# Touchstone

# **OCTOBER 24, 2025**



Saturday, October 25

10:00 Welcome Hands Quilters - PP 11:00 Tai Chi - CC 1:00 Service for Jim Smith - Nave

#### Sunday, October 26 Shower CARES

8:00 Eucharist Rite 1
9:15 Adult Christian Education
10:30 Eucharist Rite 2
Coffee Hour: Coffee and simple refreshments after each service.
12:30 Choir Practice
5:00 Adult Christian Education - Zoom

Monday, October 27

9:00 LEM Training - Nave 10:00 Prayer Shawls - Office 1:30 EfM - PH 7:00 pm Women's Christian Ed - Zoom

Tuesday, October 28

10:00 Outreach - PH 10:00 Hatha Yoga - CC 11:15 Gentle Yoga - CC 12:00 CARES - PH Nursery 4:30 Vestry - PH

#### Wednesday, October 29

8:30 Morning Prayer - Facebook 9:00 Men's Breakfast - Deb's / Zoom 12:00 Service

Thursday, October 30 1:00 Disciple II - PH

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Nov. 2 All Souls' Day -Forum with Canon Alicia

Nov. 3 All Faithful Departed - Requiem

Nov. 9 New Adult Education Class Nov. 16 Pledge Dedication Sunday

Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Nov. 30 Advent I

Creating Christian Community: Serving and Engaging People in Vibrant Ministries

# This week at Holy Family



HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES: Long time member, Jim Smith, died on October 9, 2025. Jim, born in Johnson City, New York, was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Margaret Olson Smith. The Smiths joined Holy Family in 2003. Jim's service is **Saturday, October 25 at 1:00 pm** at Holy Family. Click here for Jim's full **obituary**.

**"SHOWER" CARES:** It's time to "shower" CARES again. On **Sun., Oct. 26**, let's "shower" CARES with items that cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits, but most households need. You may drop off any of the requested items in the Parish Hall where they will be collected and then delivered to CARES. Questions? Contact Sue Parnell or Leamarie True. Needed: pet food, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, feminine hygiene items, diapers, toiletries and other hygiene items, and cosmetics

**ALL SOULS' DAY:** The Rev. Canon Alicia Schuster Weltner will be with us to preach and celebrate on **Sunday**, **November 2**. She will also speak briefly between the two services on the Annual Council theme of "Reclaim, renew, rejoice", after which she will answer questions.

**REQUIEM:** This year for our annual Commemoration of All Faithful Departed, the Choir of Holy Family will present the REQUIEM of French baroque composer André Campra, on **Monday, November 3 at 6:00 pm.** The choir will be joined by soloists from around the greater Atlanta area, and accompanied by members of the Atlanta Baroque Orchestra.

As always, the names of the departed will be read, the bell rung, and candles lit. If you are planning to join us and would like to have the names of your departed loved ones included, please email them to Christie at office@holyfamilyjasper.org no later than Sunday, October 26. If you have sent in an email already and not gotten an email from Christie confirming, please make sure you're using the correct address and resend the list!

**ADULT EDUCATION COMING ATTRACTIONS:** On **Sunday, November 9**, the **9:15 am** class begins a study of Amy-Jill Levine's book, *Short Stories by Jesus: the Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*. Levine explores how Jesus's original Jewish audience understood the parables in the context of the society of his day. Levine's book is available on Amazon in a variety of formats. Questions? Contact Kathleen Allen-Leonard.



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Next year, our wonderful ministries want to do even more for the Kingdom of God. Our projected operating budget is \$550,000 for 2026, a 10% increase from our current budget. If we all give just that 10% more, we've got it. Every bit goes toward glorifying our God as we serve and live out Abundant Grace, Joyful Giving.

Over the next month, you will hear speakers who will share personal thoughts about giving. Our different ministries will be in the Parish Hall during coffee hour to discuss how they use time, talents, and treasures to serve God. You will also receive a letter from our vestry, a step-up chart to help you see how you might grow, and a pledge card. On November 16 we will have an ingathering for pledge cards where all can come forward as we show our faith and trust in God. A celebratory lunch will follow.

You can return your pledge card at any time, make your pledge on-line on our website, or using this QR code. As your pledges come in, we will have a "treemometer" to show progress; as we give, we will find God's blessings along the way. Abundant Grace, Joyful Giving!



#### **BECOME A 2026 VESTRY CANDIDATE**



**2026-2028 Term** — Three willing and able parishioners to be elected by the parish at the January 25, 2026 Annual Meeting who meet the following requirements and are willing to take on the following responsibilities:

#### **Vestry Candidate Requirements**

- Active member for at least one year prior to election
- Attends worship regularly
- Made an annual pledge to Holy Family in year prior to election
- Current active involvement in at least one ministry
- Works, prays, and gives for the spread of God's kingdom
- Able to attend regular monthly vestry meetings as scheduled
- Able to attend vestry retreats as scheduled, usually on Saturdays
- 18+ years of age
- Willing to serve as vestry liaison to at least one ministry/committee

#### **Vestry Member Responsibilities**

- The fiscal well-being of the parish property
- Assuring that the facilities are maintained
- Assuring that all bills are paid
- Assuring that each member of the parish is asked to make a financial pledge
- Approving the annual budget
- Seeing that the annual pledge to the diocese is paid
- Obtaining an annual audit of the parish financial statements
- Acting as the sole representative of the congregation in its relationship with the clergy of the parish
- Thinking and acting strategically to accomplish long term goals and objectives

If interested in being a candidate for the vestry, please contact Fr. Mark Winward, Senior Warden, Phil Anderson, or Junior Warden, Loran Davis, on or before **Sunday**, **November 16**.

**SERVE PICKENS 2025:** Four years ago, Holy Family's Outreach Ministry birthed Serve Pickens, as a day of neighbors helping neighbors and serving our Pickens County non-profits. This year, 150 volunteers gave 750 hours of their time and talent to continue making Pickens County a great place to live. Holy Family hosted the team led by Kathleen Allen-Leonard which packed 100 care packages for soldiers serving overseas. We had more than 30 Holy Family volunteers helping with this project and many others throughout the day. Mark your calendar now and please join us next year, on **October 17, for Serve Pickens 2026**. -*Terry Franzen, Chair, Serve Pickens* 









### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**ADULT EDUCATION:** On **Sunday**, **October 26**, **the 9:15** Adult Education class continues its study of "Grateful — a Six-Session Film Series" with Diana Butler Bass. We begin our study of Amy-Jill Levine's "Short Stories by Jesus - The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi" on **Sunday**, **November 9**. **We will not meet on November 2**. Questions? Please contact **Kathleen Allen-Leonard**.

On **Sunday**, **October 26**, we continue the "repeat" session of *Grateful – A Six-Session Film Series* with Diana Butler Bass at 5:00 pm on **Zoom**. Questions? Contact Kathleen Allen-Leonard. **kathleenallenleonard@gmail.com**.

**WOMEN'S STUDIES:** Our study of John Philip Newell's book, *The Rebirthing of God; Christianity's Struggle New Beginnings* continues on **Mondays at 7:00 pm** on **Zoom**. All women of the parish are welcome. Questions? Contact Elaine DeNiro. **edeniro@bellsouth.net** 

**TAI CHI:** Saturdays at 11:00 am at the Conference Center with Instructor Jeff Cook

**HATHA YOGA:** Tuesdays at 10:00 am at the Conference Center with Instructor Becky Hollaway

**GENTLE YOGA:** Tuesdays at 11:15 am at the Conference Center with Instructor Dennis Kast

For more information, please contact Becky at rlhollaw@mac.com or Dennis at denniskast@aol.com

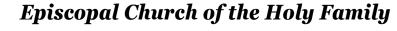
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## **Prayers of the People**

#### **Unrestricted Giving Through August 2025**

Anticipated Contributions for August \$42,625 Actual Contributions for August \$40,826

Budgeted Contributions Year-to-Date (August) \$341,000 Actual Contributions Year-to-Date (August) \$353,552



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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



**SUNDAYS** 8:00 am - Quiet Service with Eucharist, Rite I

9:15 am - Christian Education in the Parish Hall

10:30 am - Service with Music and Eucharist, Rite 2

Coffee and simple refreshments after each service.

**WEDNESDAYS** 8:30 am - Morning Prayer on Facebook

noon - Service with Eucharist

(On the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month:

Healing Service followed by lunch)

The Rev. Mark S. Winward, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Ted Hackett, *Priest Associate* • The Rev. Byron Tindall, *Priest Associate*John King Carter, *Organist/Choirmaster* • Jacques LeBlanc, *Sexton*Jim Braley, *Head Verger* • Christie Beiring, *Parish Administrator* 

**Vision:** Revealing Jesus through our actions by extending his love for us through our service to others **Mission:** Creating Christian community: serving and engaging people in vibrant ministries

**Your Vestry** 

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Click here for Vestry Meeting Minutes or contact the church office.

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