

This Week at



MAY 22,
2025

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, May 25 *The 6th Sunday of Easter*

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

WEDNESDAY, May 28

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Upcoming Events

May 26 - Memorial Day - *Office Closed*

June 1 - First Sunday Brunch

June 4 - Book Club after Evening Prayer

June 8 - Bluegrass Sunday

June 14 - Harris County Juneteenth Celebration

June 22 - GIPL Christian Creation Care 101 after the service

Connect and Serve

Stay After on May 25 to help Derek

Derek McMurtry is volunteering his time to change our Parish Hall bulbs from fluorescent to energy-efficient LEDs. If you have the time and inclination, please stay after the service to lend a hand. After the first one, it should go pretty quickly. And a thousand thank-yous to Derek for the help!

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IN OUR PARISH

Refrigerator clean-out Tuesday, May 27

In anticipation of our two big events in June, Erin will be purging the kitchen of expired, freezer-burned, or otherwise dodgy food items unless you claim it or notify Erin that it should be kept (with a very specific reason why).

First Sunday Brunch is June 1

Sign up in the Narthex if you'd like to attend our monthly fellowship event, hosted this month by Katherine Johnson.

Book Club News

The book club met last night, following banana splits with BackSnacks and Evening Prayer, to discuss *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver. The verdict is a brilliant, serious read that failed to resonate with our readers.

The book for June is Amor Towles' debut novel, *Rules of Civility*, published in 2011. The story is set in New York City during the late 1930s and follows Katey Kontent, a 25-year-old woman whose life takes a dramatic turn after a chance encounter with a handsome banker named Tinker Grey on New Year's Eve in 1937. This meeting propels Katey into the upper echelons of New York society, where she must rely on her wit and intelligence to navigate the challenges and opportunities that arise. (Amazon)

The next meeting is **Wednesday, June 4** following Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm.

Looking ahead, the book club will skip July and take two months to read their August selection, *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.

Bluegrass Sunday is June 8

Heaven's Harvest Band will be joining us to provide toe-tapping, knee-slapping good gospel tunes.

We'll have a picnic-style lunch afterward – sign up to bring sandwiches, summer salads, and other warm-weather fare to share with all. Our Parish Life team will provide tea, lemonade, and a sundae bar for dessert.



Christian Creation Care 101 June 22



After the service a representative from GIPL (Georgia Interfaith Power & Light) workshop. This is part of our obligation to GIPL in gratitude for the \$1,000 grant they are providing us to change out the lights in the nave to more energy-efficient LEDs. Please plan on attending.

Mark your calendars: Pulpit Swap with Christian Valley is June 29

And they're coming here first this year – Sign-up sheets to bring food (and plenty of it!) will be on the kitchen pass-through soon.

Summer butt season is coming!

(Apologies - Erin is having way too much fun with the puns.) But it's true: Our Boston Butt fundraiser begins soon! We will be selling **choice 6-lb boneless** Boston Butts prepared by our Low Country Boil caterer. They will be \$55 each and, as always, there is the option to purchase one for donation to FOCUS or Pocket Change to aid the hungry in our community. Sales will be during the month of June via cash/check, Vanco, or our website, and pick-up will be Thursday, July 3 – just in time for the holiday weekend.

We'd love to have lots of sales to non-congregants, so tell your family and friends to get ready to get their perfect butt this summer! (Yes, I know; I'm so sorry ...)



IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Mike Sawyer, Edward Martin, and Martha Sue Blythe. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our homebound congregants: Liz Dixon 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.

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's weekly press release.

News from the Episcopal Community Foundation: [Click here](#) read the newsletter.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

For the month of June, the HCSD School Nutrition Program will operate the **Seamless Summer Option** (SSO) feeding program beginning June 2, 2025 at Harris County High School and Park Elementary School.

Flyers that include details for both clients and volunteers are on the bulletin board in the hall if you are interested.

**HARRIS
COUNTY
JUNETEENTH
CELEBRATION**

Saturday June 14, 2025
10:00am - 2:00pm
Program begins at 11:00am*


Harris County Community
Center
7509 GA Hwy 116
Hamilton, GA

History Demonstrations ~ Arts & Craft Vendors ~ Food ~
Cultural Showcases.

Free Admission!
Benefits Backsnacks Program of Harris County
For more information contact Julfonda at (803)454-5821



Do you care about a just, sustainable Georgia? Join Georgia Interfaith Power & Light for an afternoon of learning and action during GIPL's [PSC Power Hour\(s\)](#) on Sunday, June 8, from 2–5 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Columbus.

Harris County
Free Legal Advice Clinic
 Saturday, June 21, 2025
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 FOCUS Ministries
 80 Palmetto Creek Lane
 Hamilton, GA 31811

For those who are financially-eligible, attorneys will be available to answer your legal questions concerning:

Family Law: Child Support; Custody; Divorce; Legitimation/Paternity; Name Change; Temporary Guardianship

Estate & Legal Planning: Last Will and Testament; Advance Directive for Healthcare; Financial Power of Attorney

Housing: Landlord Tenant (private or public housing); Property

Social Security: Meet with an attorney to set up your online account with MySocialSecurity

Meeting times are limited, and those with appointments will be given priority.

To confirm your eligibility and make your appointment, contact Monica Whatley at 762-266-0127 or mwhatley@glsp.org



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