This Week at

Saint Nicholas
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NOVEMBER 5 2026

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, November 8, 10:00 a.m.
The 24th Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

WEDNESDAY, November 11, 5:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer

Upcoming Events

NOV 11: Harris County Cub Scouts Pack 109 Flag Retirement Ceremony at 6:30 p.m.
St. Nicholas congregants and the general public are welcome!

NOV 15: Pulpit Swap! Christian Valley comes to St. Nicholas

NOV 18: Cookies, Crafts & Conversation group meets at 3:00 p.m.

NOV 29: Deadline for Harris County Christmas Gift drop-off

(Game Day falls on the day before Thanksgiving this month, so we'll regroup later!)

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IN OUR PARISH

*This year's **Stewardship campaign** is in full swing. Pledge cards are available on the website or in the narthex – or at the end of this newsletter - if you haven't received your packet yet. And go ahead and turn those pledge cards in – Erin will tuck them away and bring them back out to be blessed on November 29, so there's no need to wait.*

Adult Forum November 8
Father Bob would like to meet after the service in the Gathering Room with anyone interested in

- Walking with the Word (See more on page 3.)
- Advent Adult Forum series
- Faithful Innovations

Pulpit Swap is Next Sunday!
Christian Valley Church in Cataula will be joining us in worship and a fellowship lunch. St. Nicholas will provide the main protein, but we'll need our congregation to bring sides, dessert, etc. Sign-up sheets are in the kitchen pass-through window; please choose something you can make a LOT of as attendance is always high and we don't want bowls emptying out before the line finishes. Teaming up is encouraged.

If you use the church's money in your ministry –
- for supplies, donations, or other expenses - get your 2027 budget requests in to Erin by Monday, November 16. We're drafting next year's budget and we need to know our anticipated expenses. If you haven't already received a budget request worksheet via email, let Erin know - and she's happy to walk you through the process.

Harris County Christmas Giving Tree
There are still names on the tree waiting to be claimed! Head to the Gathering Room to select one of six children or two seniors to provide Christmas gifts for – and don't forget to fill out and tear off the slip that goes back to Erin! This is an annual project of the Vestry of St. Nicholas, an it's happening early this year – the deadline to drop off gifts at St. Nicholas is *Sunday, November 29*. Please wrap your gifts and label them with your selected child's name.

Advent Readers Needed!
The First Sunday in Advent is November 29. We'd love for you and members of your family to read the traditional short verses and light the Advent wreath at the beginning of the services. This is perfect for anyone with kids or grandkids visiting in Advent. Please contact Erin if you're willing and able.

And the verdict is: Beginning in 2027, we will have **5th Sunday Brunches** with one team hosting. Thanks to everyone who responded to the survey!

Capital Campaign fulfillment deadline: November 30

We're getting close to refinancing our remaining mortgage.

We are only about $7,200 away from all pledges being paid in full, which would allow us to refinance under $100k!

If you need to pay your commitment using an RMD or other means that might delay your payment to later than November 30, please let Jim Gilliam know so we can plan.

If you need to know where you stand on your pledge fulfillment, check with Erin anytime.

The St. Nicholas Book Club has chosen *The Witch's Grave* by Phillip DePoy as its next selection. In Book 2 of the Fever Devilin novels, a folklorist turns amateur sleuth when a woman accused of witchcraft goes missing in this mystery from the Edgar Award-winning author of *The Devil's Hearth*.

> A noted folklorist, Fever Devilin returns to his quiet Appalachian hometown hoping to find peace. When Truevine Deveroe, a local girl reputed to be a witch, goes missing and the local mortician turns up dead near Devilin's home, Able Carter, fiancé of the missing girl, is suspected of killing them both.
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> Tied by friendship and long-term enmity to all of the principals, Fever finds himself in the midst of a very difficult situation. Devilin must unravel the mystery of a perplexing series of events somehow related to the hidden history of the area and the old folk legend of the witch's grave.

The **Forward Day by Day devotionals** for November/December 2026 are here! These devotionals are provided by St. Nicholas as way for congregants to deepen their spirituality on a daily basis. Look in the Gathering Room, the parlor off the narthex, or the pamphlet rack in the hallway to get yours. (And – good news – in January they will be available in large print!)

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Dick Wood, Ken Crew, Tommy Goodman, Christine Risdon, the bereaved family of Wesley Brown, David Mullins, Hollis Hale, Jamie Webb, Peggy Sivell, Jimmy Hatchett, Larry Culpepper, and Deborah Culpepper. Continuing prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles: Liz Dixon, Hudson Garrett, Nonie Bueche, and Mary Butcher.



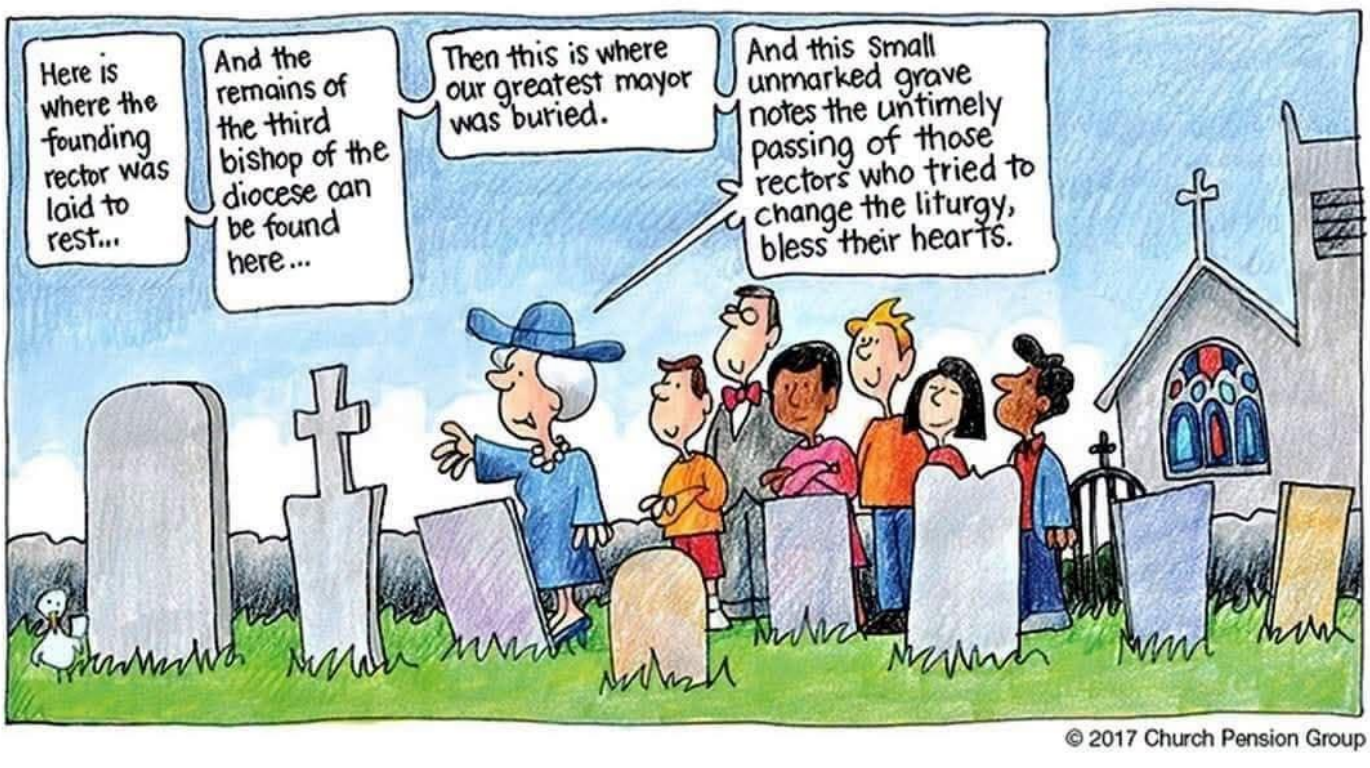
We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster.

IN THE 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, including funeral planning and efforts to end human trafficking.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY: Beginning the First Sunday in Advent, November 29, 2026, the United Methodists, Evangelical Lutherans, and Episcopalians in Georgia will read through the Bible together in one year. Throughout the year, online and in-person events and resources will further draw Christians together in a common plan for reading and engaging with scripture. Father Bob is planning monthly Adult Forum gatherings to support your reading. For a sneak peak, see the website at **www.walkingwiththeword.org.**

Sign up in the narthex or come to Adult Forum on November 8 if you're interested.



2027 PLEDGE

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

My financial commitment for the coming church year:

Total amount: $ _____.

I will pay my pledge _____ weekly _____ monthly

_____ quarterly _____ once _____ as I can

VANCO USERS: If you are starting a new recurring payment or are changing the amount of your pledge, you must do this on Vanco yourself – the church is not authorized to make changes to your personal financial accounts. Contact Erin if you need guidance.

I would like more information on:

_____ setting up payments from my checking account/credit card.

_____ including the church in my estate plans.

_____ making my gift through stocks or securities.

Use this QR code to go straight to the Stewardship page on the St. Nicholas website:

Return to the church office at PO Box 752, Hamilton, GA 31811
OR place in the offering plate
OR send Erin an email at contact@stnicholashamilton.org