

Saints'Alive

December 2022



And so we begin again...

November 27 marked the first Sunday in the Season of Advent, 2022. We shifted over from our primary lectionary lessons from Luke in Year C to Matthew in Year A. We have changed from the seasonal liturgical color of green used after Pentecost, to the soothing color of Advent blue. In addition we shifted the Eucharistic Prayers that we use on Sunday. At the 8:00 Rite One service we now use Eucharistic Prayer I, instead of Prayer II. At our 10:30 Rite Two service we are using Prayer B instead because it has a more incarnational tone to it than Prayer A. We put away the Gloria for a few weeks in favor of the Kyrie and at the end of communion in Rite Two we now use the second post communion prayer.

So why is there so much shuffling around with the order of worship? It's a lot to take in for someone not familiar with the Episcopal Church and our liturgical forms of worship. Can't we just figure out what works and stick with it Sunday after Sunday? The quick answer to that question is...no.

We are a people of faith where the way we worship is a true reflection of what we believe. In Latin, it is said; *lex orandi, lex credendi*. We tell the story of our Christian faith by how we worship together throughout the entire year. We are a liturgical worshipping community. We use colors and symbols to enhance how we tell our story to others.

Our story begins with a four-week season of preparation we know as Advent leading to Christmas Day. Like the familiar carol reminds us, there are Twelve Days of Christmas, ending with the Day of Epiphany on January 6th. Depending on when Easter is set, the length of the Season of Epiphany varies before giving way to 40 days of Lent. Easter is determined by the first Sunday after the full Moon that falls on or after the spring equinox. Then of course there are the 50 days of Easter tide leading to Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and the long greens season after Pentecost. Which brings us right back to Advent once again.

The foundation of our Christian Story is cyclical. However, the experience of our Christian Story is cumulative. This is why so many of us have our own family traditions connected with this time of year. Certain music must be played while decorating. Special food is cooked and shared with family and friends. People gather to watch classic movies like, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, *the Christmas Story*, and now this year, *the Christmas Story 2*.

The point is that telling the story is central to our very being. Certain repetitive acts serve to enhance our understanding of how God became human flesh and lived among us. As we slowly move through the weeks on the calendar, we mark important events and milestones that help us tell the story. When we get to the end of the story on Christ the King Sunday, we pause for a brief moment and then we begin again. The unique narrative of the Christian story is that it is both never ending and one that is constantly evolving.

Last Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent - Year A. And so here we are. Let us begin once again.

Mark+

I hope everyone had a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. And now we are in the season in Advent. I think our blue Advent vestments are awesome!

All Saints' is participating in several Outreach programs in December. Food on Foot is collecting robes, Bingo will host a Christmas Lunch with gifts, and our continuous donation of food to Central Services.

It is that time of the year that we recruit new Vestry members. If you are interested, please contact me or any Vestry member or Father Mark. Serving on the Vestry is an honor and a great way to understand how All Saints' works.

As we are winding up our Stewardship season, **if you haven't sent in your pledge card, please do. And a big thanks to all who have pledged.**

As a reminder, we will be decorating the church for the Christmas season on Sunday, December 18 after the 10:30 service. This will prepare the sanctuary for Lessons and Carols that evening.

In closing, me and my family would like to wish all of you a happy, safe, healthy, and blessed Christmas.

Howard Mauney, Senior Warden



All Saints' T-shirts

Youth Small- Adult Extra Large Tshirt - \$9.45

Youth Small- Adult Extra Large Long Sleeve Tshirt - \$12.45

Youth Small- Adult Extra Large Pull Over Hooded Sweatshirt - \$19.25

Youth Small- Adult Extra Large Ladies V-Neck Tshirt - \$10.25

**Place order on sheet posted on
bulletin board in Parish Hall.**





Happy Holidays to you and yours!

In December we will begin some lighting replacements on the stairs leading up to the church. Under the guidance of wonderful Skeet Jernigan, work continues on fixing and improving the lighting in the sanctuary.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the health and well being of our much loved church property. As we move into Advent and race downhill towards Christmas, please let us know if you would like to volunteer for any of our seasonal activities – we need all the help we can get decorating the church and helping to serve during our many celebratory services.

Wishing peace to you and your families in this Christmas season,

Colleen Andrews, Jr. Warden



November 20 we gathered in the parish hall and made advent wreaths. What fun! Over 20 people from both services as well as some of the scouts crafted a wreath for their home. May it be a daily reminder to them of this blessed season.

This month, on **Sunday, December 11, we will be making gingerbread houses! This will be happening at 5:30 PM in the parish hall.** We will provide a soup and salad supper. After supper, we can all build our gingerbread houses! Graham crackers and frosting will be provided. You are encouraged to bring your own candies and other edibles for decorating. This activity is for all ages! Invite your friends and grandchildren.

So, mark your calendars and come join us for fellowship, good, fun and laughter! Tis the season!!!

Feliz Navidad !

Linda Haas, Evangelism Liaison

Dear All Saints',

Hopefully some of you were able to attend and enjoyed our November 10 Veterans Day concert as much as I did. It was a wonderful show, a stirring tribute to our Veterans. The setting was appropriately patriotic, the songs and student presentations well sung and versed, and the audience's response warm and enthusiastic.

Our next concert will celebrate Christmas and the holidays, taking place on **December 15 at 5:30 pm** at **All Saints' Episcopal Church**. Please consider joining us; it's going to be another great performance!

Holiday childcare

Christmas break will be here before we know it. ASES is offering an Extended Day Camp at the School running from Wednesday, December 21st through Friday, December 23rd, as well as Monday, December 26th through Friday, December 30th. We have lots of fun activities scheduled, including; decorating Christmas cookies, making ornaments, PJ & movie day, a field-trip, and a New Year's Eve Party.

If you or someone you know needs childcare during any or all of these days, please have them reach out to Emily Raymond, All Saints' Extended Day Director at eraymond@asestn.org, or Debbie Young, Administrative Assistant at (423) 586-3280, to sign up for whichever days.

Christmas Parade

ASES is participating in the annual City of Morristown Christmas Parade held on Thursday, December 1st at 7pm (rain or shine) in downtown Morristown. We are putting together a school float and welcoming our families to ride or walk alongside it. We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join in the festivities. Debbie Young, Administrative Assistant

Scouts Organizing

December 7, at both lunch periods, Dr. Henry Selby will present the wonderful opportunities of Cub Scouting to our K-5 and Scouting to our 6-8 graders. Those interested in signing up will gather Thursday evening, December 8, at 5:30 in our gym. If you know a child who wants in on the fun, please come join us.

Winter Sports

After some dormancy caused by COVID-19, we're back to a pretty full slate of athletics at ASES. Middle school boys' basketball is practicing now, cheerleading (grades K-4) tryouts are November 30 with practices to begin in early December, 3 on 3 basketball for grades 1 – 4 begins in January. Unless your child is already committed to a school team, they are welcome to participate with our students. Please be in touch with Coach Alice at (awebb@asestn.org) or 423.586.3280 for more information.

Search Committee update

Our Head of School search is moving along fantastically! First and foremost, I appreciate everyone who took the time to respond to the School's questionnaire and share your views on the qualities sought in our next Head of School and the priorities for the next few years. The importance of community participation in the search process cannot be overestimated. Furthermore, the survey results will be instrumental in helping shape the direction of the search.

Over the next month, our focus will shift from vetting candidates to starting formal interviews. This exciting step moves us closer to finalizing our decision for the next Head of School. Please continue to look for updates attached to Father Smokey's communications. Thanks again for your continued interest and supportive prayers!

Kris Yarlett, Chair of the Search Committee

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Long Range Planning

About 6 weeks ago, I received word of a wonderfully generous gift from two families: \$100,000 paid over the next 5 years. As you can imagine, my mind raced with possibilities!

It has been a minute since All Saints' Episcopal School has had such an opportunity to dream of significant campus improvement, program enhancement, and/or faculty benefit. To steer the conversations and recommendations that will ultimately be brought to the Board of Trustees, we have formed a workgroup within the Long Range Planning Committee made up of school, church, and community members. The group's conversations have been lively and passionate, imaginative and farsighted, fluid and informed.

We hope to have a recommendation to give to the Board at its December meeting. Exciting; quite exciting!
Blessings,
Smokey + and Team ASES



Food on Foot for the New Year

We will continue to fill food bags for Food on Foot every month in the coming new year. However, we will only go the warehouse and hand them out the first Saturday of **every other month** starting on January 7. While more churches have stepped up and want to help hand bags out, the need for food has also continued to grow. The last time we handed out food bags, we gave out 273 food bags.

I will put notifications in the bulletin regarding food bags, but our dates for 2023 will be January 7, March 4, May 6, July 1, September 2 and November 4.

Thank you for your continuing support.
Ginger Goolsby
Member of Outreach Committee



**December Bingo will be
Wednesday, Dec..14 at noon.**

We will be serving spaghetti and salad. A list of food needed has been emailed to you. We can always use your help to set up, serve, play bingo and clean up. Please show up at 11:00.

Father Mark has provided all the gift cards this year! But we will need the usual bingo prizes, including coffee and filters. There is a collection tub in the narthex,

Thanks for your support!
The Bingo Team



5:00PM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

No Incense

10:30PM Special Musical Prelude

11:00PM Festive Eucharist: Rite II

With Incense



The Men are Cookin'

**Team Feldman
Parish Breakfast
Sunday, December 4**



*Given to All Saints' in memory of
Judith Brown Bartholomew:
Ginger Goolsby*



SISTERHOOD

TUESDAY DECEMBER 20TH

AT 5:30PM AT THE COUNTRY CLUB **

THIS IS ONE WEEK LATER THAN NOMAL***

MENU – SAME SISTERHOOD MENU AS OF LAST TWO MONTHS – 5 CHOICES
\$15.00 ALL INCLUSIVE

EMAILS WILL BE SENT SOON FOR RESERVATIONS

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE
JANIS

GRIEF SUPPORT GATHERING
WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER.

HOWEVER, WATCH FOR INFO FOR THE
JANUARY
GATHERING.

JANIS



IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYER

For healing and comfort: Sheila Carton; Jim Gose; Louise Dyer; Bobby Joe Jones; Judy Anglin; Buddy Mayes; Bethany Davidson; Cindi Husk; Lin Mitrak; Harold Purkey; Arlene Grosenbeck; Larry Mills; Rick McAfee; Jack Yates; Rosemary Winslow; David Burnette; Davin Auton; Josh Lucas; Paul Hyde; Earl Hall; Kendall Shinlever; Carolyn Ketner; Martha Simerl; Rev. Dean Haun; Robert Luera; Kaysi Fields; Kent Elkins; Bob Russell

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: For our sister missions in South Dakota: St. Elizabeth's, Wakpala; St. James', Mobridge; St. John's, Bullhead; St. Paul's, Little Eagle

Those in the Armed Forces & First Responders: Gryfin Broyles; Jeffrey Torres; Tim Herzog; Hayden & Hunter Dome; Azlynn Megan Ross; Daniel Thomas; Luke Adams; Hunter Case; Kristie Kirby; Kevin Smith; Luke & Austin Whitelaw; Amber Berry Gilliam

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS! YOUR HELP IS NEEDED THIS CHRISTMAS!

Do you have an evergreen tree or holly bush in your yard? Those branches should adorn the altar and sanctuary for the Christmas services. Everyone is asked to cut a garbage bag full of those branches and bring them to the church by noon on Wednesday, December 21. They can be left either outside the Narthex doors or inside the Parish Hall.

Also, do you have just a couple of hours to give to help decorate the church? Preparations will begin following the service on December 18 and continue beginning Wednesday, December 21 through Christmas Eve day. There is something for everyone. This is a great way to boost your holiday traditions and have fun together as a church family in the holiday fun.



Robes for Food on Foot

This year instead of pajamas, Food on Foot is planning to give children and youth robes. Robes are not so size restrictive as pajamas and that will make it easier to meet size requirements for all the recipients who have signed up. Plus, they are an extra layer of warmth.

There is a need for all sizes from small children to larger youth some of whom wear XL. As usual, the early need is greater for boys at this point because FOF has received more robes for girls. However, all donations will be appreciated and will be given to needy children.

Because of the school schedule, the deadline for these robes is **Sunday, December 11**. However, if they are brought to the church by Wednesday, December 14, Carolyn said I could still deliver them in time for December 17 handout.

Thank you for your support.

Ginger Goolsby





THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE
Reconciling All Things in Christ

November 4, 2022

All Saints' Episcopal Church
601 W Main St
Morristown, TN 37814-4508

Dear People of All Saints',

I am thankful for the generous contribution that was made to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund during my visit. This gift is a help to me in expanding the reach of the Episcopal Church in East Tennessee through the Discretionary Fund.

You all remain in my prayers.

Peace,

+ Brian L. Cole

The Right Rev. Brian L. Cole



ROSTER

Team 1: Amy Sharp, Chantal Combs

Team 2: Carolyn Dean, Janis Dixon

Team 3: Susie Carter, Sheri Chiappetta, Isaac Bolling

Team 4: Judy Anglin, Martha Hall, Sandy Hoyle

Sacristan: Taryn Herzog

ROTA - Year A

Nov 27 - Team 3 - First Sunday of Advent - Blue

Dec 04 - Team 4 - 2nd Sunday of Advent - Blue

Dec 11 - Team 1 - Third Sunday of Advent - Blue

Dec 18 - Team 2 - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Blue

Dec 24 - Team 3 - Christmas Eve - White

Dec 25 - Team 4 - Christmas Day - White

We are looking for a few more folks to fill out our Altar Teams.

Won't you consider joining this ministry?

Contact Father Mark



December

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 02 | Lena Giles, Liz Holland |
| 03 | Janis Dixon, Michelle Zitt Brooks |
| 05 | Laura Shivelor |
| 06 | Holley Dickens, Dan Leonard, Howard Mauney |
| 07 | Sheri & Michael Chiappetta* |
| 08 | Mary Ann & Larry Mills* |
| 09 | Tony Zachmann, Michael Story |
| 10 | Jim Gose, Judy Altom, Robin Connellee |
| 12 | Janis & Richard Dixon* |
| 14 | Teena Willis |
| 15 | David Briggs |
| 17 | Denise Johnson |
| 19 | Willow Chandler, Lynne Ann Anderson, Shamron & Wayne Stambaugh* |
| 20 | Kathryn Hutchins |
| 21 | Christina Spencer |
| 22 | Jackie Fleming |
| 23 | Sue Justis, Kenny Zitt, Jasmine Lindsey |
| 25 | Dick Rice, Skeet Jernigan |
| 26 | Teresa & Hugh Clement* |
| 27 | John Zieba, Becca Boatman |
| 28 | Susan & Jim Fuhr* |
| 29 | Josh Mattocks, Sarah & Jim Gose*, Amy & Chris Sharp* |
| 30 | Ed & Annie Wing |
| 31 | Barbra Stephenson, Nancy Fishman, Judy Yates |

| VPR | Rebecca Boatman | Dan Leonard | Danielle Darter | Colleen Andrews | Howard Mauney |
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| 8:00 AM | 12/04/2022 | 12/11/2022 | 12/18/2022 | Christmas Eve 5PM | 12/25/2022 |
| CRUCIFER | Dave Auton | Earl Hall | Dave Auton | Jake Neill | No 8am |
| CHAL/INTERCESS | Kim Torres | Cindy Husk | Cindy Husk | Ginger Goolsby | |
| 2nd CHALICE | Linda Leonard | Dave Auton | Bill Mitrik | Liz Holland | |
| LECTOR OT/P/NT | Kim Torres | Marylou Mauney | Bill Mitrik | H Selby/C Selby | |
| GREET/USHER | Earl Hall | Howard Mauney | Gary Miller | Sam & Amy Neill | |
| | | Marylou Mauney | Robin Miller | | |
| 10:30 AM | 12/04/2022 | 12/11/2022 | 12/18/2022 | 10:30PM | Christmas Day |
| CRUCIFER | Ginger Goolsby | Ginger Goolsby | Susie Carter | Dillon Wines | Only 1 service |
| | Rebecca Boatman | Jake Neill | Riley Anderson | Rebecca Boatman | 10:30am |
| CHAL/INTERCESS | Dan Dickens | Bill Mitrik | Mark Joyce | Carolyn Dean | Spoken |
| 2nd CHALICE | Mark Joyce | Lauren Cordle | Liz Holland | Mark Joyce | |
| OT LECTOR | Cindy Selby | Sarah Gose | Mark Doherty | Judy Yates | Mark Joyce |
| NT LECTOR | Henry Selby | PaigeMattocks | Alex Cunningham | Marty Anderson | OT, NT |
| THURIFER | | | | Isaac Bolling | |
| FLAG | | | | Mark Joyce | |
| BANNER | | | | Becca Boatman | |
| PRESENTERS | Beka Selby | Janis Dixon | Rhonda Doherty | Valen Auker | |
| | Cindy Selby | Brook White | Mark Doherty | Judy Yates | |
| SOUND/VIDEO | Sarah Othokian/Mark Doherty | Sarah Othokian/Mark Doherty | McGowan/Stambaugh | McGowan/Stambaugh | McGowan/Stambaugh |
| GREET/USHER | Jack Yates | Sam Neill | Louise Joyce | Judy Yates | Louise Joyce |
| | Judy Yates | Amy Neill | Brooke White | Jack Yates | Brooke White |
| | Holley Dickens | Janis Dixon | Rhonda Doherty | Valen Auker | |
| | Rhonda Doherty | Louise Joyce | George Giles | Keith Auker | |



Lessons &
CAROLS

December 18

5:00PM

A Festival of Lessons and Carols is a tradition in many Episcopal churches. Its colorful history dates way back to the late 19th century, although many argue that it wasn't until 1918 that it finally became the service that we know today. It is usually held late in Advent. It is the ideal service for school chapels inasmuch as it tells our story from the fall of humankind to the promise of a messiah to the birth of Jesus. Imagine! Right before you leave school for Christmas break your school chapel gives you all you need to focus on the "reason for the season." At Sewanee (Cindy's and my alma mater) it is a gigantic event requiring advance tickets! But make no mistake, it's not only for schools. All may benefit from this beautiful collection of scripture, music, and prayer.

All Saints' has a very long history of offering this worship service. We will be doing so again this year on December 18th (Advent IV), at 5:00 PM. *After the service our Cub Scout Pack and Scout Troop will be offering a delightful chili supper complete with all the toppings, salad, bread, and beverages. The cost will be whatever you wish to contribute.* Three types of chili will be served: Pack 197 "Do Your Best" chili without beans but WITH angel hair pasta, a traditional with beans, and a vegetarian option with beans.

If you are a member of the Advent Police (you know, those people who try to excommunicate people for singing Christmas songs before sunset on Christmas eve) you won't have to worry too much. There's only a brief moment at the ninth lesson when St. John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation. Just remember that the purpose of this service is to help us all focus on the Bethlehem event that changed the course of history . . . and our personal histories as well! Yes, we'll finish with the traditional "O Come all Ye Faithful" but we'll be saving "Joy To The World" for later!

Henry Selby