Touchstone

NOVEMBER 6, 2026



Saturday, November 7
11:00 Tai Chi - CC
12:00 HF Bent Tree
4:30 Folk Mass

Sunday, November 8
INGIVING SUNDAY - ONE SERVICE ONLY
9:15 Adult Christian Education - PH
10:30 Eucharist Rite II
Ingathering Celebratory lunch following the service in the Parish Hall.
12:15 Choir Practice

Monday, November 9
9:00 Gilmer Gang
1:30 EfM - PH
7:30 pm Women's Studies - Zoom

Tuesday, November 10
9:00 Gilmer Gang
10:00 Hospitality - Office Parlor
10:00 Yoga - CC
11:15 Gentle Yoga - **CANCELLED**
7:00 Episcopal 101

Wednesday, November 11
8:30 Morning Prayer - Facebook
12:00 Healing Service
2:30 Worship Team - PH & Zoom

Thursday, November 12
10:00 Hatha Yoga - CC
11:15 Chair Yoga - CC
1:30 Disciple - CC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Nov. 14 Welcome Hands Quilters
Nov. 18 DOK
Nov. 18 Finance
Nov. 19 Communications Team
Nov. 24 Outreach
Nov. 24 Vestry
Nov. 25 Pastoral Care
Nov. 26-27 Thanksgiving - Office Closed
Nov. 28 Funeral - Bill Cook
Nov. 29 Shower CARES
No Prayer Shawl Meeting Nov. or Dec.

This week at Holy Family

40 Years of Gratitude



Thank you for your generosity and for helping support the ministries, programs, and mission of our church. Together, we can reach our goal! If you've not yet pledged, you can make your pledge by dropping your pledge card in the plate at services, mailing it in, dropping it by the office, completing an on-line pledge form when visiting our website HolyFamilyJasper.org, (go to GIVING and scroll down to locate and click "2027 Online Pledge Form"), or scanning the QR code on the left. Also, please be sure to visit the foyer, write what you are grateful for on a leaf, and place the leaf on our Gratitude Tree!

Sunday, November 8 marks the final day of the Stewardship campaign and Ingathering Sunday. Ingathering Sunday marks a time of reflection, gratitude, and renewed commitment. It conveys unity and belonging and gathering people into one community, in our case the Holy Family Community. As well as Gratitude, acknowledging God's provision and the blessings received.

Please bring your pledges for the coming year, symbolizing a spiritual harvest and investment in church ministries. Pledges will be collected and blessed by Father Mark at the altar.

Please note: There's only one service this Sunday, November 8 at 10:30 am. It will be followed by an Ingathering celebratory lunch in the Parish Hall.



VETERANS! We would like to ask all our veterans to wear tokens of their service to church this coming **Sunday, Nov. 8** so that we may honor you!

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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 **Saturday, November 7 at noon** at The Tavern. Please RSVP with Terry Franzen, but if you forget, come anyway!

SAVE THE DATE - CARES THANKSMAS CELEBRATION

WHAT: Thanksmas Celebration & Fundraiser with dinner
Comedian Kenn Kington and silent auction
WHEN: **Tuesday, December 1, 2026, 6:00 pm**
WHERE: Jasper Campus of Chattahoochee Tech in the large conference room
TICKETS: On sale now! $40 for individual, $300 for table of 8 *(Holy Family has four tables purchased already for members or you can purchase your own.)*
www.caresforpickens.com - click *Thanksmas* in top right corner
MORE INFO: Contact Vicky Harkins, Andy Edwards, or Elaine DeNiro

RMDs and ONLINE PLEDGE vs. ONLINE GIVING: Our annual stewardship campaign is underway! For those of you who are at least 73 years of age and have an IRA you might consider using your required minimal distribution (RMD) of your IRA for all or a portion of your 2027 pledge. The advantage of doing this is that the RMD now becomes tax free, which can be a big advantage for you. The RMD is the minimum distribution you are required by law to take out annually, though you can also take out more than the required minimum. You can withdraw your RMD before year end and the pledge amount can be credited to your 2027 pledge, as long as you let us know. Your contributions still appear on your annual statement for tax purposes in the year it was received. Contact your Financial Advisor or Jim Braley at 770-262-3601 for more information.

We would like to additionally say, your pledge is your way of letting us know how much you hope to contribute to the church in the upcoming year. The Finance Committee and Vestry work together to create an annual budget using the pledge total. You can complete a card and return it or complete the online form for your pledge. Completing the form online is just that. You are making a pledge. It does not automatically create or modify current online payments for you; your contributions are in your control...made by cash, check, or online (credit card or bank draft) by you. When you contribute, it is applied toward your pledge.



CHRISTMAS AT JASPER POINT: Holy Family! We have another chance to share some Christmas joy with the residents at Jasper Point Health Care. As in past years, we will gather there on **December 9 at 2:30-3:00**, to share refreshments, have a sing-a-long, thanks to John Carter and our wonderful choir, and give each resident a gift bag full of useful items.

If you would like to share in this joy-spreading occasion with our neighbors, **follow this link**, choose one or more gifts to be sent to the church office, and let me know if you would like to join us that day to sing and pass out gift bags. **Gifts must be received at the church office by November 25 i**n order for us to pack the bags and have them ready to distribute by Dec. 9.

Additionally, there are 7 indigent residents who really need some new clothes and a few other items. If you would like to help them, email the church office at **Office@HolyFamilyJasper.org** and I will get you their first name and a short list of needed clothing. Thank you so much for your generosity! *-Leamarie True*

A LOT OF WONDERFUL THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS

Our calendar is quickly filling up with wonderful opportunities to connect, grow, and serve together over the next several weeks. Here are some things to look forward to, so keep an eye out for upcoming details:

- Holy Family Cookbooks for Sale
- The Jasper Point Christmas Party
- The Bishop's visit
- The finishing of our new office building
- A Very Merry Advent Celebration
- Lessons & Carols, Dec. 22 at 4:00
- Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 and 6:30
- Christmas Day Service at 9:00



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION - SUNDAYS AT 9:15 AM - *Evangelical Is Not Enough SERIES: In Evangelical Is Not Enough*, Thomas Howard, a student of C.S. Lewis, affectionally affirms his roots in the evangelical faith while exploring the richness of liturgical worship, sacramental life, the Church calendar, tradition, and the Eucharist. Howard invites readers to consider how this broader Christianity engages both heart and mind, spirit and body, through the worship and practices of the historic Church.

Whether you have an evangelical background, are new to liturgical worship, or simply want to deepen your understanding of our Angloan tradition, join us for a thoughtful, respectful discussion of a modern spiritual classic that continues to challenge and inspire Christians across traditions.

WOMEN'S STUDIES - MONDAYS AT 7:30 PM ON ZOOM: Current Study: The book *The Desert Mothers: Spiritual Women of the Wilderness* by Mary C. Earle, available on Amazon. At the dawn of Christianity, holy women went into the wilderness of the desert of Northern Egypt to give themselves totally to lives of prayer. Explore the unique spirituality of Desert Mothers and learn ways to apply their wisdom today. Mary Earle has taken nine concise sayings from Desert Mothers and explores them in original ways. Contact Elaine DeNiro at **edeniro@bellsouth.net.**

SATURDAYS: Tai Chi at **11:00 am** at the Conference Center with Instructor Jeff Cook
TUESDAYS: Hatha Yoga at **10:00 am** at the Conference Center with Instructor Becky Hollaway
Gentle Yoga at 11:15 am at the Conference Center with Instructor Dennis Kast
THURSDAYS: Hatha Yoga at **10:00 am** at the Conference Center with Instructor Cathy Harmon
Chair Yoga at 11:15 am at the Conference Center with Instructor Cathy Harmon

Service Leaflet
10:30 am

Unrestricted Giving Through September 2026

Anticipated Contributions for September $44,667
Actual Contributions for September $50,726

Budgeted Contributions Year-to-Date (September) $402,000
Actual Contributions Year-to-Date (September) $426,689

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

Chair Report on August 2026 Finances

Give Online

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JOIN US - ALL ARE WELCOME

SATURDAYS	4:30 pm	- Folk Mass, Rite II
SUNDAYS	8:00 am	- Quiet Service with Communion, Rite I
	9:15 am	- Christian Education in the Parish Hall
	10:30 am	- Service with Music and Communion, Rite II
		Coffee and simple refreshments after each service.
WEDNESDAYS	8:30 am	- Morning Prayer on Facebook
	noon	- Healing Service with Communion, Rite II
		(1st Wednesday of month the service is 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*

Your Vestry

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