



## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

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 MIKE COLEMAN

**DEATH:** **Barbara Jones**, parishioner, and wife of parishioner Tommy Jones

## ❧ 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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. We cannot easily have the services without your help.

**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.

**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.

**PRAYING THE ROSARY:** Those who would like to pray the Rosary will meet on Monday, Dec 4, at 4:30 PM in the church.

**ADVENT RETREAT:** On Sunday, **Dec 3**, after the 10:30 service, Fr. Jeff is leading an Advent Retreat to help parishioners focus on the season and prepare for Christmas. There will not be a nursery as no one signed up by Nov 26. Lunch will be provided if you signed up for it by Nov 26. If anyone wants to join the retreat at this time (without the lunch), you are most welcome to attend.

**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.

**THREE NEW VESTRY MEMBERS ELECTED FOR 2024:** At Saint Andrew's Night on Wednesday, Nov 29, **Mary Walton Allen, Ting Ting Davis, and Charles Hall** were elected to serve as Vestry members for 2024 through 2026. Congratulations to all three, and we thank you for being willing to serve!

**ORDER OF SAINT ANDREW AWARD:** At the annual meeting on Wednesday night, it was announced that **Joe Stinnett** is this year's new inductee into The Order of Saint Andrew, an honorary society in which membership is based on service to God and Saint Andrew's Church. Congratulations Joe!!

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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**.

**EVENING PRAYER AND PRAYERS FOR HEALING:** The Order of St. Luke will host Evening Prayer and Prayers for Healing on Thursday, Dec 7, 6:30–7:30 PM in the church. Please attend either Evening Prayer, healing prayer, or both. OSL encourages you to come and bring those who have asked you for prayer.

**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](mailto:stacycoughlin@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

**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."

### Daily Office, Year 2, Week of 1 Advent, Dec 3–9, BCP 937

<b>Sun</b>	AM Psalm 146,147 Amos 1:1-5,13—2:8	PM Psalm 111,112,113 1 Thess. 5:1-11	Luke 21:5-19
<b>Mon</b>	AM Psalm 1,2,3 Amos 2:6-16	PM Psalm 4,7 2 Pet. 1:1-11	Matt. 21:1-11
<b>Tue</b>	AM Psalm 5,6 Amos 3:1-11	PM Psalm 10,11 2 Pet. 1:12-21	Matt. 21:12-22
<b>Wed</b>	AM Psalm 119:1-24 Amos 3:12—4:5	PM Psalm 12,13,14 2 Pet. 3:1-10	Matt. 21:23-32
<b>Thu</b>	AM Psalm 18:1-20 Amos 4:6-13	PM Psalm 18:21-50 2 Pet. 3:11-18	Matt. 21:33-46
<b>Fri</b>	AM Psalm 16,17 Amos 5:1-17	PM Psalm 22 Jude 1-16	Matt. 22:1-14
<b>Sat</b>	AM Psalm 20, 21:1-7(8-14) Amos 5:18-27	PM Psalm 110:1-5(6-7),116,117 Jude 17-25	Matt. 22:15-22

### **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](http://EDWTN.org/Youth).

#### **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: MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING**

(Traditional Spiritual)

Refrain:

My Lord, what a morning,  
My Lord, what a morning,  
O my Lord, what a morning,  
When the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the trumpet sound,  
To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand,  
When the stars begin to fall. Refrain

You'll hear the sinner mourn,  
To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand,  
When the stars begin to fall. Refrain

You'll hear the Christian shout,  
To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand,  
When the stars begin to fall. Refrain