

Worship in November

- November 1** **Wonder Church**
*All Saints: Service begins in the
Memory Garden*
- November 8** **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
The 24th Sunday after Pentecost
- November 15** **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
The 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Pulpit Swap!
- November 22** **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
The Last Sunday after Pentecost
- November 29** **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
The First Sunday of Advent

Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

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Coming Up in the Parish

- NOV 1: Wonder Church & First Sunday Brunch
Service begins in the Memory Garden
- NOV 4: Book Club meets after Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.
- NOV 11: Harris County Cub Scouts Pack 109 Flag Retirement Ceremony at
6:30 p.m.
- 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

IN OUR PARISH

Don't forget: Clocks go back one hour Saturday night
(and the Sunday service begins in the Memory Garden)

Stewardship season is here! If you're at church this Sunday, you'll get your pledge packet in person; otherwise it will be mailed to you. We hope you'll join us in making a commitment to the congregation and ministry of St. Nicholas in 2027. The campaign runs every Sunday in November.

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
- Advent Adult Forum series
- Faithful Innovations

Pulpit Swap is November 15. 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.

The Christmas Giving Tree is up! 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, and 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.

Capital Campaign donations deadline: November 30

We're getting close to applying to refinance our remaining mortgage.

We are only \$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 later than November 30, please let Jim Gilliam know so we can plan.

Statements will go out November 2 so you'll know where you stand, or check with Erin anytime.

The St. Nicholas Book Club chose *Code Name: Hélène* by Ariel Lawhon for its next reading selection. Based on the true story of Nancy Wake, the novel begins in 1936 when she is an intrepid Australian expat living in Paris. When the Germans invade Paris, she goes from journalist to one of the most powerful leaders in the French Resistance. Told in interweaving timelines around the four

code names she uses during the war, *Code Name: Hélène* follows her transformation as she becomes known for her ferocious wit, her signature red lipstick, and her ability to summon weapons from the Allied forces. But with power comes notoriety, and no matter how careful Nancy is to protect her identity, the risk of exposure is great – for herself and for those she loves. (Adapted from Amazon description.)

The Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month after Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.

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.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for 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.



November Birthdays:

Mary Jane Hartenstine
Lynn Norris
Jeff Cody
Aleisha McMurtry
Sydnie Brown
Connie Blackmon



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

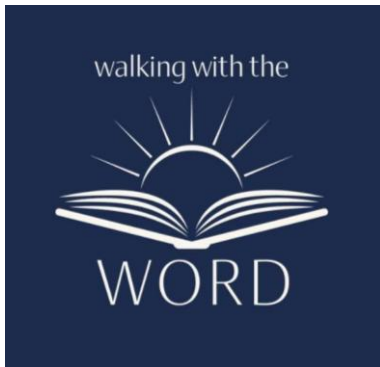
The Fund is how we share the love of Christ with our neighbors by providing small grants to those who need help with their rent or utility bills.

The need in our community remains high and the fund goes fast. We have helped **51** households in 2026!

Many thanks to the following people who supported the RDF in October: **John & Rose Brent, Suzy Eidson, and Carolyn Cox.**

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 maximizing your deductions!)



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. Let Erin or Father Bob know if you're interested. More information is available on our Facebook page.

Thinking about HOSPITALITY

How can you - or anyone! - find out what's going on at St. Nicholas?

- A. Check the upcoming events and news in the Sunday service bulletin.
- B. Look at the Events Calendar on our website.
- C. Check out our Facebook page.
- D. Read the newsletter that comes out by email every Thursday.
- E. Listen to announcements on Sunday - or watch the YouTube livestream/recorded video.
- F. All of the above.

It's F! And if you aren't receiving those Thursday newsletters, contact Erin in the church office. (How can you get to the website, Facebook page, or YouTube channel? See the first page of this newsletter, under "Connect.")