

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

BIRTHDAYS: Nov 14, Mona Garnett, Elizabeth Stubbs; Nov 15, Laura Hall, Jessie Mills; Nov 18, Chris Vick; Nov 19, Paige Omar, Kristina Jones; Nov 20, Don Christian, Chip Hurdle, Charles Rodgers

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Teresa & Bob Forbis, Barbara Jones, Abbey Hale, Frannie Smith, Leonard Herron, The Tansil Family, 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, and Juli Valley

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, KIRBY, KATIE, and RYAN

& ALTAR FLOWERS &

Given to the Glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of Janice & Clark Doan by their family, Julie Ann Jones, Andrea Williams & Hays Doan, and Mary Holland & Derek, Thomas, and Anna Francis Morris.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING DAY HOLY EUCHARIST: Thursday, Nov 25, at 10:00 AM.

UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO): If your family participated in a thanksgiving/ gratefulness exercise using the little UTO blue box, or if you just want to give a donation to UTO, please turn in your boxes/offerings by Thanksgiving. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE CHANGE COMING UP: Our Sunday schedule will change beginning Nov 28, the First Sunday of Advent. Worship services will be at 8:30 and 10:30 AM, with Sunday school for adults and youth at 9:30 AM.

SAINT ANDREW'S NIGHT: Our annual meeting and potluck dinner is planned for <u>Tuesday</u>, Nov 30, at 6:00 PM at the VFW (347 S. Center Street). Three new Vestry members will be elected—be sure to read their bios, and Fr. Jeff will give his "State of the Parish" address. Sign-ups for that night are on the white table just inside the front door of the church — there's a sign-up for <u>attendance/food item to share</u> and a sign-up for <u>helpers to move and prepare everything</u> that afternoon. When you sign up for a food item, please note how many are attending beside your name. Since we need to know how many tables to prepare at the VFW, please don't forget to sign up if you are planning to attend. We hope you can join us for a wonderful evening celebrating the Saint Andrew's family on the actual Holy Day of Saint Andrew. Childcare will be available at the church.

VESTRY MINUTES: The minutes of the Nov 10 vestry meeting are available for your perusal on the parish hall bulletin board and on the church website.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS: You are welcome to begin submitting 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 each. Turn in your check made out to Saint Andrew's (write "poinsettias" on the memo line) **and the names** (indicating <u>in memory</u>, <u>in honor</u>, or in thanksgiving) to Cynthia by Sunday, Dec 19.

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.
- EYC will gather in the parish hall on Sunday, Nov 14, from 5:30-7:30 PM. We will have dinner, games, and planning.
- EYC will go to lunch after the 10:30 service on Sunday, Nov 21. Bring \$ for your lunch.
- 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.

MEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: The men are studying **The New Testament in Antiquity**, by Gary M. Burge and Gene L. Green (found at: http://masterlectures.zondervanacademic.com/new-testament-in-antiquity). The New Testament in Antiquity skillfully develops how Jewish, Hellenistic, and Roman cultures formed the essential environment in which the New Testament authors wrote their books and letters. You will learn how understanding the land, history, and culture of this world brings remarkable new insights into how we read the New Testament itself. All men are invited to attend on Mondays in the parish hall at 10:00 AM.

LADIES' TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: The ladies' study group is in the midst of a 12-week course on **Slaying the Giants in Your Life**, by David Jeremiah. The group meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM in the parish hall. The last class will be Nov. 30.

FR. JEFF'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Fr. Jeff is leading a study of Genesis on Wednesdays in the parish hall at 10:00 AM. The study picks up with 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. The 'semester' will end Dec 15.

FR. CHRISTIAN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY – DANIEL & ESTHER: Daniel was among the first of the captives taken by the Babylonians. Although he lived in a culture opposed to God, he was always faithful to the Lord, even in the face of death, and ultimately was able to influence kings and rulers. Esther was in exile during the time of the Persian Empire. Like Daniel, the Lord also placed her in a position to influence those in power. God also called her to step out in faith and risk her life to foil a plot against her people. As a result of her bold actions, the entire Jewish race was saved from annihilation. The group will explore *Life Lessons* with Max Lucado in a series of twelve lessons with intriguing questions, inspirational stories, and poignant reflections to take you deeper into God's Word. Like Daniel and Esther, Christians are also 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. The 'semester' will end Dec 16.



SOLO: SIGNS OF ENDINGS ALL AROUND US

words by Dean W. Nelson, b. 1944; tune by George Henry Day, 1883-1966

Signs of endings all around us – darkness, death, and winter days shroud our lives in fear and sadness, numbing mouths that long to praise. Come, O Christ, and dwell among us! Hear our cries, come set us free. Give us hope and faith and gladness. Show us what there yet can be.

Can it be that from our endings, new beginnings you create? Life from death, and from our rendings, realms of wholeness generate? Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them into hopes for life anew: Fading light and dying season sing their Glorias to you

Speak, O God, your Word among us. Barren lives your presence fill. Swell our hearts with songs of gladness, terrors calm, forebodings still. Let your promised realm of justice blossom now throughout the earth; your dominion bring now near us; we await the saving birth.

Daily Office, Year 1, Proper 28, November 14-20, BCP 992

Sun AM Psalm 66, 67 PM Psalm 19, 46

1 Macc. 2:29-43,49-50 Acts 28:14b-23 Luke 16:1-13

Mon AM Psalm 89:1-18 PM Psalm 89:19-52

1 Macc. 3:1-24 Rev. 20:7-15 Matt. 17:1-13

Tue AM Psalm 97, 99, [100] PM Psalm 94, [95]

1 Macc. 3:25-41 Rev. 21:1-8 Matt. 17:14-21

Wed AM Psalm 101, 109 PM Psalm 119:121-144

1 Macc. 3:42-60 Rev. 21:9-21 Matt. 17:22-27

Thu AM Psalm 105:1-22 PM Psalm 105:23-45

1 Macc. 4:1-25 Rev. 21:22—22:5 Matt. 18:1-9

Fri AM Psalm 102 PM Psalm 107:1-32

1 Macc. 4:36-59 Rev. 22:6-13 Matt. 18:10-20

Sat AM Psalm 107:33-43, 108 PM Psalm 33

Isa. 65:17-25 Rev. 22:14-21 Matt. 18:21-35