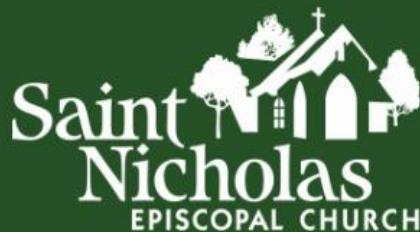


## This Week at



JANUARY  
8  
2026

## THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

### Worship

#### SUNDAY, January 11

*The First Sunday After the Epiphany/The Baptism of Our Lord*

Lay Ministers: Lynn Norris, Charles Norris, William Morgan, Steve Morse, Drucye Cox, Riley-Anne Johnson

Flowers: Alex Garrett & Jim Gilliam

#### Annual Parish Meeting & Potluck Brunch After the Service

#### WEDNESDAY, January 14

Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m.

### Upcoming Events

JAN 11: Annual Parish Meeting with "2nd Sunday Brunch" after the service

JAN 19: MLK Day (office closed)

JAN 21: Cookies, Crafts, & Conversation at 3:00 p.m.

### Connect and Serve

BackSnacks will be packing on January 14 about 3:30 - everyone is welcome to come help put together the weekend food packs for the schoolchildren of Harris County.

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## IN OUR PARISH

The Annual Meeting of the church is set for **January 11, 2026** after the service. Participating in this meeting is an important part of stewardship: New Vestry members will be voted upon, the budget will be presented, and there will be reports on church programs and activities. **First Sunday Brunch** will be moved to this day so we can meet on a full stomach – plan to attend!

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.

**Cookies, Crafts, & Conversation** meets **January 21**. A casual group that gets comfortable in the Gathering Room, sips tea and coffee, eats cookies, and chats about whatever strikes us. Stitch if you got 'em! Join us on 3rd Wednesdays at 3:00, with time to tidy up before Evening Prayer. Friends welcome!

The 2026 Fiscal Year has begun – if you have an outstanding balance from your 2025 pledge, contributions received will be applied to that balance first.



### Stewardship Update: How'd We Come Out?

Not bad! For 2026, we set a pledge goal of \$140,000, representing a 7% increase over our 2025 pledge commitments. To date, we have received 27 pledges with an

average pledge of \$5,104 and we expect a couple more yet to come in. And we had two new pledgers this year. Many thanks to Connie Blackmon for her hard work as Stewardship Chair and thanks to everyone for a successful pledge drive for the coming year.

## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Emily Minton, Gene Wells, Brody Johnson, Hudson Garrett, Peggy Gjertsen, and Kenny Hall and his family. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our beloved homebound congregants: Mike Sawyer and Liz Dixon.

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 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.

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## IN OUR GREATER COMMUNITY

from FOCUS:



**JANUARY 27TH AT 10AM**





33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

# Dr Martin Luther King Jr Celebration

**Jan. 19, 2026**

**Parade  
Program**

**1:00 PM  
2:00 PM**

**We're seeking Sponsors!**

**4 support levels**

**\$50 - \$300**

**Please contact (706) 302-0746  
or any member of The Club for  
any detailed information.**

More public Announcement will be made.

**Museum, 757 Carver Circle, Hamilton, GA.**