

This Week at



JULY 24
2025

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, July 27

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

WEDNESDAY, July 30

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

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Upcoming Events

AUGUST 3: First Sunday Brunch

AUGUST 6: St. Nicholas Book Club meets after Evening Prayer

AUGUST 10: Annual Parish Picnic at Blue Springs

AUGUST 18: Vestry meets via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

AUGUST 24: Pulpit Swap at Christian Valley Church, Cataula

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Connect and Serve

Sign up to bring food for the Annual Parish Picnic August 10

Parish Life will provide chicken; however, we need side dishes and desserts and perhaps a few entrees to supplement the chicken. We hope you'll come enjoy this annual tradition with us! The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

IN OUR PARISH

Annual Parish Picnic August 10!

Our tradition continues with the outdoor service at the Callaway family's Blue Springs on Sunday, August 10 at 10 a.m., followed by a covered-dish picnic. There is a food sign-up sheet in the narthex. It is fine to bring friends, swimsuits and towels! Please plan to come and enjoy worship and fellowship at this beautiful and unique location. On the off-chance that it is raining Sunday morning, the service will move back to the church.

(Please note: The Callaway family has asked that no images of Blue Springs be posted on social media or other public forum. Please respect their wishes in this regard.)

New Office Hours

The church office is now open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please let Erin know if you have any needs in the afternoon that she can help with.

First Sunday Brunch

Our monthly fellowship brunch is back after a summer break! Sign-up for hosting is on the bulletin board in the hallway; sign-up to *attend* on August 3 is on a clipboard in the narthex. Teaming up with someone to host is encouraged!

The Book Club meets August 6 after Evening Prayer.

The club will discuss *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.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Katherine Johnson, Curtis Bray, Linda Sawyer, and the grieving family of Billy Todd Caudill. 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.



Congratulations!

The Honorable Benjamin Land will be sworn in as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia on July 24. Judge Land fills the vacancy on the Supreme Court of Georgia created by the retirement of

former Chief Justice Michael P. Boggs earlier this year.

Judge Land has served on the Georgia Court of Appeals since July 20, 2022, following his appointment to the court by Gov. Kemp. He was previously a judge on the Superior Court for the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit, having been appointed by then-Gov. Nathan Deal in 2018.

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 newsletter.

From The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations:
Public Policy & Witness Weekly Prayers

www.episcopalchurch.org/ogr/public-policy-and-witness-weekly-prayers-july-18/

We are one church united in prayer, naming reality in the face of lies, creating space for grief in the face of denial, and freeing space in our souls for hope. These prayers are not a replacement for action; they offer grounding and space to discern what actions each of us feel compelled to take.

IN OUR COMMUNITY



What a wonderful Green Team Roundtable last week! Our program coordinator, Ayesha Abid, previewed Georgia Interfaith Power and Light's upcoming Power-Wise Matching Grant Application (opening Aug. 15). We also welcomed representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, who shared insights into their ENERGY STAR® Program and practical, energy-saving tips

for our homes and congregations. If you missed it—or want to revisit the conversation—you can [view the slides here](#) or watch the full recording in our [Green Team Facebook Group](#).

Looking ahead, we hope you'll join us for our next Roundtable on **Tuesday, Aug. 12, at noon**. We will hear from GIPL's newest partners at UtilityGenius, who will introduce a **brand-new storefront** designed specifically for Georgia Power commercial customers (like faith communities)! Through this platform, congregations can access instant rebates on energy-efficient products like lighting and WiFi thermostats. This is a particularly valuable resource for congregations that have recently completed a GIPL energy audit and are ready to take the next step in reducing electricity use and lowering utility bills.

