



### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dec 17, Demetra Stokes, J. P. Senyoni; Dec 19, Cari Brose, James Ozment, Sarah Beth Bland, Mary Francis Mangum, Autumn Morrison; Dec 23, Steve Harden

### 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

**DEATH:** **Louis A. Wynne**, parishioner and husband of parishioner Carol Wynne

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

### ☪ 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) \*\***

**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:** The Men's study is on Mondays at 10 AM; the Ladies' Tuesday study will resume on Jan 9 at 10 AM; Fr. Jeff's Exodus discussion will change to Wednesdays beginning Jan 3 at 2:00 PM and continue on Wednesdays for the rest of 2024. Fr. Jeff's Wednesday Genesis study and Fr. Christian's Thursday study will resume on Jan 3 and 4, respectively, 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, except during school Christmas holidays.

**PORTRAITS FOR THE CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Your portraits taken by The Portrait Café for the church directory are available for pickup in the parish hall. They are arranged on tables along the south wall, in alphabetical order.

**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."

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR WITH DR. COVEY:** A continuation of the marriage enrichment seminar begun in November will take place on Saturday, Jan 13, from 9 AM to 1 PM in the parish hall. The topic is "Journey to a Holy and Loving Marriage." Food/snacks will be provided—donations will be accepted. A sign-up is posted on the parish hall bulletin board. Be sure to indicate by NOON on Sunday, Jan 7, whether you need nursery care and whether you want food/snacks.

**NOVEMBER VESTRY MINUTES:** The minutes of the Nov 8 Vestry Meeting are posted on the parish hall bulletin board and on our website (under About Us/Vestry/Vestry Minutes) for your perusal.

**Daily Office, Year 2, Week of 3 Advent, Dec 17–23, BCP 939**

**Sun** AM Psalm 63:1-8(9-11), 98      PM Psalm 103  
Amos 9:11-15      2 Thess. 2:1-3,13-17      John 5:30-47

**Mon** AM Psalm 41,52      PM Psalm 44  
Zech. 1:7-17      Rev. 3:7-13      Matt. 24:15-31

**Tue** AM Psalm 45      PM Psalm 47,48  
Zech. 2:1-13      Rev. 3:14-22      Matt. 24:32-44

**Wed** AM Psalm 119:49-72      PM Psalm 49,[53]  
Zech. 3:1-10      Rev. 4:1-8      Matt. 24:45-51

**Thu** *Holy Day, St. Thomas, December 21, BCP 996*  
AM Psalm 23,121      Job 42:1-6      1 Peter 1:3-9  
PM Psalm 27      Isaiah 43:8-13      John 14:1-7

**Thu** AM Psalm 50      PM Psalm [59,60] or 33  
Zech. 4:1-14      Rev. 4:9—5:5      Matt. 25:1-13

**Fri** AM Psalm 40,54      PM Psalm 51  
Zech. 7:8—8:8      Rev. 5:6-14      Matt. 25:14-30

**Sat** AM Psalm 55      PM Psalm 138, 139:1-17(18-23)  
Zech. 8:9-17      Rev. 6:1-17      Matt. 25:31-46

**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, except for when school is out for holidays. Snacks are provided, and we hope to see everyone there!

## **SOLO: ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND**

(words by Samuel Stennett, 1727–1795;  
music is LAND OF REST and NEW BRITAIN, arr. by Brian L. Hanson)

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand  
and cast a wishful eye  
to Canaan's fair and happy land,  
where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide, extended plains  
shines one eternal day;  
there God the Son forever reigns  
and scatters night away.

No chilling winds or poisonous breath  
can reach that healthful shore;  
sickness and sorrow, pain and death,  
are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place  
and be forever blest?  
When shall I see my Father's face  
and in God's bosom rest?



## **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.