



PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

BIRTHDAYS: Dec 12, Dooley Logston; Dec 14, Donna Graham; Dec 15, Lisa Bailey; Dec 16, Tara Chandra

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Abbey Hale, Lorie Turner, Mary Lou Thesmar, Joe Marsh, Anita Coughlin, Callie, Paul Massa, Mary Ellen, Lori, Fr. René, Lindsey Mobley, Bill Richardson, Dan S, Sherri, and Mike Coleman

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST, REMEMBERING TODAY: OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAMS, ASHLEY STRANGE, NIKKI SKILES, BRIAN CLEMMER, STUART SKILES, BUTCH PORTER, ED, MARY STINNETT, BUCKY, PAUL HYDE, JACK & GAIL BOBICZ, PAM BRAMLEGE, JULI VALLEY, TOMMY JONES, ANN & WALKER, BETTY & TOM, THERESA, SAVANNAH HYDE, and MIA CAHAL

ADVENT WREATHS

The wreaths on the doors are given by Lucia Outlan to the Glory of God and in memory of Barbara Jones and in thanksgiving for her altar service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT 4 and CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE PARTICIPANT SIGN-UP: The sign-up for service participants for Dec 24 at 9:30 AM and all the Christmas Eve services is posted on the parish hall bulletin board. We need lectors, ushers, and LEMS, and so many slots are open. Please consider helping with these services.

SCHEDULED CLOSING: Saint Andrew's will be closed on Monday, Dec 25, for celebration of Christmas with family. We hope you have a blessed Christmas Day!

MINIATURE SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCHES: We are once again selling delightful Saint Andrew's Church "night lights" on Sunday mornings in the foyer of the parish hall. The cost is \$30. You can just pick one up and leave a check in the black box. Note on the memo line that your check is for a church night light. These little Saint Andrew's lighted churches make great gifts. They are beautiful and unique. All proceeds go to our EYC.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS: You may submit your requests for poinsettias in memory or honor of someone. The church is always beautifully decorated with poinsettias on Christmas Eve and the First Sunday after Christmas. The cost is \$15.00 for each dedication. Turn in your check made out to Saint Andrew's (put "poinsettia" on the memo line), and be sure to turn in the names (indicating in memory, in honor, or in thanksgiving) to Cynthia or Martha by **Dec 15**.

DECEMBER VESTRY MEETING: The December meeting is Dec 13 at 6:00 PM in the conference room and is for current Vestry only. At 7:00 PM there is a dinner in the parish hall for current and incoming vestry members, followed by a brief orientation for the incoming members. To reiterate, new vestry members for 2024 who were elected at Saint Andrew's Night should come at 7:00 PM for the dinner.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: Calling all Shepherds, Wise Men, Angels, Stable Animals. During Sunday school on Dec 10 and Dec 17 we will fit everyone for their part. Please come so we can dress and rehearse. The service will be at 3:00 PM on Christmas Eve. All service participants will need to be at church by 2:15 PM on Christmas Eve.

BIBLE STUDIES: We have an abundance of opportunities to gather and study the Bible. The Men's study is on Mondays at 10 AM; the Ladies' study is finished until January; the Exodus study, facilitated by Fr. Jeff, meets every Tuesday from 1:30–3:00 PM; Fr. Jeff's Genesis study is on Wednesdays at 10 AM; and Fr. Christian's study is on Thursdays at 10 AM. All the above are in the parish hall. The EYC will meet for Bible study every Wednesday at 6 PM in the EYC room in the basement.

LESSONS & CAROLS LED BY EYC: Everyone is invited to Lessons & Carols, which will be led by our EYC group on **Dec 10 at 5:00 PM**. Come out for a nice Advent service in support of our youth.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT HOSTED BY EYC: Our EYC group is hosting Parents' Night Out on **Saturday, Dec 16, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM**. It's a great time for parents to have a date night or go Christmas shopping, or both. Parents, if interested, please sign up your children aged through 5th grade (potty-trained young ones only). The sign-up is on the parish hall bulletin board.

ADVENT COOKIE EXCHANGE AND DIRTY SANTA: Ladies, we're going to get together for a Cookie Exchange and Dirty Santa Party. It will be at Erinn Monette's home (3282 N. Hartwell Ridge Dr., C'ville) on **Saturday, Dec 16, 1:00–4:00 PM**. The Cookie Exchange will start at 1:00 PM, and the Dirty Santa present exchange will start at 2:00 PM. You don't have to do the cookie exchange or the Dirty Santa (or either) if you do not want to participate in them! Just come and mingle and chat over some snacks and drinks. We want everyone to have a good time! We are trying to do this in early afternoon before it gets dark out, but, if you need a ride, let us know. Please sign up in the parish hall if you plan to attend. Bring a friend if you'd like. Also, put what kind of cookie you are making/buying so that we don't end up with 20 dozen chocolate chip cookies! For the Dirty Santa, if you plan to participate, bring one wrapped gift of up to \$20 in value. Contact Stacy Coughlin at 901.270.4319 or at stacycoughlin@comcast.net if you have any questions.

SAINT ANDREW'S NIGHT THANK-YOU: Saint Andrew's Night was a wonderful event. The seating space worked out just fine. Stacy Coughlin was in charge of procuring the dinner, and she used a popular caterer in Germantown. The dinner was delicious. Many thanks to Stacy and all the people who assisted her with setup, serving, and cleaning. Also, we appreciate Jean Woods being in charge of the wonderful table decorations and banner in honor of the Senyoni's naturalization.

PICTURES FOR THE CHURCH DIRECTORY: The portraits taken for the church directory will be available for pickup this Sunday after the 8:30 AM service. They will be on tables in the parish hall arranged in alphabetical order. Joe Stinnett

ORDER OF ST. LUKE MINISTRY PRAYER TEAM: The Order of St. Luke provides a prayer team for ministry each Sunday after the 8:30 service. If you need prayer, meet them at the front of the sanctuary.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP: The **2024** sign-up for altar flowers is posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall. The cost of altar flowers is \$90 for one person requesting a particular date, or \$45 each for multiple persons requesting a particular date. Any flower contributions exceeding \$90 will be placed in the altar fund.

CHURCH CALENDARS: The **2024** Saint Andrew's Church Calendar is available for parishioners on the hallway bookshelf near the office and on the ushers' table in the back of the sanctuary. With the days and seasons reproduced in the proper liturgical colors, these calendars are helpful daily guides for orderly observance of the Church Year. The back of each sheet has Sunday RCL readings and Holy Day readings as well.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS OUTREACH FUND: For outreach giving this season, we encourage you to contribute during the first offering each week. We also encourage you (if you can) to bring in Kroger and Walmart cards that we will use to help a number of local families, mostly mothers with young children. In addition to helping the local families, we have local and global partners. Write "Christmas Outreach" on the memo line, and make your check out to Saint Andrew's. Thank you for helping our "angels."

Daily Office, Year 2, Week of 2 Advent, Dec 10–16, BCP 937

Sun	AM Psalm 148,149,150 Amos 6:1-14	PM Psalm 114,115 1 Thess. 5:1-12 Luke 1:57-68
Mon	AM Psalm 25 Amos 7:1-9	PM Psalm 9,15 Rev. 1:1-8 Matt. 22:23-33
Tue	AM Psalm 26,28 Amos 7:10-17	PM Psalm 36,39 Rev. 1:9-16 Matt. 22:34-46
Wed	AM Psalm 38 Amos 8:1-14	PM Psalm 119:25-48 Rev. 1:17—2:7 Matt. 23:1-12
Thu	AM Psalm 37:1-18 Amos 9:1-10	PM Psalm 37:19-42 Rev. 2:8-17 Matt. 23:13-26
Fri	AM Psalm 31 Haggai 1:1-15	PM Psalm 35 Rev. 2:18-29 Matt. 23:27-39
Sat	AM Psalm 30,32 Haggai 2:1-9	PM Psalm 42,43 Rev. 3:1-6 Matt. 24:1-14

EYC MISSION STATEMENT

Our goal as a youth group is to be an all-inclusive community of young believers who set an example for other Christians in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity (1 Tim 4:12).

EYC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- If you have questions or you want to be added to the list to get texts about EYC events, get in touch with Julie at 901-240-6189.
- Sunday school meets every Sunday at 9:30 AM. Be sure to make this a priority in your Sunday routine. Donuts are usually provided as an extra incentive to come learn from Fr. Christian.
- Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM in the basement EYC Sunday school room. Snacks are provided, and we hope to see everyone there!
- **Applications are now open for Diocesan Youth Council!** The Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) is a group made up of 10th-12th grade students from around the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee tasked with bringing their thoughts, perspectives, and interests to diocesan leadership, creating meaningful fellowship and service events for young people in our diocese, and providing insight to Bishop & Council. The first term of the DYC will begin in Spring 2024. Members will meet once a quarter over Zoom. The anticipated time commitment will be 4 hours/quarter. Applications for the DYC are due by Dec 15, 2023. Apply at EDWTN.org/Youth.
- Sunday, Dec 10: Lessons and Carols. More details to follow but readers will be needed. If you have a talent to share like playing an instrument, reading a poem, etc., we would love to have you showcase that during this service. Let Julie know what you would like to do for this service.
- Saturday, Dec 16: EYC will do Parents Night Out; we will be hosting games and activities with the younger kids. Be thinking of something fun we can do with them.

SOLO: EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE EXALTED (Recitative & Air)

Text: Isaiah 40:1-4; Music: G. F. Handel, from *The Messiah*

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight; and the rough places plain

🌀 CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY EUCHARISTS 🌀

3:00 PM CHILD-FRIENDLY LITURGY

4:30 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

9:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

**** (NURSERY AVAILABLE FOR ALL SERVICES) ****