



NOVEMBER
2025

Worship in November

November 2 **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

All Saints' Sunday

Don't forget: The time changes this Sunday!

November 9 **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

The 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

November 16 **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

The 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

November 23 **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

The Last Sunday After Pentecost: Christ the King

November 30 **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

The 1st Sunday of Advent

Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

A **Hospitality Committee** is being formed! This team will welcome visitors and coordinate Sunday coffee, 1st Sunday Brunch, and the Christmas meal, along with other special events. Contact Erin or Rose if you are interested in this ministry.

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NOVEMBER in our Parish

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| 2 | First Sunday Brunch |
| 12 | BackSnacks Pack – Join in for cookies, ice cream, and fellowship! |
| 16 | Vestry Meets after the service |
| 27 | THANKSGIVING – office closed |



Tell Out My Soul

Kick off is THIS SUNDAY! Check your email for a special message from Father Bob on Friday morning – and begin your prayerful contemplation of what St. Nicholas means to you. See more on our website: www.stnicholashamilton.org/stewardship.

IN OUR PARISH

2025 Christmas Family: As is our tradition, St. Nicholas has partnered with Harris County Family Connections to adopt a family and a senior for Christmas. The Giving Tree will go up soon with tags for shopping. Consider teaming up with someone to make the load lighter – and don't forget to write on the list who you drew! Gifts should be wrapped and received at St. Nicholas **by November 23**.

Advent begins November 30: We would like to have our traditional Advent wreath-lighting and readings by families in the parish. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Erin in the church office and sign up for a Sunday (Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14, Dec 21).

Also in Advent: Flowers & Music donation envelopes will go out November 2. This is a special way to honor a loved one.

You can now reach the **church's online directory** on the website: www.stnicholashamilton.org under "Serve and Connect." Please be wary of any emails you receive asking for log-in information or a printed copy – this is how bad guys get your information!

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.

It's Fall – Time to Recycle Those Shoes!

October 1 – December 31, St. Nicholas will again participate 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.

BackSnacks invites YOU!

BackSnacks is extending particular invitations to the St. Nicholas congregation to help get to know each other and strengthen the bond between the church and this vital outreach program.

NOV 12: Cookies, ice cream, and conversation.

DECEMBER: The BackSnacks kids hope to join us for carol-singing.

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

St. Nicholas Book Club News

The November read is *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. "In a small back alley in Tokyo, there is a café which has been serving carefully brewed coffee for more than one hundred years. But this coffee shop offers its customers a unique experience: the chance to travel back in time. This beautiful, moving story explores the age-old question: what would you change if you could travel back in time? More importantly, who would you want to meet, maybe for one last time?" [from GoodReads]. The Book Club next meets after Evening Prayer on November 5.

Episcopal Confirmation Course 2025

See Erin or Father Bob if you are interested in joining one of these classes. Week 3 and 4 will be rescheduled from their original date and time, so stay tuned!

Week 3 – Scripture, Creeds, and Prayer

Theme: How we believe and live our faith - The Bible in Anglican tradition; the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds; the role of prayer and personal devotion; spiritual practices for daily life

Week 4 – Mission, Ministry, and Confirmation

Theme: Living out our faith in the world - Confirmation as the strengthening of the Spirit for ministry; gifts of the Spirit and discernment of call; the Church's mission of reconciliation, justice, service; the Confirmation liturgy

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Debbie Potts, Patricia Collins, Ryder Hughes, and Katherine Johnson. 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.

November Birthdays

Mary Jane Hartenstine
Lynn Norris
Jeff Cody
Aleisha McMurtry
Sydney Brown Moody
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 who need small amounts of assistance with their rent or utility bills. We have helped **41** households this year alone.

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

Thanks to **John & Rose Brent** and **Suzy Eidson** who celebrated their September occasion 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

School Lunch Angels is at work in Harris County

At School Lunch Angels, our mission is simple but powerful — **to lift the burden of school lunch debt from families in Harris County and work hand-in-hand with our schools to make school lunches something every child can look forward to.** By ensuring that every student has access to a nourishing, worry-free meal, we're helping build a stronger, healthier future for our community.

Thanks to generous community support, we are able to **pay off the entire lunch debt at Harris County Carver Middle School (\$743.30)!** Every student there will start the day with a clean slate, and every parent can breathe a little easier. But the need is greater than we imagined. **Park Elementary School currently has nearly \$1,000 in unpaid lunch balances,** and families there need our help next.

How to give:

Donate online at www.SchoolLunchAngels.org

Or mail a check to:

School Lunch Angels, Inc., 3380 Fortune Hole Rd., Hamilton, GA 31811