

Nightwatch

at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, NYC

Fall 2010 to Spring 2011

Nightwatch is

- Expanding horizons: meeting people from other places and different denominations.
- Discovering the Cathedral and its many ministries – space and action on a large scale.
- An intergenerational worship experience.
- Telling the story of the Cathedral and the richness of Christian heritage embodied in the building.

A sample schedule of what happens at

NIGHTWATCH **

6:15 - 7:15 pm... Arrive, unload, register *

7:30 pm... Advisors meeting

8 pm... Singing and Games

9 pm... Program and Great Organ

11 pm... Break Time

12:00 m... Candlelight meditation
and Eucharist

The next morning —

7:00 am... Wake up, get up, eat up,
and clean up!

8:30 am... Tour of the Cathedral *

9:45 am... Closing service

10:00 am... Nightwatch is over.

* Being on time makes a difference to the overall program.

** **SATURDAY SCHEDULE** begins with arrival at 3:00 p. m.

and ends Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Late Nightwatch

A group activity is offered to those high school groups who choose to stay for a second night of Nightwatch. The second night's program ends with Compline, a short service of prayer at bedtime.



What others tell us about Nightwatch

I found the time with the labyrinth particularly moving and on the way home, the kids commented to me that they loved that, too. The music was really powerful for them as well -- both the guitar and organ music, and then the climb to the top was quite a hit as well ... Thanks so much. We had a wonderful time. (Church of St. Martin's-in-the-Field, Columbia, SC)

I went Friday night, it was such an amazing experience, and a gorgeous cathedral too. I was taken aback by the architecture, and the crafts within the building, and just the size and history of it. I was able to meet kids who have the same interests with me, and overall, a great time, love to do it again. :) (Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans, MA)

Thank you for ... providing the Nightwatch experience for us. I know the Holy Spirit was with us all weekend. I pray that young (and old) hearts were able to receive the blessings. (Trinity Church, Towson, MD)

Thank you for sharing Nightwatch with our group this past weekend. Your well-orchestrated program kept us moving along so smoothly and brought the group together on a whole new level. (First Congregational Church, Guilford, CT)

It was personally a very meaningful program for me (and since I'm organist at my church I don't always get to experience worship - really appreciated that opportunity) + our group of kids really enjoyed the Nightwatch program. We'll definitely do it again. (Smith Memorial Church, Hillsboro, NH)

INFORMATION about NIGHTWATCH

The basic **NIGHTWATCH** package is an intense one night experience of the Cathedral for a moderate price (\$48/person). This program includes a time for meeting and mixing, a program highlighting a ministry of the Cathedral and exploration of its space, a candlelight meditation and Eucharist and a tour that traces both the story of the Cathedral and Christian tradition as it is embodied in the building.

LATE NIGHTWATCH is an inexpensive (\$22/ person) option for high school groups staying a second night. After a day in the City, groups return to the Cathedral for a brief program, ending with Compline ("Good night" prayers). For those staying to attend worship at the Cathedral, we recommend the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday Eucharists.

RESERVATION POLICY

Reservations are accepted only when we receive a deposit and a completed reservation form. If we cannot accommodate any of your indicated choices, we will not accept your deposit until and unless we have contacted you and offered 1) an alternate date or 2) a place on the waiting list. Otherwise, your check will be returned. All reservations will be acknowledged promptly by letter. Once a reservation is confirmed, it may not be reassigned to another group. You may change your reservation number without penalty up to 30 days in advance. You may depart from your number of reserved spots by four in either direction (plus or minus) without notifying us.

Deposit Policy

Your deposit, once accepted, is non-refundable. Because we incur fixed program costs and depend on full enrollment for Nightwatch evenings, your deposit will be forfeited if you do not show or cancel with less than 30 days' notice. It may be credited to another available date only under the following conditions: 1) If we have received at least 30 DAYS NOTICE of the cancellation or 2) If we mutually agree to a cancellation due to severe weather.

Balance Due

The balance of your fee is due at registration the night of the program. It is payable by cash or check made out to St. John the Divine. We cannot accept credit cards.

Weather Cancellation

We reserve the right to cancel programs when severe weather or other factors cause the number of reserved spaces to fall below thirty. In such a rare event, a deposit will be returned to those inconvenienced.



Waiting List

When weekends have been booked to capacity, it is still possible to be on a waiting list. Groups who choose to be on a waiting list must target one Nightwatch date; that becomes the date for which either room develops for them to attend (either through cancellation or reduction by a registered group) or their chance passes. To be on a waiting list, Nightwatch must have a registration and deposit check. Deposit checks for waiting list groups will not be cashed unless and until an offer to attend the targeted Nightwatch date has been extended to and accepted by the waiting list group. If space does not develop for a waiting list group, the deposit check will simply be returned. Because of the deposit policy (see above), it is reasonable to expect an invitation to attend Nightwatch no less than 2 weeks in advance.

Bounced Checks — \$18 penalty will be charged for any checks returned for insufficient funds.

Things you need to know when you come —

Time is Important

Nightwatch begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10 a.m. the following morning. Groups should plan on arriving between 6:15 and 7:00 p.m. and will be able to leave between 10:15 and 11 a.m. the next day. Groups staying for Late Nightwatch may return any time between 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. (at the latest).

Parking is available

Spaces are usually available on the Cathedral grounds. Once or twice a year, special events (concerts, services, Spring Fair) will require groups to park on the street or in nearby garages.

Please Bring Food

WE provide coffee and tea. YOU PROVIDE your own food for snacks and breakfast. We strongly encourage groups to eat on the way before they arrive in New York. The kitchen is where all food and drink is to be stored upon arriving and the only place where food and drink may be consumed. And — NO — there is no soda machine.

Please Bring

Comfortable clothing: SNEAKERS (for gym floor), something modest to SLEEP in (we're all on the gym floor together), SLEEPING BAG, PILLOW and TOILETRIES. You may bring an Air Mattress if it would make you more comfortable.

And, if you play one, bring a musical INSTRUMENT.

Please Don't Bring

VALUABLES, ELECTRONIC DEVICES (iPods, blackberrys, handheld games and the like are a distraction and a potential target for theft!). NO DRUGS or ALCOHOL.

NO SHOWERS

Sorry! We don't have any. Bring a washcloth for use at the sink.

To contact the Director:

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Thank you for your inquiry to

Nightwatch

Sponsoring Church or Association: _____

Contact Person (Mr/ Mrs/ Ms/ Rev/ Dr?): _____

Address and Zip code: _____

Contact Phone (day): _____ Contact phone (night): _____ e-mail: _____

Date Preferred: 1st choice _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ Age Range of Youth _____

Will there be an Episcopal Priest or Lutheran Pastor traveling with your group? If so, her/his name and phone: _____

REGISTRATION

Please fill out this form!

... and mail with deposit to:

NIGHTWATCH
 The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine
 1047 Amsterdam Avenue
 New York, NY 10025

Checks should be made payable to
 "St. John the Divine"

Total number of Youth and Adults _____ Totals

Basic Nightwatch _____ X \$48 = _____

Late NIGHTWATCH (optional second night for high school groups) _____ X \$22 = _____

Total Due (add column at right) = _____

Deposit enclosed (1/2 of Total Due) = _____

Balance due at registration (Total - deposit) = _____

- If we can confirm your first choice, we will do so automatically.
- If space is not available, we will call.
- If you are not available on another date, please read about and consider being on the **Waiting list**.



- **Junior High** (or *Middle School*) is counted from sixth to ninth grade; Junior High Nightwatches are one night only.
- **Senior High** is from ninth to twelfth grade. If a group has kids from the whole spectrum (6th thru 12th) you should look at the Senior High dates.

2010 — 2011 NIGHTWATCH CALENDAR

OCTOBER

8 SH
 15 SH
 22 JH

NOVEMBER

5 JH
 19 SH

DECEMBER

3 JH
 10 SH
 17 *

JANUARY

7 JH
 8 (SAT) JH
 14 SH
 21 SH
 28 SH

FEBRUARY

4 JH
 5 (SAT) JH
 11 SH
 18 SH

25 SH

MARCH

4 JH
 11 JH
 18 SH
 25 SH

APRIL

1 JH
 8 SH
 15 JH
 29 SH

MAY

6 JH
 13 SH
 20 JH

JUNE

3 SH

* See our **separate brochure** for the **Adult Nightwatch** of December 17, which includes attending the *Paul Winter Consort's Winter Solstice Concert*.