Traditional Interfaith service to center on blessings for 2007

Maryland Gov.-elect Martin O'Malley heads the list of participants expected at the 14th Annual New Year's Eve Interfaith Service at St. Ignatius, Baltimore, Dec. 31.

The traditional Jewish, Christian and Muslim interfaith service will begin at 8 p.m. with a 30-minute musical program, followed by prayers for blessings in the New Year.

Prayers will be offered by representatives of the arts, medical, government, education and media communities of Baltimore City.

Kirk Gaddy, principal of St. Katharine, a Queen of Peace Cluster school in Baltimore, will deliver the sermon.

Baltimore City Council President Sheila Dixon, who will serve as acting mayor when Mr. O'Malley becomes governor in January, is also scheduled to participate.

A reception follows the interfaith service.

Admission is free, but tickets are required.

Call 410-727-3848 to reserve tickets.