



PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

BIRTHDAYS: Dec 5, Mary Lou Thesmar; Dec 6, Nicholas Hurley, Caroline Rinks; Dec 8, Peter Colclasure, Marie Stolzle; Dec 9, Rita Compton; Dec 11, Barbara Jones

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Teresa & Bob Forbis, Barbara Jones, Abbey Hale, Frannie Smith, Nat Baxter, Denise & Jim, Sherri Ligon, Rosemary Paden, The Brown Family, The Russell Family, Susan, Jerry, Linda & Jim Cantrell, Marilyn Grivich, Mike Pharr, Graham Clayton, Yvonne, and Juli Valley

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, JAMES, KURT B., MARY STINNETT, KRISTIN DILL, CHIP HURDLE, BRETT NICHOLSON, BILL NICHOLS, DAVID, BUCKY, BILL CORUM, PAUL HYDE, JOSH PARTLOW, JACK & GAIL BOBICZ, KIRBY, KATIE, and RYAN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH: This year for Christmas giving, we encourage you to make a special monetary contribution to our Christmas Outreach Fund as soon as possible. We are providing for a large number of families, as well as local and global partners. Write "Christmas Outreach" on the memo line of your check, and make your check out to St. Andrew's. Thank you for helping our 'angels.'

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP: The **2022** 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 **2022** Saint Andrew's Church Calendar is available for parishioners on the hallway bookshelf near the office. 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.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: Monday, Dec 6, at 5:30 PM in the church.

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 by Sunday, Dec 19.

KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM: We got an update from Kroger regarding our parishioners' use of Kroger Plus cards. We have 39 supporter households that shopped at Kroger between Aug 1 and Oct 31, for a total donation of \$126.60, which will be deposited to the EYC account. To participate in this program, you must log in at krogercommunityrewards.com and register your Kroger Plus card. Saint Andrew's account number is **CD970**. You can search for either the number or the name of the church.

SAINT ANDREW'S NIGHT: We had a wonderful evening on Tuesday for Saint Andrew's Night. The food everyone brought was delicious – thank you all. There were a number of comments that the VFW has improved a lot and is a much more pleasant atmosphere in which to have church events. They have made a lot of gradual improvements over the last few years. Fr. Jeff's 'State of the Parish' address was informative and engaging. We elected three new Vestry members for 2022–2024: Steve Anderson, Lisa Bailey, and Erinn Monette – thank you all for your willingness to serve Saint Andrew's in this important role. They will be official Vestry at the stroke of midnight Jan 1. Finally, we are so thankful for all the hard work and involvement over the last three years of our outgoing Vestry members: Jenny Cordell, Field Norris, and John Russell. You can skip a year and then come back?

DECEMBER VESTRY MEETING: The December meeting is Dec 8 at 6:00 PM in the conference room and is for this year's Vestry. 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.

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 for all three services and readers for 4:00 and 5:30 PM. Please consider helping with these special services.

 **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) ****

MEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: The men have been studying **The New Testament in Antiquity**, by Gary M. Burge and Gene L. Green (found at: <http://masterlectures.zondervanacademic.com/new-testament-in-antiquity>), by which they have learned that understanding the land, history, and culture of that world brings remarkable new insights into how we read the New Testament. All men are invited to attend on Mondays in the parish hall at 10:00 AM. The study will finish around the end of December. There will be an update as soon as a new January study is chosen.

LADIES' TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: A great new ladies' study by Priscilla Shirer on **Elijah** begins Jan 11 and will meet every Tuesday in the parish hall from 10:00–11:30 AM. They'd love to have new ladies join in who have not attended before. Everyone is welcome, and books will be available soon on the bookcase near the office door. Please e-mail Sara Dobbs if you want to join the study (sdobbs1166@yahoo.com).

FR. JEFF'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Fr. Jeff's Wednesday study on Genesis will take a break after Dec 15 and pick up again in January. The study uses materials posted on Facebook and the church website (look under Worship/Reflections), with additional insights from the Church Fathers of the Christian faith. It is a slow-motion study, trying to honor the depth to be found therein. Study notes are provided on the church website for those who want to use them as a guide. Go to menu headings Parish Life/Adults/Adult Formation and you will find Bible Studies on the Adult Formation page. In the description of the Wednesday study is a link to the notes. They can also be found under Parish Life on the church's mobile app. Everyone is invited to join the class.

FR. CHRISTIAN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY – DANIEL & ESTHER: The Daniel portion of the group's current study is over, but they are continuing their study of Esther. They will take a break after the Dec 16 class and return in January with an additional new study on Esther. Like Daniel and Esther, Christians are in exile in this world and need to stay faithful and true to their Heavenly Kingdom. Everyone is invited to attend on Thursdays at 10:00 AM in the parish hall.

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

- EYC Bible Study has started back in person on Wednesday nights from 6:00–7:00 PM in the basement. If you cannot come in person and want to Zoom in, ask Julie for the link. No Bible study on Wednesdays Dec 22 and 29.
- If you have any 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.
- EYC will gather at 5:30 PM on Sundays Dec 5 and 12.



ADVENT WREATHS

Given by The Outlan Family to the Glory of Almighty God
and in honor of Barbara & Tommy Jones

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

Daily Office, Year 2, Week of 2 Advent, Dec 5–11, BCP 937

Sun	AM Psalm 148,149,150 Amos 6:1-14	PM Psalm 114,115 1 Thess. 5:1-12	Luke 1:57-68
Mon	AM Psalm 25 Amos 7:1-9	PM Psalm 9,15 Rev. 1:1-8	Matt. 22:23-33
Tue	AM Psalm 26,28 Amos 7:10-17	PM Psalm 36,39 Rev. 1:9-16	Matt. 22:34-46
Wed	AM Psalm 38 Amos 8:1-14	PM Psalm 119:25-48 Rev. 1:17—2:7	Matt. 23:1-12
Thu	AM Psalm 37:1-18 Amos 9:1-10	PM Psalm 37:19-42 Rev. 2:8-17	Matt. 23:13-26
Fri	AM Psalm 31 Haggai 1:1-15	PM Psalm 35 Rev. 2:18-29	Matt. 23:27-39
Sat	AM Psalm 30,32 Haggai 2:1-9	PM Psalm 42,43 Rev. 3:1-6	Matt. 24:1-14