

THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS...



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One – 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. David W. Hodnett, Celebrant
The Rev. Jeff Bayne, Preacher

Childcare will be available downstairs in the Sister House from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Adult Christian Education - 9:00 a.m. in the library

Episcopal Youth Connection - 9:15 a.m. in the conference room
(located upstairs in the administrative building)

Children's Chapel - 10:30 a.m. downstairs in the Sister House

Following the postlude, please remain for Coffee Hour in Lagarde Hall.



The Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm 25: 1-9; I Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Luke 21: 25-36

Visit <https://www.lectionarypage.net/> to access this week's readings.

Prelude

Savior of the Nations, Come (Dietrich Buxtehude)

Hymns

*Lo! he comes, with clouds descending
O day of God, draw nigh
Once he came in blessing
The King shall come when morning dawns
Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

Anthem

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns (K. Lee Scott)

Postlude

Savior of the Nations, Come (Johann Pachelbel)

Serving Sunday

Nursery: Jessica Akridge and Conya Morris
Children's Chapel: Hope Marshall, Kerri McComb, and Brooke Thornton
Carpool Coordinator/Driver: Danny Williams
Altar Guild: Bryan and Florence Cuneo
Greeters/Ushers: David Marshall and Danny Williams
Crucifer: Carter Akridge
Priest's Cross Bearer: Asher Reneau
Lector: Evan Wilkins
Eucharistic Ministers: Lenn Costner and Roger Zeimet
Offering Counter: Hope Marshall
Coffee Hour Hosts: Beverly Parsons, Toby Kilpatrick and Andrew Koehler

We wish the following special birthday blessings!

December 1 – Mary Marshall Alexander
December 2 – Jamy Garcia
December 4 – Susan Thompson
December 6 – Jana Garcia
December 7 – Christopher McIntyre

PARISH NOTICES



*Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love,
as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:1-2, NRSV*

STEWARDSHIP 2025

By now, you should have received your Stewardship Packet for 2025. Please pray about your response to this annual appeal for support of the ministries and mission of our parish, and, so that the important work of planning and budgeting can be completed by the end of the year, please return your faith promise pledge card on or before **Sunday, December 8**.

If you would like a reminder of your 2024 giving-to-date, please contact the parish office for this information. **If you are able to make a special gift to ensure that we finish the year in a strong way, please know that your gift, whatever the amount, will be gratefully received.** As the current year draws to a close, we once again thank you for your dedication and love for our shared ministry.



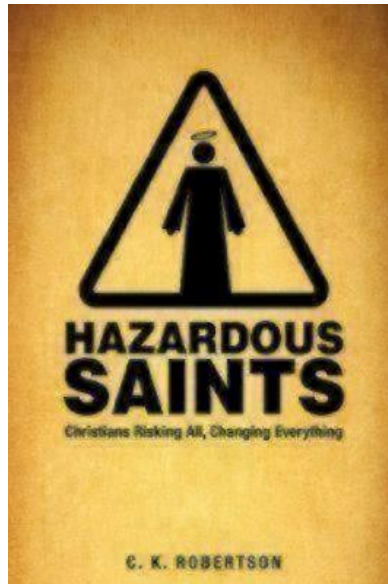
THANKSGIVING

The staff wishes you and those you love a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!
The parish office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, November 27 and 28.



POINSETTIA ORDERS

It is time to place orders for poinsettias to adorn the altar at Christmas in honor and/or in memory of loved ones. Each year, our beautiful poinsettias come from Rainbow Omega, a faith-based, non-profit organization that provides vocational and residential programs for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The cost is \$12 for each poinsettia. Order forms with envelopes are available in the narthex and parish office. **The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 15.**



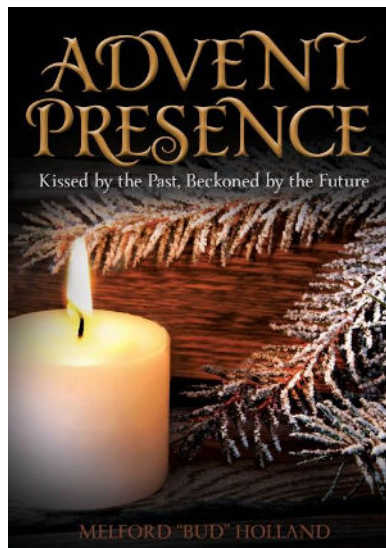
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

You're invited to journey through Christian history and follow in the footsteps of six remarkable "saints" who risked all for the sake of the gospel. Join the adult Sunday School class December 1 for a six-session DVD study of Francis of Assisi, Thomas Cranmer, Sojourner Truth and others. Led by Episcopal priest Rev. Dr. C. K. Robertson, "Hazardous Saints" will challenge you to consider how we can also reflect the love of Christ in creative and intentional ways. The class meets Sunday mornings in the library at 9:00.



CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, December 1, at 4:00 p.m.
Please join us as we share in a service of Choral Evensong with our friends at
Saint Luke's Episcopal Church
400 Chinabee Avenue, SE.
Jacksonville, Alabama 36265



ADVENT STUDY

You are invited to participate in a short-term weekday Advent study/discussion
led by David Hodnett +
held on the following Tuesdays of Advent: December 3, 10, and 17
at 10:30 a.m. in the library

Our study/discussion will be based on Episcopal priest The Rev. Melford "Bud" Holland's book
Advent Presence: Kissed by the Past, Beckoned by the Future.

You are welcome independently to purchase a copy of the book,
but having a copy is not required to participate.

Advent is a time of preparation, of patience, of remembering what grounds and sustains us. Advent reminds us who God is and who we are meant to be. This book offers a new look at Advent by seeing the four weeks through the lens of morning, mid-day, late afternoon and evening, and

night. Photographs, stories, and perspectives enrich our travel and invite us to other dimensions of experiencing Advent, as a season and as a resource in our daily living. The book can serve as a devotional for individuals and small-group study for the Advent season, with a particular focus on the Year C Gospel readings from Luke.

A bit about the author: The Rev. Melford "Bud" Holland is an Episcopal priest, storyteller, and photographer who loves to wrestle with the big questions, stand in the whirlwinds of living, and have conversations in and about God's vineyard. Retired as the Officer for Ministry Development for The Episcopal Church, he now serves as an interim priest, consultant, and EfM trainer. He lives in Bucks County, Pennsylvania when not returning home to Berkeley Springs, West Virginia.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE NEWLY ADMITTED TO THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING!



Michelle Bain, Leila Matthews, Joyce LePrell, and Donna LePrell
were admitted to The Order of the Daughters of the King, Saint Catherine of Alexandria Chapter,
on Sunday, November 24, 2024



PRAYER REQUESTS

*Our daily prayers for one another and those we love
is part of what makes our parish a loving community, a family.*

Parish Family: Beverly Brown; Rebecca Burt; Bryan Cuneo; Mike, Denise and Michael Dodd; Jason Frazier; Sherry Kerr; Philip Laminack; Joan McKinney; Charles Moffett; Ken and Dot Perry; Jimmy and Carol Potter; Jim and Susie Ulrey; and Donna Williams

Friends and Relatives: Stanley Bell; Jesse Davenport (Cuneo); Terry Eaton (Knight); The Rev. Chris Hartley; Gerry Horne; Sherlyn Jackson (Smith); Gerald Larkin (McFarlin); Doris Mason (Knight); David May (Hollingsworth); Kenneth May (Hudson/McIntyre); Donna Morgan (Laminack); Layne Phillips (Cuneo); Tony Pugh (Potter); John Stewart (Bell); Christine Marsh Sullivan (Thompson); and Marilyn Williams (Hollingsworth)

Active Duty Military: Brad Konermann (Harris); Kalan McKinney (Marshall); Parker Moore; Clifford "CJ" Roberts (Harris) Brittney Smith (Harris), and Eryn Wolfe (Marshall)



THE CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Mission Statement:

*We will worship, serve, and love our Lord Jesus Christ, welcome all persons,
and respond to the needs of the community with our gifts, to the glory of God.*

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Mark W. Hayes, Organist and Choirmaster
Candi Glass, Parish Secretary
Sharon Ball, Housekeeper
Jessica Akridge and Conya Morris, Nursery Staff

The Vestry:

David W. Ford, Senior Warden
Willie Marvin house, Junior Warden
Bryan Cuneo, Treasurer
Lu Moseley, Clerk

James Adams, David Ford, Jay Harrington, Willie M. House, Donna LePrell,
Hope Marshall, Lu Moseley, Will Thornton, and Roger Zeimet

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Church Office Hours:

Mondays – Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
(Closed for lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)
Closed Fridays

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426 Mulberry Avenue; Anniston, AL 36201
Tuesdays – Fridays: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.