



PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

BIRTHDAYS: Nov 26, Larry Marquez, Katelynn Leake; Nov 28, Carol Wynne; Nov 29, Elizabeth Pearl, Alexander Hall; Nov 30, Nick Stolzle; Dec 1, Ellie Norris

BIRTH: **Julian Luke Snow**, son of Laura & Nathan Snow, and grandson of parishioners Sally & Mark Sherman

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Abbey Hale, Lorie Turner, Mary Lou Thesmar, Joe Marsh, Mark, Rhonda & Dale, Anita Coughlin, Callie, Paul Massa, Carole Scruggs, Mary Ellen, Lori, Wendy Davis, Fr. René, Lindsey Mobley, Bill Richardson, and Dan S.

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, BARBARA & TOMMY JONES, ANN & WALKER, BETTY & TOM, THERESA, SHERRI, SAVANNAH HYDE, and MIKE COLEMAN

DEATH: **Dolores Urban Sherman**, mother of parishioner Mark Sherman

✿ ALTAR FLOWERS ✿

Given by Sally & Clayton Watson to the glory of Almighty God
and in celebration of their wedding anniversary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A HUGE THANK-YOU TO JOE STINNETT: Joe was the most amazing and organized coordinator we could have EVER had to work with Portrait Café to get our portraits scheduled for our new church directory. We could not have accomplished this without him. He deserves all the thanks and all the applause!

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. Please consider helping with these special services.

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.

SAINT ANDREW'S NIGHT – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: This year Saint Andrew's Night will be here at the church in the parish hall on **Wednesday, Nov 29, at 6:00 PM**. Saint Andrew's will provide the food this year. You are welcome to bring wine for your dinner if you wish. We hope you will join us for this special, once-a-year evening. New Vestry members for 2024 will be elected, and Fr. Jeff will update us on the state of the parish. Sign-up must be done by Sunday, Nov 26.

ADVENT RETREAT: On **Dec 3** after the 10:30 service, there will be an Advent Retreat led by Fr. Jeff Marx helping us to focus on the season and prepare us for Christmas. Lunch will be provided for retreat attendees. Please sign up in the parish hall and indicate whether you will eat lunch. Also, please indicate whether you will need nursery/childcare (give children's ages). We need the lunch and nursery/childcare information by **Sunday, Nov 26** so we can order the food and hire nursery workers if needed.

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 on Tuesdays at 10–11:30 AM; 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.

VESTRY NOMINEES FOR 2024: The candidates are **Mary Walton Allen, Lisa Carter, Ting Ting Davis, Charles Hall, Don Johnston, and Jay Walne**. Three of these will be elected at Saint Andrew's Night. Their willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

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.

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**.

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.

FR. CHRISTIAN IS ON THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE: Go to the following link to see Fr. Christian's photo and article on the Diocese of West Tennessee website: <https://edwtn.org/what-we-have-in-our-hands/>

Daily Office, Year 1, Proper 29, Nov 26–Dec 2, BCP 994

Sun	AM Psalm 118 Isa. 19:19-25	PM Psalm 145 Rom. 15:5-13	Luke 19:11-27
Mon	AM Psalm 106:1-18 Joel 3:1-2,9-17	PM Psalm 106:19-48 1 Pet. 1:1-12	Matt. 19:1-12
Tue	AM Psalm [120],121,122,123 Nahum 1:1-13	PM Psalm 124,125,126,[127] 1 Pet. 1:13-25	Matt. 19:13-22
Wed	AM Psalm 119:145-176 Obadiah 15-21	PM Psalm 128, 129, 130 1 Pet. 2:1-10	Matt. 19:23-30
Thu	<i>Holy Day, St. Andrew, November 30, BCP 996</i>		
	AM Psalm 34	Isaiah 49:1-6	1 Cor. 4:1-16
	PM Psalm 96, 100	Isaiah 55:1-5	John 1:35-42
Thu	AM Psalm 131, 132, [133] Zeph. 3:1-13	PM Psalm 134, 135 1 Pet. 2:11-25	Matt. 20:1-16
Fri	AM Psalm 140, 142 Isa. 24:14-23	PM Psalm 141, 143:1-11(12) 1 Pet. 3:13—4:6	Matt. 20:17-28
Sat	AM Psalm 137:1-6(7-9), 144 Micah 7:11-20	PM Psalm 104 1 Pet. 4:7-19	Matt. 20:29-34

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.
- Wednesday, Nov 29: Saint Andrew's Night, at 6 PM, so no Bible Study that night. If you are 16 years old or older, you are welcome to join the adults in the parish hall. Everyone else can come to the church basement for pizza and to help play with the younger kids while the parents are upstairs.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- 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: THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE

(words by Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000; music is DUNEDIN by Vernon Griffiths, 1894–1985)

The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise. A caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood.
And teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all without reserve and spread Christ's liberating word.