

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



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

The Rev. David W. Hodnett, Celebrant/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:

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings:

Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah (Isaiah 12: 2-6);
Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18

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

Prelude

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming (Richard Lind)

Hymns

*Blessed be the God of Israel
Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
O day of God, draw nigh
On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

Offertory Anthem

People, Look East (Malcom Archer)

Postlude

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come (Wilbur Held)



Serving Sunday

Nursery: Jessica Akridge and Conya Morris
Children's Chapel: Erich and Aileen Reneau
Carpool Coordinator/Driver: Danny Williams
Altar Guild: Will and Dottie Thornton
Greeters/Ushers: David Marshall and Danny Williams
Crucifer: Brooke Thornton
Priest's Cross Bearer: Carter Akridge
Lector: Andrew Koehler
Eucharistic Ministers: David Ford, Jeff Mason, and Susan Thompson
Offering Counter: Hope Marshall
Coffee Hour Hostesses: Joyce and Donna LePrell



We wish the following special birthday blessings!

December 15 – Alexander Marshall
December 16 – Lily Grace Draper
December 17 – David and Jo Rhea Ford, Justin Wilson
December 19 – Ken Knapp



PARISH NOTICES



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Coffee Hour Hosts and Greeters/Ushers are needed for January 2025.
Sign-up sheets are in the parish hall and narthex, respectively.
Thank you for your willingness to serve.



*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*

2025 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE FROM DAVID HODNETT+

To date, we have received 35 pledges totaling \$149,180.
In 2024, we received 50 pledges totaling \$186,540

IN SHORT, WE NEED YOUR HELP.

The 2025 parish budget will be prepared in light of the financial pledges received
from the members and friends of the parish.

I am aware that the idea of an annual appeal or pledge campaign may be new and even intimidating to some of us. Especially if this describes you, I invite you to do **two things: First, please PRAY about how to personally give back to God and support God's work through the Church.** Your commitment is an expression of your faith and response to God's generosity. **Second, regardless of the amount of time, talents, and money you are able to give, I am also praying that you will PARTICIPATE.** Inevitably, your participation will deepen your own sense of connection and commitment to the work of the Church.

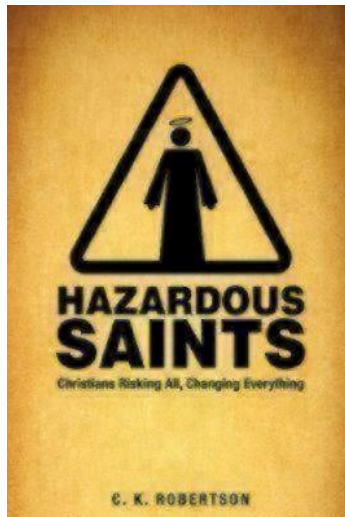
**If you have not already done so,
please return your faith-promise/pledge card as soon as possible.**

Also, remember that a pledge is a statement of intent, a faith-promise, not a legal obligation.
It can be changed at any time.



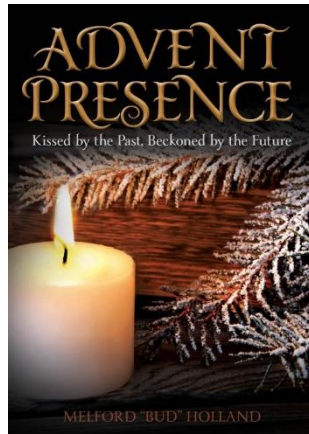
POINSETTIA ORDERS

The deadline to place poinsettias orders is fast approaching. The cost is \$12 for each poinsettia. Order forms with envelopes are available in the narthex and parish office. **Please place your order by Sunday, December 15.**



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Sunday the 15th, join the Adult Sunday School Class for an exploration into the life of Dorothy Day, who spent her life feeding, housing, and loving the poor and powerless. One of the lesser-known saints, Dorothy was a single mother who advocated for women's suffrage, participated in hunger strikes, and led protests even at the age of 76. This "Hazardous Saints" study with Dr. C. K. Robertson begins at 9:00am in the library.



ADVENT STUDY AND DISCUSSION
Advent Presence: Kissed by the Past, Beckoned by the Future
Tuesday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the library



**Feeding the
Community**

BEANS AND RICE MINISTRY

The next Beans and Rice Distribution will occur on Saturday, December 21, at the Saint Michael's Outreach Building. Food preparation will begin at 8:30 a.m. and food will be distributed from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact David Marshall at (256) 525-6347.



GREENING OF THE NAVE

Sunday, December 22

The greening of the nave will occur immediately following morning worship. Light refreshments will be provided by The Daughters of the King and Altar Guild.



Christmas Eve Worship:
The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Festal Holy Eucharist (with incense) – 9:00 p.m.

 **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

Heartfelt Sympathy: The parish extends its love and heartfelt sympathy to the family of Susan Pelham Ulrey (December 27, 1948 – December 9, 2024). *May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

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

Friends and Relatives: 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); 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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The Rev. David W. Hodnett, Priest-in-Charge

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

David Ford, Jay Harrington, Willie M. House, Donna LePrell,
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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

SAINT MICHAEL'S CLINIC – (256) 236-6060

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