



PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

BIRTHDAYS: Dec 4, Erinn Monette; Dec 5, Mary Lou Thesmar; Dec 6, Nicholas Hurley, Caroline Rinks; Dec 8, Peter Colclasure, Marie Stolzle; Dec 9, Rita Compton

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Abbey Hale, Mike Pharr, Lorie Turner, Mary Lou Thesmar, Devin Suzanne, Katie & Cliff, Mary Elaine, Irene, Sam Wilson, Janet, Mac, Josephine, Cecelia, Ginger, Stefanie, Cory, and Joe Marsh

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, MARY STINNETT, KRISTIN DILL, BILL NICHOLS, BUCKY, PAUL HYDE, JACK & GAIL BOBICZ, PAM BRAMLEGE, JULI VALLEY, ANNA, SUSAN, CONNOR, and GEORGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPEN HOUSE/CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE: Ladies, it's time to celebrate! It's been a while since we could all get together in person. We're going to get together for an Open House/Christmas Cookie Exchange. It will be at Erinn Monette's home (3282 N. Hartwell Ridge Dr., C'ville) on Saturday, Dec 17, 1:00–4:00 PM. Come and mingle and chat over some snacks and drinks. You don't have to do the cookie exchange part if you do not want to participate in it. We want everyone to just have a good time! We are trying to do this in early afternoon before it gets dark out. For those of you who cannot drive, we can arrange transportation for you. 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! Contact Stacy Coughlin at 901.270.4319 or at stacycoughlin@comcast.net if you have any questions.

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 14.

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 need more ushers and LEMs for all three services. Please consider helping with these special services.

LESSONS & CAROLS LED BY EYC: Everyone is invited to Lessons & Carols, which will be led by our EYC group on Dec 4 at 5:00 PM. Come out for a nice Advent service in support of our youth.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: Those who would like to pray the Rosary will meet on Monday, Dec 5, at 5:30 PM in the church.

DECEMBER VESTRY MEETING: The December meeting is Dec 7 at 6:00 PM in the conference room and is for current year's 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.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT HOSTED BY EYC: Our EYC group is hosting Parents' Night Out on Saturday, Dec 10, 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.

MINIATURE SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCHES: This year we are once again selling the delightful Saint Andrew's Church "night lights" on Sunday mornings in the foyer of the parish hall or at the ushers' table. The cost is \$30. You can just pick one up and leave a check in the black box in the parish hall foyer. 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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES: The Men's Bible Study, led by Dax Carter, is on Mondays, and they are covering material from Zondervan Master Lectures. The Ladies' Bible Study, facilitated by Patti Gildea, is on Tuesdays, and for Advent they are using *The Word Became Flesh: Reflections for Advent and Christmas*, edited by Matthew Becklo. They will begin a new study on Jan 10. Fr. Jeff's *Genesis* study is on Wednesdays. Fr. Christian's study is on Thursdays, and they are finishing up a study on the heart. All classes are in the parish hall at 10:00 AM.

SAINT ANDREW'S NIGHT: We had a wonderful Saint Andrew's Night on Wednesday. The attendance was around 78–80. The food tables were laden with wonderful dishes, and everything was delicious – thank you all! The VFW becomes more pleasant each year that passes – they keep making many gradual improvements. Fr. Jeff's 'State of the Parish' address was engaging, and he informed us that our average parishioner age is younger than the national church as a whole. Fr. Christian gave a wonderful and encouraging talk. We elected three new Vestry members for 2023–2025: Bill Barnett, Keena Meinhart, and Joe Stinnett – thank you all for your willingness to serve Saint Andrew's in this important role. They will be official Vestry members at the stroke of midnight on Jan 1. We are so thankful for all the hard work and involvement over the last three years of our outgoing Vestry members: Rita Compton, Stacy Coughlin, and Kent Thompson. Vince Clemmer was awarded The Order of Saint Andrew – he does so much for the parish, especially in the area of technology. Congratulations Vince!!

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP: The **2023** 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.



ADVENT WREATHS

The wreaths on the doors are given by the Outlan Family to the Glory of Almighty God and in appreciation for clergy, staff, and vestry.

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

4:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

5:30 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

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

*** NO SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS DAY ***

Daily Office, Year 1, Week of 2 Advent, Dec 4–10, BCP 936

Sun	AM Psalm 148, 149, 150 Isa. 5:1-7	PM Psalm 114, 115 2 Pet. 3:11-18	Luke 7:28-35
Mon	AM Psalm 25 Isa. 5:8-12, 18-23	PM Psalm 9, 15 1 Thess. 5:1-11	Luke 21:20-28
Tue	AM Psalm 26, 28 Isa. 5:13-17, 24-25	PM Psalm 36, 39 1 Thess. 5:12-28	Luke 21:29-38
Wed	AM Psalm 38 Isa. 6:1-13	PM Psalm 119:25-48 2 Thess. 1:1-12	John 7:53—8:11
Thu	AM Psalm 37:1-18 Isa. 7:1-9	PM Psalm 37:19-42 2 Thess. 2:1-12	Luke 22:1-13
Fri	AM Psalm 31 Isa. 7:10-25	PM Psalm 35 2 Thess. 2:13—3:5	Luke 22:14-30
Sat	AM Psalm 30, 32 Isa. 8:1-15	PM Psalm 42, 43 2 Thess. 3:6-18	Luke 22:31-38

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:

- Sunday, Dec 4, is Lessons and Carols at 5:00 PM.
- Saturday, Dec 10, is Parents' Night Out, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and we will be hosting games and activities with the younger kids. Be thinking of something fun we can do with them.
- 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.