



**Saturday, March 7**  
11:00 Tai Chi - CC  
12:00 HF Bent Tree - Tavern  
**Daylight Saving Time Begins - Set clocks FORWARD one Hour Sat. Night!**

**Sunday, March 8**  
8:00 Eucharist Rite 1  
9:15 Adult Christian Education - PH  
10:30 Eucharist Rite 2  
*Coffee Hour: Coffee and simple refreshments after each service.*  
12:15 Choir Practice

**Monday, March 9**  
1:30 EfM - PH  
7:30 Women's Christian Ed - Zoom

**Tuesday, March 10**  
9:00 Gilmer Gang  
10:00 Yoga - CC  
11:15 Gentle Yoga - CC  
12:00 CARES - PH Nursery

**Wednesday, March 11**  
8:30 Morning Prayer - Facebook  
9:00 Men's Breakfast - Deb's/Zoom  
10:00 DOK - CC  
12:00 Service with Eucharist  
2:30 Worship Team - PH / Zoom  
6:00 Lenten Series & Potluck Dinner - PH

**Thursday, March 12**  
12:30 Disciple II - PH  
7:00 Episcopal 101 - Zoom

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mar. 14/28 Welcome Hands Quilters  
Mar. 15 Confirmation at St. Philip's  
Mar. 19 Finance  
Mar. 24 Vestry  
Mar. 26 Palm Cross Workshop  
Mar. 29-Apr 3 Holy Week  
Mar. 29 Palm Sunday  
Apr. 2 Maundy Thurs  
Apr. 3 Good Friday  
Apr. 4 Great Vigil of Easter  
Apr. 5 Easter Sunday

Creating Christian Community:  
Serving and Engaging People in Vibrant Ministries

## This week at Holy Family



**SPRING FORWARD!** Daylight Saving Time begins this weekend. Set your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed on Saturday!



**HOLY FAMILY BENT TREE:** HFBT is a group of Bent Tree residents who attend or have visited Holy Family that gets together monthly. We hope you can join us for our next lunch at the Tavern on **Saturday, March 7 at noon.**

This is a great time to get to know your neighbors who attend Holy Family. Please let Terry Franzen know if you plan to attend so she can make the reservation, but if you forget, come anyway! We always have room for more!

**CARPPOOL NEEDED?** Our Lent and Easter schedule are included inside *Touchstone* until Easter and some of you may have noticed we will be having a Great Easter Vigil from 8:30 -10:00 pm on Sat., Apr. 4. If you would like to attend but don't like to drive after dark (as with Maundy Thursday), please let the office know and we will see if we can help coordinate/arrange carpools for those services.

**PRISON MINISTRY:** Our prison ministry is in great need of three items to help the women we serve:



1. Maxi pads for the women in the postpartum unit
2. Personal size prayer books for our Episcopal service
3. *Hear our Voice: A Prisoner Prayer Book*, written by prisoners and volunteers and follows our Episcopal prayer book format, which we provide to the women in our Episcopal Service and classes.

We have created a gift list on Amazon to make ordering and delivery to our prison chaplain easy for you. Please follow the link and simply select the items you would like to contribute and put them in your basket for checkout. Thank you for your love and care for our women at Arrendale State Prison!

-Terry and Katharine

**Gift List for Arrendale Prison Ministry**



# A PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP WRIGHT

## Immigration: Dignity, Solidarity, and Support

March 4, 2026

Beloved in Christ,

I pray this finds you certain that our ultimate allegiance belongs to Jesus the Christ.

The bible cries out that God's people are to love and care for "foreigners," "immigrants," "strangers," and the "least." Scripture submits this as directive without condition. The Baptismal Covenant is clear that we are to be the people who "Seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves," as we "...strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." The call to attention, prayer, and advocacy on behalf of the most vulnerable flows seamlessly from Jesus' example, our tradition, and the words we use in worship each Sunday.

We have all seen the news of ICE activity in other cities. Families in our own church communities, especially those from Hispanic backgrounds and other immigrants, are being battered by confusion, fear and despair with the changes in immigration enforcement. Concern continues to grow at the possibility of increased ICE activity among us.

I continue to believe that a great nation can uphold the integrity of its borders; remove dangerous criminals from its midst and expect excellence in law enforcement— all while providing asylum to the fleeing and creating safety and a path to citizenship for those who live and labor among us. My faith in God and in people of good faith assures me that we can work together for a more just immigration policy without diminishing the dignity of anyone.

We invite you to join us in continued prayer and faithful action for a more just immigration policy, for those adults and children in detention and those who live in fear, and for our deeper alignment with the biblical mandate to "Love our neighbors as ourselves."

We will continue to make available specific resources to support immigrants in our communities, including the opportunity to pray by name for those members of our communities known to us who are now living in detention and their families.

Please know I make this offering from my heart to your heart, that some hearts would be strengthened, some would be softened, and all hearts would increase in their devotion to God in Christ for the benefit of all God's beloved children.

Your brother,  
The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright  
Bishop



- Download the pastoral letter as a PDF [here](#).
- View the Prayers of the People options for immigration victims in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- Pray by first name for the immigrants of our worshipping communities that we know are detained [here](#). This list will be updated as needed.



**EASTER FLOWERS & EASTER MUSICIANS:** This year we offer the opportunity to make contributions in memory and/or honor of loved ones to Easter Flowers and/or Easter Musicians. Contributors will be listed in the leaflet if submitted by the deadline date of **Sun., March 29**. Forms are available in the Church, Parish Hall, and office. Please print neatly and write "Easter Flowers" or "Easter Musicians" on the memo line of your check to ensure our bookkeeper credits the correct fund. Submissions after the deadline date may not make it to print.

**EfM INVITATION:** For the first time in its 50-year history, Education for Ministry is allowing and inviting nonparticipants to take part in what are normally closed sessions. The last two open Community Gatherings for the year at Holy Family will be held **Mondays, March 16 and 23 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. During both sessions, EfM participants and visitors will discuss Sue Monk Kidd's book, *God's Joyful Surprise*. The discussion on March 16 will center around the introduction and chapters 1-8. The remainder of the book will be the subject on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The book is available from the Pickens County Library and, naturally, from Amazon as either a soft-bound book or a Kindle version.

Everyone is welcome. You don't have to read the book in order to visit either session. You don't have to be a member of Holy Family or any church, for that matter. If you would like more information about EfM or the Community Gatherings, contact either Jeannine Krenson at 706-299-7949 or [jeanninekrenson@gmail.com](mailto:jeanninekrenson@gmail.com); Byron Tindall at 678-493-6609 or [bctindall@hotmail.com](mailto:bctindall@hotmail.com); or any of the current participants (Farnham Caney, Jim Reid, Rosemary Lovelace, Anne Tindall, Loran Davis, Amy Snyder, Bill Zercher, Bob and Carolyn Wheeler, or Leamarie True).

### PARISH UPDATE

#### Church Office Addition — Project Overview February 2026

**Purpose/Rationale:** Currently, our parish office is in a house approximately 0.4 of a mile from the church. As a result, the church must be locked during business hours when it is not otherwise in use and therefore not available to visitors. In addition, visitors to the Rector's current office must navigate a steep, narrow staircase, rendering the space inaccessible to individuals with mobility challenges. Building a single-story office addition to the church building will remedy both issues and provide a readily recognizable and available parish office for parishioners and visitors alike.

**Scope & Use (what will be built):** A 35.5' x 48' 1704 square foot office addition with a floorplan to accommodate a reception area, conference room, Rector's office with bath, finance office, parish administrator's office, assisting clergy office, central work/file/copy space, secure storage and a mechanical room. The addition will be built at the location identified in the original phase II expansion plans for an office which is immediately off the parish hall where the labyrinth is currently located. The labyrinth will be relocated and replicated immediately east of its current location in what is now an open grass covered area.

**Designs & Where to View Them:** Detailed design drawings are under development and can be viewed once completed in March 2026.

**Cost & Funding Plan:** Parishioners Jim and Jan Braley have made a generous offer budgeted at \$550,000. The Building Committee (BC) is confident in their ability to remain within budget. The current plan is to build without any additional funds.

**Approvals, Governance & Decision-Making:** The BC includes the donors, Jim and Jan Braley; parishioner Alvin Cox, Member Emeritus of the American Institute of Architects (AIA); parishioner Gary Newell, a licensed commercial contractor and past President of the Georgia Association of General Contractors (AGC); our Rector Fr. Mark Winward; Senior Warden Bob Wheeler; and vestry member and civil engineer Phil Anderson. The BC plans to coordinate the project in-house. The Atlanta Diocese has already approved the office addition concept and just needs to review the final plans. The BC has already met with Pickens County to address local permitting requirements. An on-site county environmental review conducted on Jan. 16 granted approval to connect the office addition to the existing septic tank.

**Timeline & Key Milestones:** The current schedule calls for a March 11 completion of design drawings as needed to submit a building permit request to the county and an April 30 date for start of construction. Completion of construction is estimated to take eight to twelve months from the start date.

**Impacts During Construction:** Materials that make up the existing labyrinth to include the bricks, trellis, statuary, book kiosk, benches, etc. will be removed and temporarily stored off site to accommodate the footprint of the new office addition. During construction the contractor will require both the current labyrinth location and the grass area immediately to the east for the new office and to reposition materials and equipment.

**Oversight & Accountability:** The BC will provide oversight and be accountable to the vestry for the completion of the project.

**Questions:** Questions may be directed to any member of the BC.



**THANK YOU!** Ed and I would like to say how very grateful we are for all the wonderful people who volunteered so quickly to take over carrying the Holy Family collections for CARES over to CARES weekly! This has been a service close to our hearts that we have joyfully done for many years. It is so uplifting and comforting to know that others will be helping to ensure it continues. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** -Sue and Ed Parnell

**LENT IDEA:** For Lent, instead of (or in addition to) giving something up, do something positive and new. Grab one non-perishable food item on your way to church each Sunday during Lent and drop it in the CARES donation bin. Imagine how much we could contribute before Easter if each household brought just one can of food per week for CARES to church during Lent!

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## LENT & EASTER 2026

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS LENTEN SERIES

This year's Lenten series is based on the video series by N. T. Wright,  
*People of Promise: Reflecting the Rhythms of Lent.*

**Starting February 25, we will gather Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall**  
for a potluck meal, "dinner theater-style".

(Everyone will get their meals and sit at tables to eat while we watch the video.)

This is a potluck style dinner. If you plan to attend, please bring an entrée, side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

**PALM CROSS WORKSHOP, Thursday, March 26 9:00 am - 12:00 noon**

## HOLY WEEK

**PALM SUNDAY, March 29**  
**8:00 & 10:30 Services**

**Lenten Lunch & Grow Holy Week Series at Jasper United Methodist Church:**  
**March 30-April 3 at noon at JUMC**

(The Rev. Dr. Sheila Crowe, Fr. Mark S. Winward, Rev. Preston Jones, Rev. Jerry Gleason)  
Five mid-day Holy Week gatherings exploring the decisive moments of Jesus' final days  
and how his authority, sacrifice, service, and mercy shape our faith today.

Monday, March 30 — Authority at the Crossroads (Scripture: Matthew 21:12-17; Matthew 21:23-27)

Tuesday, March 31 — The Cost of Fruitful Faith (Scripture: Mark 11:12-14, 20-25)

Wednesday, April 1 — The Crossroads of Loyalty (Scripture: Matthew 26:14-16; Matthew 16:13-23)

Thursday, April 2 — Love That Kneels, **Fr. Mark S. Winward** (Scripture: John 13:1-17)

Friday, April 3 — Mercy at the Crossroads (Scripture: Luke 23:33-34; Luke 23:39-43)

**MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, March 30 - April 1**  
**10:30 am Service**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 2**  
**6:00 pm Service**

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 3**  
**10:30 am Stations of the Cross**  
**12:00 noon Service with Veneration of the Cross**

**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER, SATURDAY, April 4 at 8:30 - 10:00 pm**

*The Easter Vigil is the Church's principal celebration of the Resurrection, beginning in darkness with the lighting of the new fire and Paschal candle and moving through readings, baptismal renewal, and the first Easter Eucharist.*

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 5**  
**8:00 & 10:30 Services with a Festive Breakfast in between**

## Suggested Lent Reading

### Available in the Holy Family Library:

*Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor  
*The Last Week* by John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg  
*Wonderous Encounters for Lent* by Richard Rohr  
*From Wilderness To Glory: Lent and Easter for Everyone* by N. T. Wright  
*Failing Into Greatness: 25 amazing verses from 1 Peter for a spiritual journey that will last forever* by Allan J. DeNiro  
*The Lenten Labyrinth* by Edward Hays  
*Lent with Evelyn Underhill*, edited by G. P. Mellick Belshaw  
*The Light of Glory: readings from John Donne* edited by Christopher L. Webber  
*Witness at the Cross* by Amy-Jill Levine  
*When They Crucified My Lord* by Brother Ramon  
*Between Cross & Resurrection* by Alan E. Lewis  
*Have a Beautiful Terrible Day* (Lenten section) by Kate Bowler  
*A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent* by Walter Brueggemann

### Available on the Cathedral Bookstore's Website <https://www.cathedralbookstore.org>

*Practical Christianity* by Jane Shaw  
*Let Me Go There; The Spirit of Lent* by Paula Gooder  
*Essential Lenten Prayers* by Paraclete Press  
*Hear Us, Good Lord: Meditations From the Washington National Cathedral*  
*Wild Hope Stories for Lent From the Vanishing* by Gayle Boss.

### Suggested Lenten Study

*The Hardest Part* by Kate Bowler  
 available for free at [katebowler.com/seasonal\\_devotional/the-hardest-part/](http://katebowler.com/seasonal_devotional/the-hardest-part/)

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### ADULT EDUCATION - SUNDAYS AT 9:15 AM.

**WOMEN'S STUDIES: MONDAYS at 7:30 PM** on **Zoom**. All women of the parish are welcome. The group is reading and discussing the book, *Hildegard of Bingen: Essential Writings and Chants of a Christian Mystic* by Dr. Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook. Hildegard of Bingen—visionary, abbess, composer, dramatist, poet and healer—was the brilliant and passionate precursor of many of the great women mystics of the Middle Ages. This unique introduction to Hildegard's world and writings presents a wide range of her texts grouped by theme, providing a deeper understanding of this influential spiritual figure than can single-themed collections. Insightful and instructive annotations provide historical background and place selections within the wider context of Hildegard's understanding of the spiritual life and the natural world. (Available on Amazon.) Questions? Contact Elaine DeNiro. [edeniro@bellsouth.net](mailto:edeniro@bellsouth.net)

**EPISCOPAL 101: THURSDAYS at 7:00 PM** on Zoom **January 15 - March 12**. Fr. Mark leads this Zoom class on Episcopal belief, practice, and history, based on the Outline of the Faith in the Book of Common Prayer (pp. 845ff). The class is open to all but required for those seeking confirmation. Sign-up is required.

**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 [rhollaw@mac.com](mailto:rhollaw@mac.com) or Dennis at [denniskast@aol.com](mailto:denniskast@aol.com)

Service Leaflet  
10:30 am

Prayers of the People

**Unrestricted Giving Through January 2026**

Anticipated Contributions for January \$48,000

Actual Contributions for January \$35,284

Budgeted Contributions Year-to-Date ( January ) \$48,000

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*All loose plate offerings on the last Sunday of the month go to the Rectors Discretionary Fund.*



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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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month:  
Healing Service followed by lunch)*

The Rev. Mark S. Winward, *Rector*

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*

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