



PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

BIRTHDAYS: Nov 29, Elizabeth Pearl, Alexander Hall; Nov 30, Nick Stolze; Dec 1, Ellie Norris

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

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, and JOE MARSH

DEATH: Curtis Earl Sawyer, father of parishioner Linda Davis

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.

SAINT ANDREW'S NIGHT: Our annual meeting and potluck dinner is planned for Wednesday, Nov 30, at 6:00 PM at the VFW (347 S. Center Street). Three new Vestry members will be elected, and Fr. Jeff will give his "State of the Parish" address. Sign-ups for that night are posted on the parish hall bulletin board — sign-ups for attendance/food item to share and for helpers to move and set up things that afternoon. Please sign up so that we will know how many tables to prepare at the VFW. We hope you can join us for a wonderful evening celebrating the Saint Andrew's family on the actual Holy Day of Saint Andrew. Nursery/child care will be available at the church.

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 ushers and LEMs for all three services and readers for 4:00 and 5:30 PM. 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.

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.

EVENING PRAYER AND PRAYERS FOR HEALING: The Order of St. Luke will host Evening Prayer and Prayers for Healing on Thursday, Dec 1, 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.

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.

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.

SOLO: SIGNS OF ENDING ALL AROUND US

words by Dean W. Nelson, b. 1944; music is GENEVA 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 endings,
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.

☪ 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) ****

Daily Office, Year 1, Week of 1 Advent, Nov 27–Dec 3, BCP 936

Sun	AM Psalm 146, 147 Isa. 1:1-9	PM Psalm 111, 112, 113 2 Pet. 3:1-10	Matt. 25:1-13
Mon	AM Psalm 1, 2, 3 Isa. 1:10-20	PM Psalm 4, 7 1 Thess. 1:1-10	Luke 20:1-8
Tue	AM Psalm 5, 6 Isa. 1:21-31	PM Psalm 10, 11 1 Thess. 2:1-12	Luke 20:9-18
Wed	<i>Holy Day, St. Andrew, November 30, BCP 996</i>		
	AM Psalm 34 PM Psalm 96, 100	Isaiah 49:1-6 Isaiah 55:1-5	1 Cor. 4:1-16 John 1:35-42
Wed	AM Psalm 119:1-24 Isa. 2:1-11	PM Psalm 12, 13, 14 1 Thess. 2:13-20	Luke 20:19-26
Thu	AM Psalm 18:1-20 Isa. 2:12-22	PM Psalm 18:21-50 1 Thess. 3:1-13	Luke 20:27-40
Fri	AM Psalm 16, 17 Isa. 3:8-15	PM Psalm 22 1 Thess. 4:1-12	Luke 20:41—21:4
Sat	AM Psalm 20, 21 Isa. 4:2-6	PM Psalm 110, 116, 117 1 Thess. 4:13-18	Luke 21:5-19

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:

- Saint Andrew's Night is Wednesday, Nov 30, at 6:00 PM, so no Bible study that night either. If you are 16 years old or older, you are welcome to join the adults at the VFW. Everyone else can come to the church basement for pizza and help play with the younger kids while the parents are at the VFW.
- 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.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Sunday, Dec 4, is Lessons and Carols. More details will 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 10, is Parents' Night Out, and we will be hosting games and activities with the younger kids. Be thinking of something fun we can do with them.