thanks for the year in a peaceful winter service of Holy Eucharist (Communion) with a sermon, organ music and singing from our Adult Choir.

- **10:00 a.m.: First Sunday of Christmas: Holy Eucharist, Rite II**



NOTE: *There is no "The Welcome Table" service or nursery care available on Sunday, December 29.

First Week of Advent



Experiences

Donate to the Giving Tree
Now through Sunday,
December 8, Ellis Hall

Donate online for Midtown Assistance Center here:
<https://amzn.to/3AwT2xY>

Donate online for Burmese Karen community here:
<https://amzn.to/4etz0IGnday>

Donate a \$300 food card for Refugee Ministries: visit allsaintsatlanta.org, choose Give tab, designate Refugee Ministries, and write food in the memo.

Shop in Person for the Giving Tree:
 Come to the foyer of Ellis Hall before December 8 to select a leaf from the tree. Return gifts by December 15 or email louisam@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Events

Advent Adventure
Sunday, December 1, 10:20 a.m. - 11:05 a.m., Ellis Hall

Start the Advent season by making Advent wreaths and crafts for your home, writing cards to send to the homebound / those who may be alone for the holidays, and visiting our Nativity Museum showcasing nativities shared by our parishioners. Bring a friend to church and the Adventure!

All Sorts Holiday Party
Saturday, December 7,
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Offsite

Please join us for our All Sorts holiday party on December 7 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the home of Dan Pennywell. RSVP to allsorts@allsaintsatlanta.org.

First Week of Advent



Experiences

St. Nicholas Celebration and Feast
Wednesday, December 4,
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., The
Church and in Ellis Hall

Join us for this favorite All Saints' Christmas tradition. Two dinner seatings will be offered for our catered holiday feast. We will celebrate the coming of God's light into the world with the theme, "Star of Wonder, Star of Night, Guide Us with Your Perfect Light."

Between seatings, join us to hear a magical telling of the story of St. Nicholas of Myra in the Church, followed by the Children's Choirs and bell ringers leading us in carols. Children's Ministries will also be collecting socks for Threads. St. Nick may even stop by! For more on this event, contact Kathy Roberts: kroberts@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Events

Women's Advent Retreat
2024: What Is Your
Courageous Yes?
Saturday December 7,
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Join us for contemplation, fellowship, and food as we accompany Mary in her courageous "Yes!" to God. Register at bit.ly/asec-2024-advent-women and indicate your need for childcare.

Fourth Week of Advent

Christmas Eve Services
Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Join us in worship in-person and online to hear once more the message of the angels in word and song. The light that shines in the darkness radiates into our hearts and lives all the same. Join us for one of our services, which will include readings, prayers, hymns and music from the All Saints' Adult, Youth and Children's Choirs as well as festival handbells, brass, strings, organ and harp.

- 8:00 a.m.: Fourth Sunday of Advent: Communion, Traditional Language, No Music
- 9:00 a.m.: Fourth Sunday of Advent: Communion, Contemporary Language, Adult Choir
- 1:00 p.m.: A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (No Communion)
- 3:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Worship with Children's Choirs (Communion)
- 5:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Worship with Youth Choirs (Communion)
- 7:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Worship with Communion and Adult Choir
- 10:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Worship with Communion and Adult Choir

Christmas Day Service
Wednesday, December 25, 2024

- 8:00 a.m.: Christmas Day: Communion, Traditional Language, No Music
- 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Day: Holy Communion with Music

Third Week of Advent



Experiences

Poinsettia Delivery Sunday, December 22, Church

Help Sunday Callers deliver poinsettias to home-bound parishioners on December 22. You can pick them up after the 9:00 a.m. service, or after the 11:15 a.m. service on Sunday, December 22. To volunteer, contact Pat Robinson, 404-395-5793, probinson999@gmail.com.

Events

Outdoor Christmas Caroling Wednesday, December 18, 4:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Church Steps

Join us as we bring Christmas cheer to our neighbors at the North Avenue MARTA station. We will meet in the church courtyard by 5:00 p.m., then cross the street to sing Christmas carols for the passers-by, then celebrate with hot chocolate and cookies back in Ellis Hall. Festive attire is welcome.

Second Week of Advent



Experiences

Advent CONNECTS Spiritual Conversations

It's not too late to join by Zoom on Wednesdays noon-1pm for this structured spiritual reflection on the week's Gospel text.

Young Adults Gift Exchange Saturday, December 7, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

We'll meet for a house party to exchange gifts and enjoy dinner on Saturday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. If you'd like to join, please RSVP by emailing Tasia Blair: youngadults@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Events

One Parish, One Book Sunday, December 8, 10:20 a.m. - 11:05 a.m., Ellis Hall

It's not too late to buy Amy Jill Levine's "Light of the World: A Beginners Guide to Advent" and join fellow parishioners for discussion during Sunday morning formation.

Brunch & Beyond with the Young Adults Sunday, December 8, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., The Ross Room

Join the Young Adults for our Christmas Brunch! Come enjoy a delicious meal and lively conversation. Childcare is available. For more on this event, contact Tasia Blair at youngadults@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Second Week of Advent



Experiences

Wednesday Night Supper
December 11, 5:00 p.m. -
7:00 p.m., in Ellis Hall

It's not too late to join by Zoom on Wednesdays noon-1pm for this structured spiritual reflection on the week's Gospel text.

2025 Tanzania Visit Informational Lunch
Sunday, December 15, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., P305/306

Next July, Simon will lead a small group of parishioners on a visit to Tanzania where All Saints' supports several women in receiving theological education. If you're interested in attending, please contact Tracey Sage by Wednesday, December 11 at tsage@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Events

Celebrate Christmas with Great Music at All Saints' Atlanta Boy Choir
Friday, December 13, 7:00 p.m., in the Church

Enjoy the blessing of children's voices in the beauty of our sanctuary. Tickets and details at atlantaboychoir.org.

Christmas with Coro Vocati
Saturday, December 14, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., in the Church

Coro Vocati returns this December for "Christmas with Coro Vocati," a program of beloved music to celebrate the season. There's something for everyone - even a chance to sing along!

Third Week of Advent



Experiences

Christmas Events with Refugee Ministries

Sunday, December 15, 10:20 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.

Join us in Ellis Hall to bag gifts for the Burmese Karen community.

Saturday, December 21, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join us in the Attic for our Annual Refugee Ministries Christmas party.

Saturday, December 21, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join us in Ellis Hall for our annual Focus (on fragile children) Christmas party.

Sign up here for any of the above offerings: bit.ly/AllSaintsGivingTree

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Sunday, December 15, 10:20 a.m. - 11:05 a.m., Ellis Hall

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Fourth Week of Advent

Christmas Pageant and Cookie Reception
Sunday, December 22, 9:00 a.m. - 11:05 a.m., the Church and Ellis Hall

On December 22, come hear the Christmas Story as told and imagined by the Children of All Saints. Costumes will be on the 2nd fl. of Pritchett from 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.