

**This Week at**



DECEMBER 4  
2025

## THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

### Worship

#### **SUNDAY, December 7**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II** - *The 2nd Sunday in Advent*

Lay Ministers: Sheri Cody, Drucye Cox, Martha Dimon

#### **WEDNESDAY, December 10**

5:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner & Carol Singing!

### Upcoming Events

DEC 6 Christmas Parades (see more inside)

DEC 7 Stewardship Sunday/St. Nicholas Day  
with Brunch after the service

DEC 10 Spaghetti Dinner & Carol Singing

DEC 17 Cookies, Crafts & Conversation 3:00 p.m.

DEC 17-22 Office closed for Parish Admin vacation

Through DEC 31 - Keep Columbus Beautiful Shoe Drive

### 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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We will be wrapping up the Stewardship campaign this coming Sunday with our traditional collection and blessing of the pledge cards. If you have already turned yours in, don't worry – it will be included. If you haven't yet, be sure to bring it Sunday!

## IN OUR PARISH

### Confirmation Class continues :

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

**Week 4 – Mission, Ministry, and Confirmation**

**Wednesday Dec 17, 6 p.m.**

**Theme:** Living out our faith in the world

**Flowers & Music** donation envelopes are available in the narthex. This is a beautiful way to honor a loved one and ensure St. Nicholas has lovely flowers and special music for the holidays.

**Christmas Parades are Saturday, December 6** – 11:00 a.m. for Pine Mountain and 5:00 p.m. for Hamilton. If you're feeling the Christmas spirit and want to participate, let Parish Life know by signing up on the sheet in the narthex.

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.

**Spaghetti Dinner & Carol Singing – Wednesday, December 10.** Martha is serving up dinner at 5:00 p.m., followed by a Christmas carol sing-along with our talented organist, Kevin Anderson. Come have a some holiday fun with your St. Nicholas family!

**Vestry Meets December 16:** The Vestry will meet Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. to conduct the business of the church. Guests are welcome; let Erin know if you'd like the link to attend. To view the November minutes and financial reports, [click here](#), or see Erin for a hard copy.

**Cookies, Crafts, & Conversation meets December 17.** We had a great group at our first meeting in November, with half of us stitching on a project and all of us enjoying tea, cookies, and chit chat in our comfortable new Gathering Room. Join us on 3rd Wednesdays at 3:00, with time to tidy up before Evening Prayer. Invite a friend!

**It's Time to Recycle Those Shoes!** October 1 – December 31, St. Nicholas is participating 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.

### **St. Nicholas Comes Through for Harris County and Pocket Change!**

On our Share the Plate Sunday (November 23), St. Nicholas raised \$602 for Pocket Change. This effort was in response to the increased need in our community as food prices continue to go up, SNAP benefits have been interrupted, and federal grants to food pantries have been slashed.

Thank you for following in the spirit of generosity embodied by St. Nicholas of Myra. Our little church continues to be a shining light for sharing Christ's love for all people!

**The end of the fiscal year approaches!** Any contributions to the church (in fulfillment of a pledge or not) that you wish to claim in your 2025 tax-year giving should be received by December 31. *Pledge statements went out Thursday morning via email; if you did not receive one or if you have any questions, please contact Erin in the church office.*

**St. Nicholas Book Club** has selected *Resistance Women* by Jennifer Chiaverini as their January read. The novel is inspired by the life of Mildred Harnack, a real historical figure whose story was previously untold because the U.S. government deliberately buried it after the war. Harnack was one of dozens of members of the network of American and German resistance fighters the Gestapo called *die Rote Kapelle* (the Red Orchestra). The bulk of the action takes place between the wars, beginning in 1929; I was initially surprised that a novel about Nazi Germany before and during WWII began so early, but Chiaverini's chosen timeline serves her story well: As a reader, you see events escalate over time through these women's eyes. The setup feels leisurely, but the payoff is worth it. (from *Modern Mrs. Darcy*) The Book Club next meets on January 7, 2026.

## **IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

### **Prayer Requests**

Your prayers are asked for Julie Nordin, Mike Sawyer, Christine Risdon, Kenny Hall and his family, Joan Johnson, Steve Morse, and Ryder Hughes. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our beloved homebound congregants: Liz Dixon 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.



## 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.

## IN OUR GREATER COMMUNITY

### Harris County Public Library

7511 GA HWY 116  
HAMILTON, GA  
706-628-4685  
thrl.org

#### Business Hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed

10:00 - 6:00

Thursday 10:00 - 7:00

Friday 10:00 - 5:00

Saturday 10:00- 4:00

Sunday CLOSED



**\*\*If a program is  
in RED,  
Registration is  
Required\*\***

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### December 2025

SU	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <u>Gingerbread Man Contest</u> Drop off 1st - 13th  <u>Volunteer Orientation</u> 3:30	2	3 <u>5 and Under Club</u> 10:30 <u>Teen Volunteering</u> 3:00-4:30 <u>Teen Hangout Slime</u> 4:30-5:30 	4 <u>Coffee &amp; Connect</u> Dana Baker- WTVM 10:30 <u>Homeschool Hangout American Revolution</u> 1:00 <u>Thrifty Winter Painting</u> 5:00	5 <u>Explore Your Roots</u> Research your family history 12:00	6 <u>Hamilton Holiday Parade</u> 6:00 Support your library! 
7	8	9	10 <u>5 and Under Club</u> 10:30 <u>Teen Volunteering</u> 3:00-4:30 <u>Teen Hangout</u> Gourmet Quesadillas 4:30-5:30	11	12	13 <u>Sugar Cookie Decorating</u> 1:00 
14	15 <u>Gingerbread Man Contest</u> Voting 15th-19th 	16	17 <u>5 and Under Club</u> 10:30 <u>Teen Volunteering</u> 3:00-4:30 <u>Teen Hangout</u> Columbus Museum 4:30-5:30	18	19 <b>Branch closes early at 2:00</b>	20
21	22 <u>Handmade Holiday</u> All Day  Join us for holiday crafting for all ages	23 <u>Video Games</u> All Day	24 <b>CLOSED</b>	25 <b>CLOSED</b>	26 <b>CLOSED</b>	27
28	29 <u>Pokémon Trading &amp; Raiding</u> 2:00 	30 <u>Video Games</u> All Day	31  <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>	Decorate a gingerbread man template as a book character <b>DROP OFF: 1-13</b> <b>VOTE: 15-19</b>   		