



## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dec 12, Dooley Logston; Dec 14, Donna Graham; Dec 15, Linda Davis, Mary Pottinger, Lisa Bailey; Dec 16, Rosemary Coopwood; Dec 17, J. P. Senyoni; Dec 18, John Russell

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Teresa & Bob Forbis, Barbara Jones, Abbey Hale, Frannie Smith, Nat Baxter, Denise & Jim, Sherri Ligon, Rosemary Paden, The Brown Family, The Russell Family, Susan, Jerry, Linda & Jim Cantrell, Marilyn Grivich, Mike Pharr, Graham Clayton, Yvonne, Juli Valley, Katie, and Ryan

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST, REMEMBERING TODAY: OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAMS, ASHLEY STRANGE, T.I. DAVIS, NIKKI SKILES, BRIAN CLEMMER, STUART SKILES, JUNE MILLWOOD, BUTCH PORTER, DANA NELSON, ED, JAMES, KURT B., MARY STINNETT, KRISTIN DILL, CHIP HURDLE, BRETT NICHOLSON, BILL NICHOLS, DAVID, BUCKY, BILL CORUM, PAUL HYDE, JOSH PARTLOW, JACK & GAIL BOBICZ, and KIRBY

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTMAS OUTREACH:** This year for Christmas giving, we encourage you to make a special monetary contribution to our Christmas Outreach Fund as soon as possible. We are providing for a large number of families, as well as local and global partners. Write "Christmas Outreach" on the memo line of your check, and make your check out to St. Andrew's. Thank you for helping our 'angels.'

**ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP:** The **2022** 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 **2022** Saint Andrew's Church Calendar is available for parishioners on the hallway bookshelf near the office. 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.

**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 provide your dedications in memory, in honor, or in thanksgiving to Cynthia. The dedications must be on Cynthia's desk or in her e-mail by 1:00 PM on Sunday, Dec 19.

**NOVEMBER VESTRY MINUTES:** The minutes of the Nov 10 Vestry meeting are posted on the parish hall bulletin board and on the church website (under About Us/Vestry/Vestry Minutes) for your perusal.

**DOK ADVENT DINNER:** The Saint Andrew's Daughters of the King chapter will have their Advent Dinner on Tuesday, Dec 14, at 6:00 PM at Fairy and Brad's home (3283 Duke Circle, Germantown, TN 38139).

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE PARTICIPANT SIGN-UP:** The sign-up for service participants for all the Christmas Eve services is posted on the parish hall bulletin board. We still need ushers for 3:00 PM and 5:30 PM. Please consider helping with these special services.

**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.

**COFFEE, CHATTING, AND FOLDING OF READING LEAFLETS:** If you are available on Tuesday, Dec 28, at 1:00 PM, AND, if you would like to have some social connection time and coffee with other parishioners, please come join us in the parish hall to help fold Revised Common Lectionary leaflets. The Church Publishing Group recently changed format for the weekend readings, and the leaflets for each weekend now have to be folded. It's a time-consuming process, so it would be great if parishioners could come help fold while having an opportunity to have coffee and chat with each other. We'd love to see you there!

 **CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY EUCHARISTS** 

**3:00 PM CHILD-FRIENDLY LITURGY**

**4:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST**

**5:30 PM HOLY EUCHARIST**

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

**MEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY:** The men have been studying **The New Testament in Antiquity**, by Gary M. Burge and Gene L. Green (found at: <http://masterlectures.zondervanacademic.com/new-testament-in-antiquity>), by which they have learned that understanding the land, history, and culture of that world brings remarkable new insights into how we read the New Testament. All men are invited to attend on Mondays in the parish hall at 10:00 AM. This study will finish at the end of December. There will be an update as soon as a new January study is chosen.

**LADIES' TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** A great new ladies' study by Priscilla Shirer on **Elijah** begins Jan 11 and will meet every Tuesday in the parish hall from 10:00–11:30 AM. They'd love to have new ladies join in who have not attended before. Everyone is welcome, and books will be available soon on the bookcase near the office door. Please e-mail Sara Dobbs if you want to join the study (sdobbs1166@yahoo.com).

**FR. JEFF'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Fr. Jeff's Wednesday study on Genesis will take a break after Dec 15 and pick up again on Jan 5. The study uses materials posted on Facebook and the church website (look under Worship/Reflections), with additional insights from the Church Fathers of the Christian faith. It is a slow-motion study, trying to honor the depth to be found therein. Study notes are provided on the church website for those who want to use them as a guide. Go to menu headings Parish Life/Adults/Adult Formation and you will find Bible Studies on the Adult Formation page. In the description of the Wednesday study is a link to the notes. They can also be found under Parish Life on the church's mobile app. Everyone is invited to join the class.

**FR. CHRISTIAN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY – DANIEL & ESTHER:** The Daniel portion of the group's current study is over, but they are continuing their study of Esther. They will take a break after the Dec 16 class and return on Jan 5 with an additional new study on Esther. Like Daniel and Esther, Christians are in exile in this world and need to stay faithful and true to their Heavenly Kingdom. Everyone is invited to attend on Thursdays at 10:00 AM in the parish hall.

#### ***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**

- EYC Bible Study has started back in person on Wednesday nights from 6:00–7:00 PM in the basement. If you cannot come in person and want to Zoom in, ask Julie for the link. No Bible study on Wednesdays Dec 22 and 29.
- If you have any 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.
- EYC will gather at 5:30 PM on Sunday, Dec 12.

## SOLO: ALLELUIA!

words by Norah Phillips, music by G. O'Conner-Morris

Let joyful praise to Heaven ascend, for sighs and tears have now an end.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! The darksome night is past and gone,  
And glorious shines the rising sun. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Lord, we pray that, far and wide, in every heart love may abide.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! May strife and discord ever cease,  
And grant to us Thy Blessed Peace, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now to our God let voices raise one grand united hymn of praise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Let all men joy and praise now bring,  
To Christ our Risen Lord we sing, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Daily Office, Year 2, Week of 3 Advent, Dec 12–18, BCP 939

<b>Sun</b>	AM Psalm 63:1-8(9-11), 98 Amos 9:11-15	2 Thess. 2:1-3,13-17	PM Psalm 103 John 5:30-47
<b>Mon</b>	AM Psalm 41,52 Zech. 1:7-17	Rev. 3:7-13	PM Psalm 44 Matt. 24:15-31
<b>Tue</b>	AM Psalm 45 Zech. 2:1-13	Rev. 3:14-22	PM Psalm 47,48 Matt. 24:32-44
<b>Wed</b>	AM Psalm 119:49-72 Zech. 3:1-10	Rev. 4:1-8	PM Psalm 49,[53] Matt. 24:45-51
<b>Thu</b>	AM Psalm 50 Zech. 4:1-14	Rev. 4:9—5:5	PM Psalm [59,60] or 33 Matt. 25:1-13
<b>Fri</b>	AM Psalm 40,54 Zech. 7:8—8:8	Rev. 5:6-14	PM Psalm 51 Matt. 25:14-30
<b>Sat</b>	AM Psalm 55 Zech. 8:9-17	Rev. 6:1-17	PM Psalm 138, 139:1-17(18-23) Matt. 25:31-46

