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The Three Wise ... Spies?

As we approach the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6, let's look with fresh eyes at the story of the Magi. Namely, let's consider that the Magi were spies. We don't know their original intention for seeking



THE VERY REV.
BARKLEY
THOMPSON

out the baby Jesus. Their stated intention was to pay the baby homage. But they are "from the East," which means they are likely Parthians, the ancient and vicious enemies of Rome. It's not far-fetched to suppose that they are agents of their own empire, sent to make sense of this unusual sign in the heavens — this star — that they have seen. Is this baby, whom their astrological readings tell them is a king unlike all other kings, a threat to them? They come to find out.

The Magi arrive at King Herod's court and tell him about this newborn king. No doubt Herod is wary of these strange men from the East, but he sends the Magi to collect information for him. They become *his* spies.

And so, to the original hearers of this story, unlike those of us who have told and retold it a thousand times in our nativity pageants, there may well have been ominous background music when the Wise Men finally arrive in Bethlehem. They are overjoyed at finding Jesus, but why? Why are they really here? Who do they really work for? Whose side are they on? When they lift their hands from their traveling chests, will those hands hold gifts or a knife?

The text is tantalizingly sparse at this point. Scripture tells us, "On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure

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Introducing valet service for those with mobility issues

To assist parishioners with mobility issues, the Cathedral will begin offering a valet service on Sunday mornings as well as some seating in the walkway leading to the Cathedral bell tower for those waiting. Valet service debuts January 6, 2019.

For those church members "who require an easier access to church services," two valets in uniform will be on duty on Sundays, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Texas Avenue near the bell tower, said **David Simpson**, Cathedral COO.

While the parking garage contains designated spaces for handicapped and limited mobility parking, some members of the congregation have sought a more immediate method for getting to and into the Cathedral, Simpson said. Several had asked church leadership for some sort of assistance.

Having valet service is in response to that, he said: "We want parishioners to be at ease coming to church.



Starting January 6, valet parking will be available Sundays for parishioners with limited mobility on Texas Ave. in front of the bell tower from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"This is all about mobility," Simpson said. "It is not intended to be a backup plan for those who are simply running a bit late for services."

The valet service, provided by Sovereign Services of Houston, will be free to parishioners.

The Faith and Society seminar returns

BY LINNET DEILY

(An excerpt from her introduction to *In the Midst of the City: The Gospel and God's Politics by the Very Rev. Barkley Thompson*.)

Subsequent to [Dean Thompson's] arrival at Christ Church, [parishioners] witnessed [a] connection between the Gospel and the external world through a series of discussions that Dean Thompson calls "Faith and Society."

He had grappled in his ministry with the

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Wednesday, January 16,
6:30 p.m.

conundrum of how to engage parishioners in conversation about significant societal issues without simultaneously starting a conflagration in the congregation.

While in Roanoke, he had participated in such a discussion led by the Aspen Institute and decided to adopt its ground rules in hopes of conducting such a dialogue, and he brought that successful practice to Houston.

Each participant — and there were around
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We celebrate with

- ✞ new members **Sherri Allen, Tripp, Laura, Ken, John,** and **Maggie Ballard, Megan Clair, Zachary Gibson,** and the **Rev. Dr. Brett McCleneghan,** and returning member **Jeff Presley.**
- ✞ the family of **Frederick Forrester Lord,** who was born on July 17, 2018.
- ✞ the newly confirmed **Beth and Ariel Martinez, Sherri Allen, Clifton Vining,** and **Ashly Evans; Jose Figueroa,** who was newly received; and **Judith Cowan, Duncan Gambrell, John Bramblett, William Zakroff,** and **Lucy Wagner,** who were newly re-affirmed.
- ✞ **Leslie Oguchi** and **Jovanni Cleaver,** who were married in the Cathedral on November 17.
- ✞ **Jae Boggess** and **Chris Castillo,** who were married in **Golding Chapel** on December 1.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to

- ✞ the family of the **Rev. Betty Masquelette,** who died on November 20, 2018. Betty is the mother of member **Pam Masquelette.**
- ✞ the family of **Kristi Shipnes Martin,** who died on November 28, 2018. Kristi is the wife of member **Earle Martin** and mother to **Macy Cassin, Michael Cassin,** and **Brian Cassin.**
- ✞ the family of **Beverly Maurice,** who died on November 30, 2018. Beverly is mother of member **Dianne Maurice.**

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar

- ✞ on Sunday, November 25, were given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Margaret** and **Jim Elkins Jr.** by their family.
- ✞ on Sunday, December 9, were given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Geraldine Campbell Naschke** and her beloved husband **John Hess Naschke** by their three daughters, **Kathy Stites, Nancy Simonds,** and **Gerrie Bielefeld.**
- ✞ on Sunday, December 16, were given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Robert C.** and **Madie M. Richter** by **Bob Richter Jr.**
- ✞ on Sunday, December 23, were given to the glory of God in honor of **Cherry Gullede** on her 90th birthday by her children and grandchildren.
- ✞ on Sunday, January 6, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Scott Cawley** by his family.

Meet our 2019 vestry nominees

To be voted on at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 27

Nominated for three-year terms



JOHN FLANAGAN, a lifelong Episcopalian, joined the Cathedral in 2004, immediately began singing in the Parish Choir, and quickly found his church home. He has served on several Cathedral councils and on the vestry from 2009–11, was delegate to several Diocesan Councils, and helped with three bishop elections, the National Deans' Conference, and the 2018 General Convention. John and his husband, **Mark Shirey,** were married at the Cathedral on their 33rd anniversary. For the past 29 years, John has taught at Episcopal High School, where he is chair of the Science Department.



MARÍA HERNÁNDEZ has been a member of Christ Church Cathedral since 2011. She is a third grade dual-language teacher at Cimarron Elementary School and the mother of twin girls. In addition to being part of the Formation Committee for the Latino/Hispanic congregation at Christ Church Cathedral, she also teaches Sunday School and serves on the Pastorela and Reception Committees, the latter with her family members.



ERIN MCMILLIN, a lifelong member of the Cathedral, currently serves on the Altar Guild and as an usher. She previously has served on the vestry and as directress of the Altar Guild, chair of the Children's Ministry Council, and coordinator of the Lay Liturgical Ministers. Erin and her husband, **Toby,** were married at the Cathedral and have two children, **Grady** (12) and **Tillie** (9). Erin is an active volunteer at Annunciation Orthodox School and is the director of development for AFA, a music education nonprofit.



RICK OGLE has been a member of Christ Church Cathedral for over 20 years. He has taught Sunday School, served on the Community Life, Children's Ministry, and Stewardship councils, served on the vestry from 2009 through 2011, and co-chaired the 2014 Every Member Canvass (EMC) with his wife, **Whitney.** Rick is an attorney with EOG Resources, Inc. The Ogles have two daughters, **Blake,** who is a freshman in college, and **Quinn,** who is a junior in high school.



MATT WAREING first attended Christ Church Cathedral while a Rice student, when, bribed by the promise of a hearty dinner, he occasionally accompanied his grandparents to the 11 a.m. service. A decade later, he and his family became members. Matt and wife **Bess Bledsoe Wareing** have served on several parish councils, the endowment board, dean search committees, and the vestry, and have chaired the EMC. Recently retired, Matt enjoys answering questions about how he spends all his "free" time. He is grateful for the opportunity to serve.

In the Cloister Gallery
"Heavenly Inspirations" by Ray Viator

Featuring photographs from Viator's forthcoming book, *Houston: Space City U.S.A.*, about connections between Houston and the space program, including images of stained glass windows inspired by the Hubble Telescope, photos of the moon from Apollo 8 on Christmas Eve 1968 when the three astronauts took time to read from the book of Genesis (1:16), and photos of religious places in Houston with the moon in the background. The exhibit reflects the moon's influence on religions and calendars. The opening reception is Thursday, January 24, 5:30–7:30 p.m.



Houston author Chris Cander, whose book event is January 22.

Multimedia evening for *The Weight of a Piano*

Houston writer and Cathedral friend **Chris Cander's** third novel, *The Weight of a Piano*, will be released by Knopf on Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Cander will celebrate with a non-traditional launch event hosted by Brazos Bookstore and held at the Cathedral that evening at 7 p.m.

Revolving around the fate of a turn-of-the-century Blüthner piano, the novel's intersecting plotlines explore the impact of music, the irrational attachments heirlooms and traditions can create, and the ability these forces have to transcend time and create connection.

The presentation features a brief stage play that interprets three key scenes from the novel. "I want attendees to experience the story the way I imagined it as I was writing," Cander says. The play will be directed by local director **Elizabeth Keel,** and performed by renowned local actors **Bonnie Langthorn, Ian Lewis, Robert Meek, Tasha Gorel,** and **Bobby Haworth.**

In addition, **Konner Scott,** the musician who composed "Die Reise," the original piece of music that appears at the end of *The Weight of a Piano*, will debut the piece and perform other pieces also appearing in the novel.

After the performance, Cander will have a conversation with author and bookseller **Mark Haber.** Additionally, there will be a drawing for one lucky winner to take home a canvas print of an image Cander photographed during her research trip to Death Valley National Park.

Acquired and edited by the legendary **Gary Fisketjon,** *The Weight of a Piano* has received glowing early praise—including comparisons to **Ann Patchett's** *Bel Canto* and **Annie Proulx's** *Accordion Crimes.* *Kirkus Reviews* calls it: "Deftly plotted and well written, a gentle meditation on the healing power of art — and its limitations..." and

**BOOK LAUNCH,
 PLAY, CONCERT**
Tuesday, January 22

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thirty of us in the group — had to commit to attend regularly for a season, exchange views without condemnation of the others' perspectives, and read all the suggested background materials before the meetings.

Over the intervening years, the Faith and Society seminar has discussed about almost every hot-button issue in contemporary society — abortion, same-sex marriage, gun control, poverty, war, immigration, to name a few. And we have always conducted the sessions in an open and frank style without any discord — disagreement, yes, but not discord.

Before each meeting, Dean Thompson provided the group with six to eight readings on the topic. He always started the readings with pertinent selections from the Bible and then included additional readings that presented either side of the session's difficult issue.

While our covenant for civility certainly influenced the positive nature of the dialogue, grounding each discussion in the Gospel — not for proof points, but for context and illumination — again reinforced the Gospel-grounded nature of his ministry.

The Faith and Society seminar meets this spring on Wednesdays once per month from 6:30–8 p.m. in the McGehee Conference Room. The dates are Jan. 16 (required attendance), Feb. 20, Mar. 20, and April 17. Childcare is available.



A Cathedral youth using a circular saw as part of his work on the Costa Rica mission trip.

Costa Rica mission trip info session

BY JEREMY BRADLEY

This coming summer, we enter our fifth year of partnership with the Diocese of Costa Rica, inviting both high school students and adults from both the Cathedral and St. Thomas Episcopal in College Station for a multigenerational, short-term mission.

Our partnership with the Diocese of Costa Rica continues to grow each year, and our mission this coming summer is no exception. We will be missioning in Limón City, June 23–30, building a new Diocesan Center for the southeastern part of the country. Currently, the Diocese of Costa Rica only has a Diocesan house in San José. Building a Diocesan Center will help with ministry and evangelism in the Limón Province.

On Sunday, January 27, from 12:15–1 p.m. in the Treehouse (located on the third floor of the McGehee building), there will be an information session for all interested in going on the mission. We will discuss the work we will be doing while on the trip, requirements, application process, and cost. If you have any questions before then, contact **Jeremy Bradley,** Minister for Youth and Young Adults: jbradley@christchurchcathedral.org.

Christmas at the Cathedral, Advent Wreath Making, new sacristy, and more

IN PICTURES

Right: The 20s & 30s Christmas Party was both well-attended and lots of fun.
Below: God was indeed in the midst of the city at Cigna Sunday Streets, where Cathedral volunteers shared the good news on Main St. to passers by.



Above left, below: Advent wreath-making (and pine sap) create bonds to share throughout Advent.



Above: Altar Guild member Shannon Sasser polishes followers in the new sacristy.
Left: Volunteers mug for the camera at Christmas at the Cathedral.

The Loricae: Ancient Celtic Spiritual Defense

Ancient Celtic Christians experienced the world as full of a variety of different orders of creation. Some of these were kindly and good, others more sinister.

To equip themselves for spiritual warfare, Celtic Christians composed prayers, called "Loricae" to serve as shields and defense, included as part of the tools of preaching, exorcism, and works of charity. "Lorica" in Latin means "body armor."

While our worldview has changed significantly since ancient times, the Loricae still hold a place in our common life of faith. Hymns like "St Patrick's Breastplate" and "Be Thou My Vision" remind contemporary Christians of their ancient ancestry.

Honor Martin Luther King Jr. through service

Last January, in partnership with several AME churches, Christ Church Cathedral hosted an ecumenical service day of peace in honor of **Martin Luther King Jr.** and the work he did to promote peace.

This year, we are honored to host this event again on Monday, January 21, from 7:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Reynolds Hall. All service work will benefit The Beacon and its work to bring peace and comfort to our homeless brothers and sisters.

This service day is open to all students from kindergarten to grade 12 and their parents. We will start with breakfast tacos and a presentation from the **Rev. Glenice Robinson-Como**, then move into our service work by putting supplies together for Beacon clients to use. At the end, we will gather together in prayer as we go out in peace.

Please RSVP by January 18 and address any questions to **Christy Orman** at corman@christchurchcathedral.org. As always, friends are welcome to join.

MLK SERVICE DAY
Monday, January 21

Join **Christin** and **Andrew Lazo**, who between them have authored more than 75 books on the spirituality and literature of the British Isles, for three Sundays, January 13, 20, and 27, from 6–7:30 p.m. in the McGehee Conference Room, to learn more about the art of poetry as spiritual defense.

Here is an excerpt of Saint Patrick's Breastplate, a Prayer of Protection, also known as The Deer's Cry or The Lorica of Saint Patrick or Saint Patrick's Hymn, attributed to St. Patrick (c. 5th century), modern English translation:



Statue of St. Patrick.

I bind to myself today
The strong virtue of the Invocation of the Trinity:
The Creator of the Universe.
I bind to myself today
The virtue of the Incarnation of Christ with His Baptism,
The virtue of His crucifixion with His burial,
The virtue of His Resurrection with His Ascension,
The virtue of His coming on the Judgement Day.
I bind to myself today
The virtue of the love of seraphim,
In the obedience of angels,
In the hope of resurrection unto reward,
In prayers of Patriarchs,
In predictions of Prophets,
In preaching of Apostles,
In faith of Confessors,
In purity of holy Virgins,
In deeds of righteous men.

Learn more about what Amazing Place offers

BY DON VOLD

The mission of Amazing Place is to empower lives disrupted by dementia. Using a cutting-edge day program and numerous educational offerings for caregivers and the community, Amazing Place is dedicated to improving the lives of those affected by dementia by enabling them to live fully despite their diagnoses.

The organization serves those living with dementia, their caregivers, family and friends, health care professionals, congregations, and the community at large. Christ Church Cathedral and 14 other Christian congregations in Houston sponsor the facility.

In addition to the invigorating day program provided for individuals diagnosed with mild to moderate dementia, Amazing Place trains and educates caregivers and the community alike. Evidence-based courses are offered to those in need of tools for their new roles as caretaker. These courses include Powerful Tools for Caregivers, Stress-Busting Program for Family Caregivers™, and The Savvy Caregiver (designed particularly for family/friends currently involved in caregiving for a person with dementia).

Memory Training and Brain Boot Camp are offered to individuals and groups who are interested in keeping their minds and memories fresh. All courses are provided at the Amazing



Two participants enjoy the courtyard and lily pond together at Amazing Place.

Place Drexel location, or they can be scheduled elsewhere as requested.

Memory Café, a meet-and-greet for the newly diagnosed and their caregivers, is available monthly in Houston and Katy.

Additionally, Amazing Place always has room for volunteers. Church members are encouraged to get involved in numerous rewarding volunteer positions. Currently, the greatest volunteer needs are for the participant art program, administrative support on special projects, and kitchen support.

For additional information, please contact Amazing Place at www.amazingplacehouston.org or (713)522-0420, or our representative on the Council of Congregations, **Don Vold**, at donvtx@gmail.com or (713) 527-9188.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit christchurchcathedral.org or call **713-222-2593** to learn more about these and other events at the Cathedral.

● Registration recommended ▲ Registration required ✕ Registration closed ★ Childcare available (3 mo. to 12 yrs.) 🧑 Bring a friend!

JANUARY

JANUARY 2 WED

Dean's Book Club ★
6:30–8 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. The group will discuss *Ordinary Grace*, a novel by William Kent Krueger. See the Cathedral Bookstore for the edition.

JANUARY 4 FRI

Bad Gift Bingo 🧑 ★
6–8:30 p.m., Reynolds Hall. Soup, Salad, treats, and Bingo. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift.

Bridge Night
6:30–9:30 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. Enjoy a few hands of bridge with Cathedral friends. Bring a dish to share.

JANUARY 6 SUN
Epiphany Star Planetarium
8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Reynolds Hall. Experience an immersive, engaging, realistic experience of the Mystery of the Christmas Star. In Spanish from noon to 1 p.m.

JANUARY 6 SUN
Epiphany Organ Recital & Evensong 🧑 ★
4:15 and 5 p.m., Cathedral. Featuring the Cathedral Choir.

JANUARY 11–13 FRI–SUN
Happening ▲
Camp Allen. Diocesan-wide high school youth retreat.

JANUARY 13 SUN
Sunday School Starts
School for children, youth, and adults begins today.

Danielle Fanfair
10 a.m., Reynolds Hall. Meet the new executive director of the Hines Center during the Dean's Hour.



JANUARY 13 SUN
June 2020 European Pilgrimage Info Session
12:30 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. Join Canon Callaham on a 10-day pilgrimage to the heart of Europe and the history of mendicant Christianity in the 13th century.

JANUARY 16 WED
Faith and Society ▲ ★
6:30 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. Participants engage in serious and lively conversation about Holy Scripture, faith, and society. The conversation style ensures all voices are heard and respected.

"Book of Mormon" musical with 20s & 30s group
7:30 p.m., Hobby Center. (\$) See this fun musical with Cathedral friends.

JANUARY 20 SUN
Marathon Sunday
Plan your route to church.

JANUARY 21 MON
Martin Luther King Service Day
8 a.m. to noon, Reynolds Hall. Youth, children, and their families are invited to participate in this morning of service.

Martin Luther King Day Holiday
Cathedral offices are closed.

JANUARY 22 TUE
Chris Cander Book Launch ★
7 p.m., Reynolds Hall. In an innovative, multi-media presentation, Chris will launch her new book, *The Weight of a Piano*.



JANUARY 27 SUN
Annual Parish Meeting
10 a.m., Reynolds Hall. Meeting to discuss the business of the Cathedral and to elect new members of the vestry.

JANUARY 27 SUN

Costa Rica Mission Trip Info Session
12:15–1 p.m., Treehouse. Information for all those interested in this trip.

WEEKLY

SUNDAYS
Dean's Hour, Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School Classes ★
10–11 a.m., various locations.

Latino/Hispanic Sunday School
1 p.m., Cathedral (grades 1–8)
2:30 p.m., Treehouse (for grades 9–12)

Celtic Eucharist, "The Well" ★ 🧑
5 p.m., Cathedral. Drawing inspiration and music from the Celtic tradition, this service focuses on prayer, silence, meditation, and grace.

The Loricae – Ancient Celtic Spiritual Defense ★
6 p.m., McGehee Conference Room. Join Andrew and Christin Lazo, experts in Anglo- and Celtic-Christian traditions, for a closer look at the ancient art of poetry as spiritual defense. (Jan. 13, 20, and 27.)

MONDAYS
Centering Prayer ●
11:15–11:45 a.m., Hines Center.

Healing Service
12:05 p.m., Golding Chapel.

Bible "By the Glass" 🧑
6:30–8 p.m., OKRA, 924 Congress. Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. and Bible study at 7 p.m.



TUESDAYS
The Revelation to St. John
7 a.m., Mellinger Room. Join the Vicar for an exploration of the exciting piece of Christian Apocalyptic writing that brings the Bible to a close, the Revelation to St. John.

TUESDAYS
Education for Ministry (EFM) ▲ ✕
6:30–9 p.m., Mellinger Room. Comprehensive adult theology program. (\$)

The Vicar's Road Show: Why, That's Heresy! ▲
6:30–8 p.m., meets monthly at a choice of locations. Canon Callaham explores just how easy it can be to say something wrong about God.
Thu., Jan. 17, at Town & Country
Tue., Jan. 8, in Tanglewood
Wed., Jan. 9, in the Heights
Tue., Jan. 15, in Montrose

TUESDAYS CONT.
Seed Group – Central
6:30–8 p.m., off campus. Middle school youth group in a parishioner's home. (Starting Jan. 8)

Bible by the Glass North 🧑
7 p.m., Brixology in the Vintage; 110 Vintage Park. An extension of our popular downtown bible study, hosted in Spring Cypress.

WEDNESDAYS
Men's Morning Bible Study
7–8 a.m., Jeffers Conference Room.

Women's Morning Bible Study
9:30–11 a.m., Jeffers Conference Room.
Bilingual Eucharist
6–6:30 p.m., Golding Chapel.

Cathedral 20s & 30s ★
6:30–8 p.m., BYC (Treehouse). Weekly discussion group and social gathering of young adults. (Starting Jan. 8)

Root Group – Central
6:30 p.m., off campus. High school youth group in a parishioner's home.

Buscando la Luz ▲
(Second, third, and fourth Wednesdays)
6:30–8 p.m., Bride's Room. Spanish-language discussion group.

THURSDAYS
The Revelation to St. John
12 p.m., Mellinger Room. This is a repeat of the Tuesday morning bible study by the same name.

UPCOMING

FEB. 3–MAR. 3 SUN
So then what? Religious understanding of the afterlife
10 a.m., Reynolds Hall. What happens when we die? Dean Thompson will lead us through conceptions of the afterlife in Christianity and the world religions as we imagine what lies next when we enter what Episcopalians used to refer to as "larger life."



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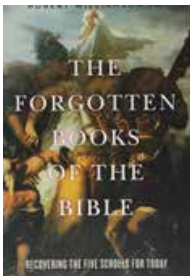
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Dean's Book Club selections

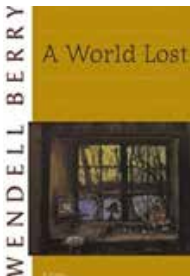
The Dean's Book Club discusses a different book at each meeting, including novels, nonfiction, and books on spirituality and faith. Books are selected by the group and are available for purchase from the Cathedral Bookstore. All are welcome. The club meets in the McGehee Conference Room from 6:30–8 p.m. on the following dates:



Wednesday, February 6

Forgotten Books of the Bible: Recovering the Five Scrolls for Today, by Robert Williamson Jr.

With scholarly wisdom and a quick wit, Williamson shows how these books speak to contemporary issues such as human sexuality, grief, immigration, suffering and protest, ethnic nationalism, and existential dread.



Wednesday, March 6, 7 p.m.

NOTE THE SPECIAL TIME DUE TO ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

A World Lost, a novel by Wendell Berry

Now grown, Andy revisits the summer of 1944, when his beloved uncle was shot and killed by the surly and mysterious Carp Harmon, to understand the two men and their lethal connection.

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chests, they offered him gifts.”

No matter the Magi's original intention, no matter their conflicted and questionable allegiances, when they meet Jesus, something happens. The most important line in this story is the final one: “They left for their own country by another road.” The Wise Men won't turn the knife in Jesus' side. They won't betray him to his enemies. Even if their original plans included both, meeting Jesus changes everything. No matter whose side they *were* on, in the end the Magi choose the side of the child over whom the star shines. They refuse to comply with the plot

to destroy him. They choose Jesus.

Soul-search for a moment. Why are we at Christ Church? Why do we call ourselves Christian? Down what roads did we come? And yet, the pivotal question for us is not why or how we got here, but what road our lives will take now that we've met Jesus. We can leave the Cathedral and walk back into the potential intrigue, wrong intentions, and mixed motives of our prior lives. Or we can, with all that we are, humble ourselves before our newborn Lord, handing the whole treasure of our hearts over to him. We can rise and walk a different road, guided by the light of Jesus.

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says, “Cander grabs the reader in her bravura, thickly detailed opening pages [and] expertly parcels out her revelations [as] she builds parallel narratives [toward] an odd but beautiful finale.”

Please join us to welcome Cander and her team of artists in this evening of creative exploration. Whether your interest is music, photography, the stage, the craft of writing, or a combination, this unique presentation of an exciting new novel provides an opportunity to gain understanding of the ways art impacts our lives.