

This Week at



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2025

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, November 16

Holy Eucharist, Rite II - *The 23rd Sunday After Pentecost*

Lay Ministers: Sheri Cody, Katherine Johnson, Connie Blackmon, Riley-Anne Johnson

WEDNESDAY, November 19

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Upcoming Events

NOV 16 Vestry meets after the service

NOV 19 3:00 p.m. Cookies, Crafts & Conversation

NOV 23 Share the Plate for Harris County Hunger

NOV 27 THANKSGIVING DAY - office closed

NOV 30 1st Sunday of Advent

DEC 7 Stewardship Sunday/St. Nicholas Day

Through DEC 31 - Keep Columbus Beautiful Shoe Drive

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Connect and Serve: BackSnacks

BackSnacks needs food! Easy-to-prepare entrees such as canned ravioli or spaghetti and meatballs, mac-and-cheese, or ramen noodles are especially appropriate.



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STEWARDSHIP FAQ OF THE WEEK

by Erin Renfroe, Stewardship Team

Q: Does pledging make me a “Member”? I love St. Nicholas, but I have a specific reason to not want to be officially considered a Member.

A: Not at all!

Making a financial commitment – commonly called “pledging” – is just a way to tell the church how much income they can plan on in the coming year. Budgeting season is *now*, and in order to know how much money we can spend in 2026, we have to have some idea how much is going to come in.

The Episcopal church is a welcoming and inclusive denomination and it’s understood that some have their reasons for not being ready to take the step of becoming a Member. Membership is a process, one that does not happen without your intention and consent.

So while unannounced contributions are always welcome, if you want your donation to be part of St. Nicholas’ plans for next year, go ahead and let us know how much you’re thinking of giving. We have handy-dandy cards available in the narthex for just that purpose. And thank you for your faithful support of St. Nicholas. We love you back!

If you missed Connie’s thoughtful gospel reflection last week, check your email inbox.

IN OUR PARISH

Rose Brent, Senior Warden, was awarded the Bishop’s Cross at Annual Council this past week. Bishop Wright instituted the bishop’s cross to acknowledge and celebrate the ministries of exemplary clergy, and lay people throughout the diocese. These special people embody the diocesan purpose statement: we challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus, as we worship joyfully, serve compassionately and grow spiritually.

This is what the Bishop shared with Annual Council attendees about Rose: *Rose Brent has been a confirmed Episcopalian for decades and a member of St. Nicholas for over 20 years. Now retired, in her professional life she was a speech pathologist for the Harris County School System for 30 years. She and her husband, John, have been married for fifty years and have one daughter (Rachel) and two grandchildren.*

She served St. Nicholas as Senior Warden for three consecutive years, providing much-needed and steady leadership through some of the church’s most challenging times. During her tenure, she attended for two years the College for Congregational Development of the Atlanta Diocese (CCD), which inspired her to spearheading the creation of the well-received “Gathering Room”, a warm and relaxing space for

meetings and fellowship – perfect for getting to know visitors with a goal of reaching out and growing the Parish's membership . With a newly ordained priest now in place at St. Nicholas, Rose has provided the operational and spiritual leadership to see the congregation through its transition and into a new viable future. Rose represents the strength and commitment of lay leadership within a Parish and what such faithful commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ can result in.

In addition to providing leadership as Senior Warden, Rose heads up the Altar Guild and is active in worship planning. Along with hubby John she helps maintain the church's building and grounds.

Confirmation Class continues:

Week 3 – Scripture, Creeds, and Prayer

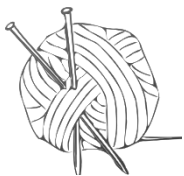
WED, NOV 19 6:00 p.m.

Theme: How we believe and live our faith

Week 4 – Mission, Ministry, and Confirmation

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Theme: Living out our faith in the world



Cookies, Crafts, and Conversation – a new fellowship group will have its first meeting on Wednesday, November 19 from 3:00 to 4:30. The church will provide coffee and tea and Erin will provide cookies. Bring your current handwork project (or not – the conversation is the best part!). We plan to meet third Wednesdays before Evening Prayer.

November 23: We will have a Share the Plate fundraiser on Christ the King Sunday to help with food insecurity in Harris County after interruptions in SNAP benefits. All cash (and checks designated for the purpose) in the offering plate will go to Pocket Change, a local food bank doing good work in our community. If you know of someone who needs immediate assistance, there is a list of local resources that can help on the bulletin board in the hall.

Advent begins November 30: Flowers & Music donation envelopes will go out November 30. This is a beautiful way to honor a loved one and ensure St. Nicholas has lovely flowers and special music for the holidays.

The St. Nicholas Book Club has chosen *James* by Percival Everett. Published in 2024, the novel is a re-imagining of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain. In it, Huckleberry's friend on his travels, Jim – a fugitive slave – narrates the travels rather than Huck. The novel won the 2024 Kirkus Prize, the National Book Award for Fiction, and the 2025 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. The Book Club next meets on **December 3**.

Adult Formation **December 14** after the service: "Being an Episcopalian."

Do you feel called to serve your church at a deeper, more spiritual level? **Licensed Lay Eucharistic Ministry** may be what you're looking for. Eucharistic Ministers minister to their fellow congregants by assisting the priest with Eucharist on Sunday morning. Eucharistic Visitors bring communion to homebound members of our church family. See Father Bob if you would like to explore this ministry.

It's Fall – Time to Recycle Those Shoes! October 1 – December 31, St. Nicholas will again participate in Keep Columbus Beautiful's Shoe Recycling drive. Bring any kind of shoes you're ready to get rid of. Rubberbanding them together is helpful, but condition does not matter. Those that can be worn will be sent to those who can use them; those that can't will be recycled – either way, they stay out of the landfill! Bin in the narthex.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Kenny Hall and his family; Joan Johnson, Steve Morse, Debbie Potts, Ryder Hughes, Katherine Johnson, and the grieving family and friends of Jewel Wells. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our beloved homebound congregants: Liz Dixon, Mike Sawyer, and Patricia Collins.

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.



Abbie and Aleisha McMurtry both came home from the Columbus State University Art Throwdown Invitational with awards on November 7. Abbie and her team got 2nd place in metalworking sculpture category and Aleisha got 3rd place in alla prima oil painting. They get 45 minutes of instruction and 2 hours to create their piece. Both had a blast and made friends with art students from across the state. Congratulations!



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 Weekly.
- **News from the Episcopal Community Foundation:** [Click here](#) to read the latest news.

Be sure to read the news about our ECF Grant to upgrade the BackSnacks space!

<https://episcopalcommunityfoundation.org/fall-2025-grant-recipients/>