Touchstone

NOVEMBER 7, 2025



Saturday, November 8 10:00 Welcome Hands Quilters - PP 11:00 Tai Chi - CC 12:00 HF Bent Tree -Tayern

Sunday, November 9 VETERANS SUNDAY 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 10 1:30 EfM - PH 7:00 NO Women's Christian Ed

Tuesday, November 119:00 Gilmer Gang
10:00 Hatha Yoga - CC
11:15 Gentle Yoga - CC
12:00 CARES - PH Nursery

Wednesday, November 12 8:30 Morning Prayer - Facebook 9:00 Men's Breakfast - Deb's / Zoom 12:00 Service with Eucharist 2:30 Worship Team - PH/Zoom

Thursday, November 13 1:00 Disciple II - PH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Nov. 16 Pledge Dedication Sunday

Nov. 20 Finance

Nov. 27 Thanksgiving

Office Closed Thursday & Friday

Nov. 29 Flower Guild Nov. 30 Advent I

Nov. 30 Shower CARES

No Prayer Shawl Meeting in Nov./Dec.

Creating Christian Community: Serving and Engaging People in Vibrant Ministries

This week at Holy Family



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. This visible witness 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.



HOLY FAMILY MERCHANDISE IS BACK!

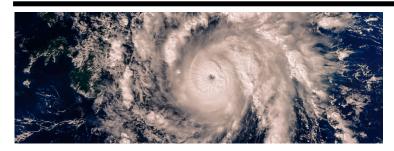
NEW FOR FALL: Holy Family long-sleeved crew neck tees (Unisex) for \$28! Fleece pullovers (\$48) and low-profile Hats (\$34) will also be available for purchase. Pre-order on SUNDAYS, NOV 9 and NOV 16 so they will be here in time for Christmas presents! Checks and Cash (exact amount) will be required at the time of ordering (no orders will be taken through the church office). All sales are final – sorry, no refunds or returns. Questions? Contact Tammy Kirk at jtmlkirk@aol.com



HFH Pickens County has scheduled a workday for **Saturday**, **Nov. 8 starting at 8:30 am**. They have completed quite a bit on their current project but with goals to get the new homeowners in their new homes by Thanksgiving, they need your help!

Contact Ray Champitto, HFH Construction Coordinator, at 770-329-5818

PICKENS FEEDS PICKENS: In light of the recent reductions to SNAP benefits, many families in our community are facing tougher months ahead. At Pickens County Family Connections they are launching a *Pickens Feeds Pickens* campaign to help fill the Little Free Food Pantries across the county. **Click here to see how you can help.**



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**.



PLEDGE SUNDAY: After our 10:30 worship service on November 16, there will be a luncheon in the Parish Hall to celebrate our Stewardship Season. Please come and join us; all are welcome!

You can return your pledge card at any time, make your pledge on-line on our website, or use 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!



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 web page **holyfamilyepiscopalchurch.net** (go to Worshipping/Watch Services then click on the sermon text under the video for that date.)



October Vestry Minutes are now available.
Click here!



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

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.

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**.

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 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

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



We all know to be cautious about scammers, especially in emails, but I want to share my experience to help protect others in our church family. Scammers are getting more sophisticated, so we must stay vigilant

Recently, I received an email that looked exactly like an ETC invoice notice. A few days before our real invoices arrived, an email—supposedly from ETC—announced upgrades to their platform. The sender address appeared legitimate, so I didn't think much of it. When our regular invoice came as usual, nothing seemed wrong. But later that same day, another "invoice ready" email arrived, formatted perfectly with a customer ID and invoice It seemed believable and looked very professional and as expected, especially given the supposed system changes. However, the invoice page asked me to "Kindly enter your password." That's when I closed everything and called ETC directly. They confirmed the email was a legitimate etc email—likely from a hacked account —but fraudulent (as was the initial informational email about upgrades). All the scammers need is for someone to enter their password and their scam takes off. If something feels off, trust your instincts. Call the vendor directly using their official contact information.

Stay alert and protect yourself!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION: Our study of Amy-Jill Levine's Short Stories by Jesus - The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi begins on **Sun. Nov. 9 at 9:15 am**. We will look at the introduction and Chapter 1. Questions? Please contact **Kathleen Allen-Leonard**.

WOMEN'S STUDIES: The Women's Studies group **will not meet on Mon., Nov. 10**. Class resumes on **Nov. 17** at 7:00 pm on **Zoom**. The study of John Philip Newell's, *The Rebirthing of God* concludes then. On **Sun., Dec. 1** the group begins its Advent study. The group will read Liz Curtis Higgs' book, *The Women of God*. Join us as we explore the stories of Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna, three women who are faithful to God's call in their lives. All women of the position of the provided are violented. Contact Elizing Delving adapting the light party and their lives. 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

Service Leaflet 10:30 am

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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