Touchstone

OCTOBER 31, 2025



Saturday, November 1 11:00 Tai Chi - CC 12:00 HF Bent Tree -Tavern

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HR

Sunday, November 2 All Souls Day

8:00 Eucharist Rite 1
NO Adult Christian Education
9:15 Forum with Canon Alicia
10:30 Eucharist Rite 2
Coffee Hour: Coffee and simple refreshments after each service.
12:30 Choir Practice

Monday, November 3 1:30 EfM - PH 6:00 Commemoration of All Faithful Departed - Choral Requiem Eucharist

Tuesday, November 4 10:00 Parish Life - PH 10:00 Hatha Yoga - CC 11:15 NO Gentle Yoga - Cancelled 12:00 CARES - PH Nursery

Wednesday, November 5 8:30 Morning Prayer - Facebook 9:00 Men's Breakfast - Deb's / Zoom 12:00 Healing Service

Thursday, November 61:00 Disciple II - PH
Friday - Saturday, November 6-7
119th Annual Council - Atlanta Diocese

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Nov. 9 Veterans Sunday

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

Nov. 27 Thanksgiving

Office Closed Thursday & Friday

Nov. 30 Advent I

Creating Christian Community: Serving and Engaging People in Vibrant Ministries

This week at Holy Family



FALL BACK! Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend. Set your clocks back 1 hour when you go to bed on Saturday!



HOLY FAMILY BENT TREE: Holy Family Bent Tree is a group of Bent Tree residents who attend or have visited Holy Family and who get together monthly over lunch at

The Tavern at Bent Tree to get to know each other better. Join us for the fun **this Saturday, November 1 at noon** at The Tavern. We hope to see you there! -*Terry Franzen*

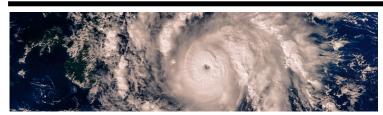
ALL SOULS DAY: The Rev. Canon Alicia Schuster Weltner will be with us to preach and celebrate on **Sunday**, **November 2**. She will also speak briefly between the two services on the Annual Council theme of "Reclaim, renew, rejoice", after which she will answer questions.

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.

HEALING SERVICE



The next healing service is this coming **Wednesday**, **November 5 at noon**. If you have a need for spiritual, physical, or emotional healing, or if having a bit of extra time to get ready to come to church would be helpful, this service would be wonderful for you. The healing service begins at noon and is followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. Anyone can attend. If you need a ride or any assistance while you're at church, please let Katharine Armentrout know.



SUPPORT THOSE AFFECTED BY HURRICANE **MELISSA:** Episcopal Relief & Development is in close contact with partners, including local dioceses and agencies in Jamaica, Cuba and Haiti, as they assess needs in their communities in response to Hurricane Melissa. You can read more about their response and donate on the Episcopal Relief and Development website.

On Sunday, November 9, the 9:15 am Adult Education 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.



★★☆ VETERANS SUNDAY ☆★★





In honor of Veterans Sunday on **November 9**, we invite all veterans in our congregation to wear symbols of their service—such as ribbons, medals, pins, or caps—during worship. visible witness This reminds us of the sacrifices made in service to our nation and gives us an opportunity to offer thanks, pray for peace, and honor the stories of our veterans among us. Their faithful service inspires us all to strive for justice and peace, respecting the dignity of every human being.

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



The season of Advent is almost upon us - so it is time to begin preparations for the 2025 Holy Family Advent Devotional. The Parish Life team is requesting members of the parish to write a short devotional (max 300 words) based on a selected passage of Scripture. Guidance will be provided. Please sign up at the Parish Life table in the Parish Hall beginning this Sunday or contact Tammy Kirk or Kathleen Allen-Leonard directly. Devotions should be completed and emailed to tfkirk1227@gmail.com no later than November 21 so that the booklet will be ready for the first Sunday in Advent. It is with great anticipation that we await the coming of our Savior in this special way together!



ANNUAL JASPER POINT **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Our tradition of bringing Christmas cheer to the residents of Jasper Point Healthcare will continue this year. Volunteers from Holy Family Outreach and our Church Choir, will provide treats, gift bags and caroling for the 60 residents on Wednesday, December 10, **3:00 - 4:00 pm**. (2:30 for set up). It's been a truly heartwarming experience for all involved. If you'd like to join us or help with refreshments, please let Leamarie True know. We are grateful for any and all support. You can also participate by purchasing gift bag contents on our Amazon Gift site:

Click This Link

- Select the items you want to buy
- Choose Belinda Humphrey's confidential address for shipping
- Pay for the purchase

SERMONS: We are providing sermons via email and posting on Facebook if provided to us. The sermon from Oct. 19 from Sara Miller-Schulte was sent this past Monday, October 27 and can be found on our Face Book page and page holyfamilyepiscopalchurch.net (go Worshipping/Watch Services then click on the sermon text under the video for that date.

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Family **Vestry Candidates for 2026**

At the Annual Parish Meeting on Sun., January 25 after the 10:30 a.m. service, parishioners will be electing three (3) new Vestry members for three-year 2026-2028 Term.

Vestry Candidate Requirements (per Diocese of Atlanta Canons)

- Confirmed communicant in good standing
- 18 years of age or more
- Regular attendant at the services for at least one year
- Pledged financial support the preceding year

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

- 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
 Attend vestry monthly meetings and retreats as scheduled
- Serve as vestry liaison to at least one ministry/committee
 Periodically serve as the Vestry Person of the Day to
- deliver announcements during services and other duties

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 Sun., Nov. 16.



No wonder this is the theme for our stewardship this year--it describes you all. Hasn't our gracious God shown all of us abundant grace along with joyful giving of all we need and more? It is a time to give thanks and respond in a way pleasing to our God who loves

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 stepup 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!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION: There will be no Adult Education at 9:15 am on Sun., Nov. 2. We begin our study of Amy-Jill Levine's "Short Stories by Jesus - The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi" on Sun., Nov. 9. We will look at the introduction and Chapter 1. Questions? Please contact Kathleen Allen-Leonard.

On Sun., Nov. 2, we conclude the "repeat" sessions of "Grateful - A Six-Session Film Series" with Diana Buteler Bass at 5:00 pm on **Zoom**. Questions? Contact **Kathleen Allen-Leonard**.

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

Gentle Yoga will not meet on November 4.

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

Service Leaflet Nov. 2 @ 10:30 am

Service Leaflet Nov. 3 @ 6:00 pm

Prayers of the People

Unrestricted Giving Through September 2025

Anticipated Contributions for September \$42,625 Actual Contributions for September \$36,011

Budgeted Contributions Year-to-Date (September) \$383,625 Actual Contributions Year-to-Date (September) \$389,564



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JOIN US - ALL ARE WELCOME

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 1st 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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