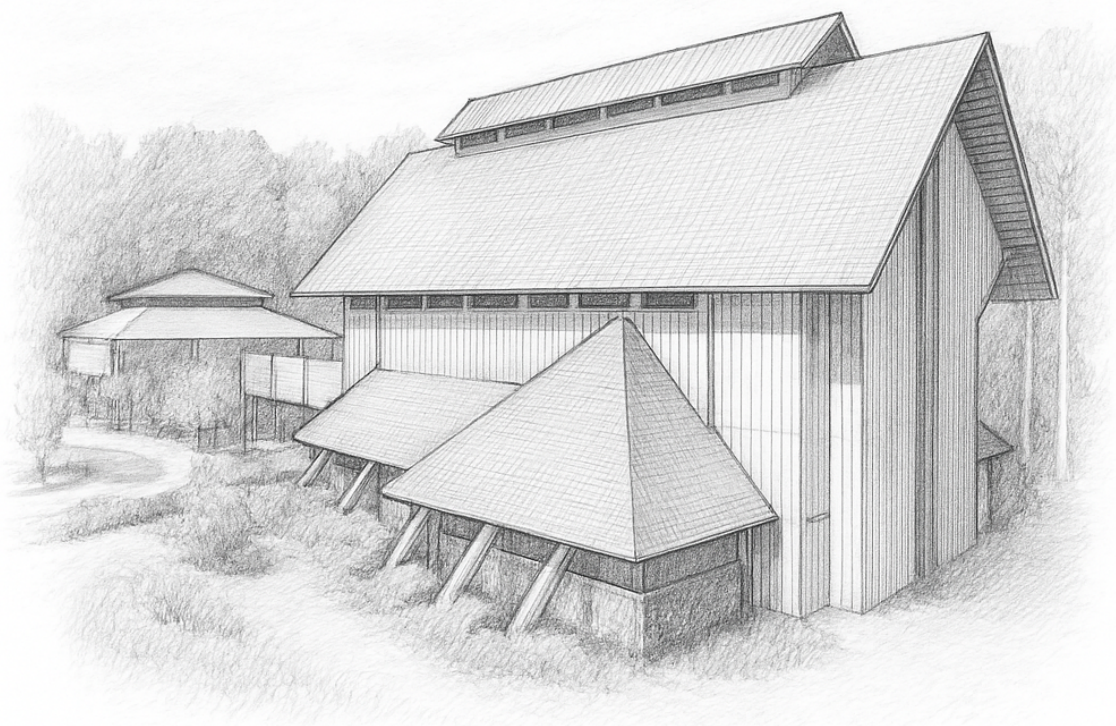


EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY



THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
DECEMBER 21, 2025
10:30 AM



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We're glad you are here! If you have questions about Holy Family, please speak to an usher, a clergyperson, or the person giving the announcements- they will be glad to help. If you will register in the Guest Book in the gallery or, alternately, fill out one of the Guest Cards located on the back of the second pew chair from the center aisle and place it in the offering plate, that will give us an opportunity to know you better. Please join us in the Parish Hall at the other end of the building for refreshments after the service.

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 497

WIE SCHON LEUCHTET

How bright appears the Morning Star,
with mercy beaming from afar; the host of heaven rejoices;
O righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod!
Thou Son of Man and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voices:
Jesus, Jesus! Holy, holy, yet most lowly, draw thou near us;
great Emmanuel, come and hear us.

Though circled by the hosts on high,
he deigned to cast a pitying eye upon his helpless creature;
the whole creation's Head and Lord,
by highest seraphim adored, assumed our very nature;
Jesus, grant us, through thy merit, to inherit thy salvation;
hear, O hear our supplication.

Rejoice, ye heavens; thou earth, reply;
with praise, ye sinners, fill the sky, for this his Incarnation.
Incarnate God, put forth thy power,
ride on, ride on, great Conqueror, till all know thy salvation.
Amen, amen! Alleluia, alleluia! Praise be given
evermore by earth and heaven.

Celebrant Light and peace from Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

BCP 109

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on the lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the good you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16*

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sing this song as the Advent Wreath is lit:



Light four candles to watch for Messi-ah; let the light banish darkness.



He is com-ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18



¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and | come to help us.

³Restore us, O | God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

⁴O LORD | God of hosts,
how long will you be angered despite the prayers | of your people?

⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

⁶You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.
⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.
¹⁶Let your hand be upon the man | of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong | for yourself.
¹⁷And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call upo- | n your Name.
¹⁸Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 54

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Savior of the nations, come! Virgin's Son, make here your home.
 Marvel now, both heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child of the Virgin undefiled!
 Mighty God and Mary's son, eager now his race to run!

Thus on earth the Word appears, gracing his created spheres;
 hence to death and hell descends, then the heavenly throne ascends.

Come, O Father's saving Son, who o'er sin the victory won.
 Boundless shall your kingdom be; grant that we its glories see.

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had

been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Mark Winward

THE NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy”.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our presiding Bishop Sean, our Bishop Rob and our Rector Mark and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President Donald and our Governor Brian, for the leaders of nations and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Jasper, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all of the organizations that are in our community especially CARES, Good Samaritan, ACES, Angels on Horseback, Boys and Girls Club, the Weekend Snack Program, Arrendale Women’s Prison Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, Serve Pickens, The Community Thrift Store and all other

agencies supported by our parish. Guide and support our mission with the LAMB Institute in Honduras, our mission with St. Mark's School in Haiti and the relationships with our Companion diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana and our partner parish, St. James the Apostle, Elmina. For all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad and all those who place themselves in harm's way for our sake, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans and for the sick and the suffering, Lucy Sullivan, Bowman Crum, Joyce Dewey, Mary Porter, Steve Hawkins, Coty Tootle, Mariellen Schultz, Amelia Broussard, Susan Smith, as well as Trip Edwards, Wheeler Caney, Leanne Caney, John Beane, Megan Kendall, Jimmy Flynn, Wayne Mulkey, Mike Nunn, Iris Harris, Carol Monroe, Tom Ciomek, Sue Dykman, those on our long-term prayer list found on the back of the service leaflet, and those that we name either silently or aloud. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of resurrection and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Mary and Joseph and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant says

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *All stand.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion at Holy Family. Communion is offered at the altar rail and may also be brought to anyone in the pews unable to move to the altar rail. Alternatively to drinking from the common cup you may 1) receive only the bread, or 2) dip the wafer in the wine before consuming it (intinction). On the right end of the altar rail gluten-free wafers and wine-infused wafers are available.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. – *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Michael Praetorius

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

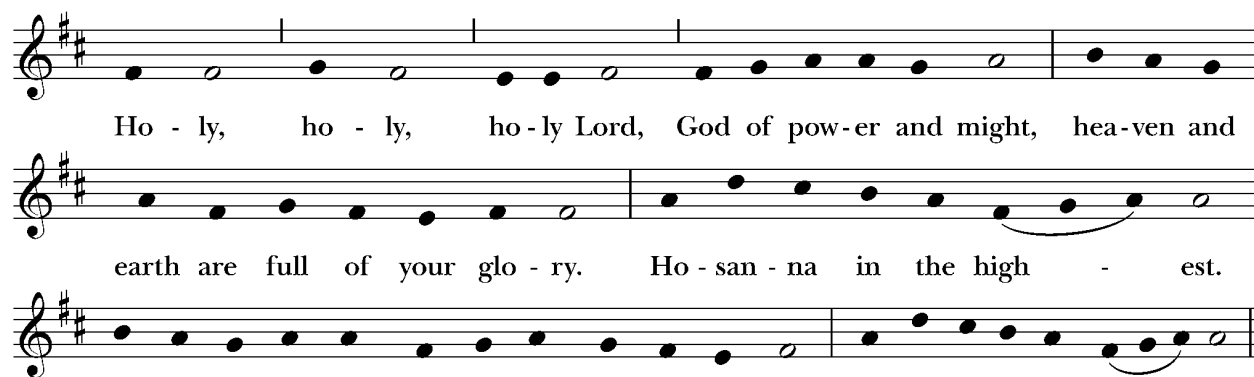
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

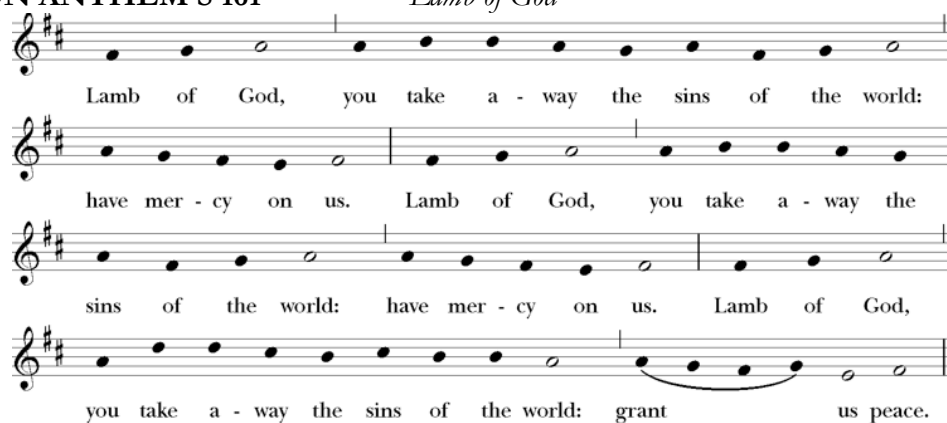
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION ANTHEM S 161*Lamb of God*

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The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN 60

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe,
you came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty.

When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright,
not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
all things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;
defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

**SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

In the name of the congregation of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Family I send you forth bearing these gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 56 Stanzas 1-4

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



MEMBERS' LOVED ONES SERVING IN THE MILITARY

John Cook, US Navy
Jaret Bosarge, US Military Academy
Jacob Price, US Navy
Mark Reed, US Marines
Jack Resetar, US Military Academy
Grace Resetar, US Army
Christopher Weaver, US Army
Joel Winters, US Army
Kevin Caney, US Navy
Brendan Zavesky, US Air Force
Jennie Sibley Sheffield, US Air Force
Taylor Everidge, US Navy
Mark Tootle, US Army
David Rudger, US Army
James Tindall, US Army

HOLY FAMILY CONNECTION

Kathleen & Taylor Allen-Leonard
Carolyn & Phil Anderson

Amelia & Robert Broussard
Farnham Caney & Jeannine Krenson
Susan Mowry
Jennie & John Sheffield
June Giglia
Coty Tootle
Susan & John Rowan
Anne & Byron Tindall

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Nancy Faussonne*, June Bernal and her parents, Maggie and Sam, Diane Douglas*, Larry Jones*, Bill Glisson, Derek Allen, Winship Durrett*, Ted Hackett, Barbara Jones Black, Ted Hackett*, Terry Franzen*, Mariellen Schultz*, Jamie Quinn*, Pam and Kirk Kondos, Matt Porter, Bill Zercher*, Greg DeNiro, Ed Dewey*, Dave Carley, Ellen Lloyd*, Todd Nicholson, David Vezzetti, Megan Elizabeth Hill, Teonila Arde Patel, Suzanne Quin Fojas, Mary Campbell Stromire, Hope Schultz, Ashley Waller, Liz, Bill Davis, Marianne Koberger, Jaime, Sue Watters, Bunny Fulton

*parishioners

UNRESTRICTED GIVING FOR NOVEMBER 2025

Anticipated Contributions for November	. \$42,625
Actual Contributions for November	\$51,400
Anticipated Contributions YTD (Jan-Nov)	. \$468,875
Actual Contributions YTD (Jan-Nov)	\$475,296

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