



DECEMBER
2025

Worship in December

November 30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The 1st Sunday in Advent

December 7 Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The 2nd Sunday in Advent, The Feast of St. Nicholas, and Stewardship Sunday!

December 14 Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The 3rd Sunday in Advent

December 21 Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The 4th Sunday in Advent

December 28 Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The 1st Sunday After Christmas Day

Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

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DECEMBER in our Parish

- DEC 3 St. Nicholas Book Club meets
- DEC 6 Christmas Parades (see more inside)
- DEC 7 Stewardship Sunday/St. Nicholas Day
- DEC 10 Spaghetti Dinner and Carol Singing 5 pm
- DEC 17 Cookies, Crafts & Conversation 3 pm
- Through DEC 31 - Keep Columbus Beautiful Shoe Drive



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STEWARDSHIP FAQ OF THE WEEK

by Erin Renfroe, Stewardship Team

Q: I've reached the age where I have to take an RMD from my retirement account. Can I use it to pay my pledge?

A: Yes, you can – and aren't you a smart cookie for thinking of it! If you have to take a Required Minimum Distribution each year, having a check sent directly to St. Nicholas (instead of to you) can have income tax advantages. Check with your financial advisor to see if your particular circumstances qualify.

If you missed Connie's thoughtful gospel reflection at church last week, check your email inbox.

IN OUR PARISH

Advent begins November 30: Flowers & Music donation envelopes will go out November 30. This is a beautiful way to honor a loved one and ensure St. Nicholas has lovely flowers and special music for the holidays.

The St. Nicholas Book Club has chosen *James* by Percival Everett for its December book. Published in 2024, the novel is a re-imagining of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain. In it, Huckleberry's friend on his travels, Jim – a fugitive slave – narrates the travels rather than Huck. The novel won the 2024 Kirkus Prize, the National Book Award for Fiction, and the 2025 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. The Book Club next meets on **December 3 after Evening Prayer**.

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.

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!

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 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 again 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.

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.

Episcopal Confirmation Course 2025

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

Week 4 – Mission, Ministry, and Confirmation

Wednesday Dec 16, 6 p.m.

Theme: Living out our faith in the world

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!

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Mike Sawyer, Christine Risdon, Kenny Hall and his family, Joan Johnson, Steve Morse, Carson Martin, Ryder Hughes, and the grieving family and friends of Jewel Wells. 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.

December Birthdays

Chris Butzon
John Winsness
Sheri Cody
Jim Gilliam
Riley-Anne Johnson

December Anniversaries

Dave & Sue Halmrast
John & Rose Brent

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 who need small amounts of assistance with their rent or utility bills. We have helped 42 households this year alone.

The need is always great – use one of the envelopes in the narthex to make your celebratory donation.

Thanks to [Jeff & Sheri Cody](#) and [Mike & Mary Jane Hartenstine](#), who celebrated their November occasions with a donation to the RDF!

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

♥ CVEM Holiday cards are back!

Let CVEM take something off your holiday list this year! Give a gift in honor/memory of a loved one this season & we'll send them a card on your behalf. The best part is, your support will help your neighbors in need this holiday season.

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