



JUNE  
2025

## Worship in May

- Sunday, June 1**                      **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
*The Seventh Sunday of Easter*
- Sunday, June 8**                      **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
*Pentecost Sunday – and BLUEGRASS!*
- Sunday, June 15**                      **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
*Trinity Sunday (The First Sunday After Pentecost)*
- Sunday, June 22**                      **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
*The Second Sunday After Pentecost*
- Sunday, June 29**                      **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
*The Third Sunday After Pentecost*

## Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

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## In the Parish in JUNE

- June 1 – First Sunday Brunch
- June 4 – Book Club after Evening Prayer
- June 8 – Bluegrass Sunday
- June 14 – Harris County Juneteenth Celebration
- June 15 – Vestry meets after the service
- June 22 – GIPL Christian Creation Care 101 after the service
- June 29 – Pulpit Swap with Christian Valley - [HERE](#)

## IN OUR PARISH

### First Sunday Brunch is June 1

After the service, hosted this month by Katherine Johnson.

### Book Club News

The book club met last night, following banana splits with BackSnacks and Evening Prayer, to discuss *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver. The verdict is a brilliant, serious read that failed to resonate with our readers.

The book for June is Amor Towles' debut novel, *Rules of Civility*, published in 2011. The story is set in New York City during the late 1930s and follows Katey Kontent, a 25-year-old woman whose life takes a dramatic turn after a chance encounter with a handsome banker named Tinker Grey on New Year's Eve in 1937. This meeting propels Katey into the upper echelons of New York society, where she must rely on her wit and intelligence to navigate the challenges and opportunities that arise. (Amazon)

The next meeting is **Wednesday, June 4** following Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm.

Looking ahead, the book club will skip July and take two months to read their August selection, *The Overstory* by Richard Powers, published in 2018. This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel explores the intertwining lives of nine Americans, spanning generations, and their relationship with trees.

### Bluegrass Sunday is June 8

Heaven's Harvest Band will be joining us to provide toe-tapping, knee-slapping good gospel tunes.

We'll have a picnic-style lunch afterward – sign up to bring sandwiches, summer salads, and other warm-weather fare to share with all. Our Parish Life team will provide tea, lemonade, and a sundae bar for dessert.



### Vestry Meets June 15

The Vestry will meet Sunday, June 15 after the service to conduct the business of the church. Guests are welcome; let Erin know if you'd like to attend.

To view the May minutes and financial reports, [click here](#), or see Erin for a hard copy.



### Christian Creation Care 101 June 22

After the service a representative from GIPL (Georgia Interfaith Power & Light) will present this workshop for our congregation. This is part of our obligation to GIPL in gratitude for the \$1,000 grant they are providing us to change out the lights in the nave to more energy-efficient LEDs. Please plan on attending.

### Summer butt season is HERE!

Our Boston Butt fundraiser has begun! We are selling **CHOICE 6-lb boneless** Boston Butts prepared by our Low Country Boil caterer. They will be \$55 each and, as always, there is the option to purchase one for donation to FOCUS or Pocket Change to aid the hungry in our community.

Sales are during the month of June via cash/check, Vanco, or our website, and pick-up will be Thursday, July 3 – just in time for the holiday weekend.



### Pulpit Swap with Christian Valley June 29

And they're coming here first this year – Sign-up sheets to bring food (and plenty of it!) are on the kitchen pass-through soon.

## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### June Birthdays

Michelle Moody  
Christine Risdon  
Alex Garrett  
Carolyn Cox

#### June Anniversaries

Barbara and Barrett Smith  
Sheri and Jeff Cody  
John and Charlotte Winsness  
Margaret and George Zachry  
William Morgan and Steve Morse

*Special remembrance:*  
David and Katherine Johnson

### Have you considered making a donation to the Rector's Discretionary Fund in honor of your birthday or other special occasion?

The Fund is how we share the love of Christ with our neighbors who need small amounts of assistance with their rent or utility bills. We have helped 19 households this year alone.

The need is always great – use one of the envelopes in the narthex to make your celebratory donation.

Thanks to **Linda Pace**  
**Martha Dimon**  
**Rose Brent**

who celebrated their May occasions with a donation to the RDF!

## Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for John Wilson and Derek McMurtry. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our homebound congregants: Liz Dixon, Mike Sawyer, and Jewell Wells.

We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster.

**Mike and Linda Sawyer** have moved to Legacy Reserve in Old Towne but will remain part of our St. Nicholas family. Their new address is in our online directory.

Congratulations to **Aleisha McMurtry** who has lined up a year-long internship at Hughston Clinic's Medical Illustration department next year. It's an amazing opportunity - she loves art and is interested in majoring in neuroscience or biology so it's truly a perfect opportunity for her to explore potential career opportunities.



## IN OUR WIDER CHURCH

**News from the Diocese:** [Click here](#) to catch up on what's happening in our own Diocese of Atlanta, including an Events calendar for the few months.

**News from The Episcopal Church:** [Click here](#) to read The Episcopal Church's weekly press release.

**News from the Episcopal Community Foundation:** [Click here](#) to read the ECF's latest news

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**Pop-up webinar:**  
**'Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories'**

**June 5, 10 to 10:45 a.m. ET**

**REGISTER**

Join The Episcopal Church's [Office of Government Relations](#) for a conversation with the **Very Rev. Canon Richard Sewell**, dean of Saint George's College in Jerusalem. He will speak about the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, ongoing violence and oppression in the West Bank, and the plight of Palestinian Christians. [Register today.](#)

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## IN OUR GREATER COMMUNITY



**June 14 from 10 – 2 at the Harris County Community Center. Come out and show the love of Christ in our community!**

**The Day will include:**

The Chattahoochee Rhythm Keepers (West African Drummers)

Buffalo Soldiers

Display/Sale of Quilts in African fabrics

Arts and crafts vendors

Silent auction of African art objects

Community Choir performance

History presentations

Music and dance presentations