THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

THE PARISH PAPER

That Christ's light be seen in us.

NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE RECTOR "Continue Yours Forever"

Dearly Beloved,

November 3, 1985, was and still is an important day in my life. This is the day when I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church. I still remember the weight of Bishop Frank Cerveny's hands upon my head as he prayed, "Defend, O Lord, your servant Richard with your heavenly grace, that he may continue yours forever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until he comes to your everlasting kingdom." (BCP, p. 418)

These are profound words for a twelve-year-old to hear and absorb. As an adolescent, I was being reminded that my ordinary, awkward, middle-school existence wasn't the only thing happening to me. The world was bigger, deeper, and wider than my own limited experience of it. And my parents, family, friends, peers, and I weren't the center of the universe. I had (and have) a God who created, sustains, and defends me…by Whom I am being daily increased in the Holy Spirit. That is a lot for a person—regardless of their age—to ponder and absorb.

Since I was baptized as an infant, that wasn't the moment for me to consider these matters of faith. My parents and godparents did that on my behalf. And that wasn't the moment for me to publicly stand before my parish church and profess my faith in Jesus Christ, and my desire to be an active, responsible member of his Body, the Church. So, I did that at my confirmation.

I still have the pocket-sized Book of Common Prayer that I was given at my Confirmation. The prayers in that little book have saved my life more than once. And I also have the pocket-sized Book of Common Prayer that my father received when he was confirmed in the same church, decades earlier.

On the First Sunday of Advent—Sunday, November 29—Bishop Daniel will visit us and confirm 11 teenagers and confirm/receive 11 adults. Cabe Loring and Jeff Cashman have journeyed with the high school class, and Paula and I have journeyed with the adults. And the winding path toward confirmation has been a joy for all of us – we are learning and deepening our faith alongside the candidates.

My prayer is that each of these candidates will be impacted by this sacred moment in their lives as much as I was. And my prayer is that after November 29, the sacred journey for each of these candidates will continue, and that we will continue the journey alongside them. Christianity is a lifelong venture, with many milestones along the way. I'm thrilled that we at The Advent have the privilege to celebrate this important milestone with our brothers and sisters in Christ!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard+



Wednesday nights are a wonderful time to gather, connect, and grow together at The Advent!

- **November 4 -** Family Bingo Night
- **November 11** - Veteran's Day with Warriors Once Again

(then the next Wednesday Night Dinner will be December 2)



Reservations for Wednesday Night Dinners are **due by the Monday at 12 PM prior, each week.**

Meals are $10, $5 for children ages 4-12, and free for children ages 3 and under.

If you are unable to reserve online, please contact Gail Owens (gowens@churchofadvent.org or 864.583.2438). Gail is happy to accommodate any dietary restrictions (gluten-free and vegetarian) - just let her know when you make your reservation!

COUNTRY STORE Cooking

Artichoke Relish Cooking: Thursday & Friday, Nov. 5-6, 9 AM - 12 PM

Come be part of making one of the Bazaar's biggest sellers! All are welcome to lend a hand in the kitchen—whether you can stay for the whole time or just stop by for 30 minutes. Every helping hand makes a difference!





80th Anniversary

ECW Episcopal Church Women BAZAAR

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT SPARTANBURG, SC

Come be a part of this Advent tradition!

Thursday, November 19
10 AM - 2 PM

Parish & Community Life Center Gym

SHOP. DINE. GIVE BACK.

Shop the Bazaar

Discover art, casseroles, baked goods, fun jewelry, Love Gifts, soups, jams and jellies, children's clothing, holiday décor, Dinners Ready, and much more. You won't want to miss it!

Lunch at the Bazaar

$10 per lunch | Pickup is 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Enjoy chicken salad, tossed salad with Greek dressing, pasta salad, and a red velvet cupcake! Pick up your lunch and dine with friends in the Dining Rooms, or take it with you.

For orders of 10 or more lunches, please contact Gail Owens at **gowens@churchofadvent.org** or 864-583-2438.

Baked Goods

Drop off at the PCLC Gym: Wednesday, November 18 | 10:00 AM–5:00 PM

We need lots of homemade goodies for our Baked Goods booth! Cookies, brownies, cakes, breads, cheese wafers, Rice Krispies treats, and other homemade favorites are all welcome.

Please package your items for sale and attach a note with your name, the name of the item, and a suggested price. If possible, add a ribbon for a festive finishing touch!

Help Make the Bazaar a Success!

Many hands make this wonderful Advent tradition possible!
To help with the Bazaar, please contact **Bazaar Chair, Julie Schwartz,** at 864-504-8776 or **julieschwartz@charter.net**. You can sign up using **this link** or scan the QR code.

ALL PROCEEDS GO BACK TO THE COMMUNITY!

Your purchases support organizations and ministries serving our neighbors throughout the community.

Thanks for Supporting the Scouts of TROOP 1



Want to provide additional support to Troop 1? Consider becoming a Piggly Fest sponsor! Learn more here:

The 36th Annual "Piggly Fest"!

It's time for one of Troop 1's favorite traditions—and their biggest fundraiser of the year! Enjoy a delicious meal without the cooking while supporting Advent's Troop 1 Scouts and the activities and experiences that help build character, leadership, and confidence throughout the year.
Tickets are $15 each and include pulled pork, Brunswick stew, slaw, a roll, and dessert.

Scouts will be selling tickets on Sunday mornings, November 1 and 8. Then, pick up your plates on Saturday, November 14, from 8:30 AM–1:00 PM at the circular drive in front of the Parish and Community Life Center.

Want to support Troop 1 even more? Consider becoming a Piggly Fest sponsor! Learn more at troop1.me/sponsor2026.

Questions? Contact troop1@churchofadvent.org.



September Average Attendance		
Sunday	231 Total of both services ***(62 at 8 AM, 169 at 10:15 AM)***	1% decrease vs. September 2025
Wednesday	22	223% increase over September 2025

September Giving Report		
	September	**YTD Total (as of 8/31/2026)**
Pledge Payments & Offerings Collected	$84,457	$1,579,505
Budgeted Amount	$78,914	$1,472,224

Our yearly budget is based on anticipated pledges and offerings, aiming for financial equilibrium with neither profit nor loss. Your generosity makes this possible.

2027 Estimate of Giving

If you haven't yet submitted your 2027 Estimate of Giving Card, you can easily complete it online by clicking here.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Wood, Parish Administrator, at jwood@churchofadvent.org or 504-3691.

THANKSGIVING WEEK

A DIFFERENT RHYTHM FOR THE HOLIDAY WEEK

22 NOV — SUNDAY
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY (LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST) & UTO SUNDAY (UNITED THANK OFFERING) AT BOTH SERVICES

23 NOV — MONDAY
MORNING PRAYER @ 8:15 AM

24 NOV — TUESDAY
MORNING PRAYER @ 8:15 AM
PARISH MANAGEMENT MTG @ 4:30 PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE @ 6:30 PM

25 NOV — WEDNESDAY
OFFICE CLOSED - NO MEETINGS OR SERVICES
(NO VESSELS OF GRACE HOLY EUCHARIST)

26 NOV — THURSDAY
THANKSGIVING DAY HOLY EUCHARIST @ 10:15 AM
OFFICE CLOSED - NO MEETINGS OR OTHER SERVICES

27 NOV — FRIDAY
OFFICE CLOSED - NO MEETINGS OR SERVICES

No other weekday meetings during Thanksgiving Week.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Tricia Liollio: tliollio@churchofadvent.org

Godly Play: Growing in Faith and Wonder

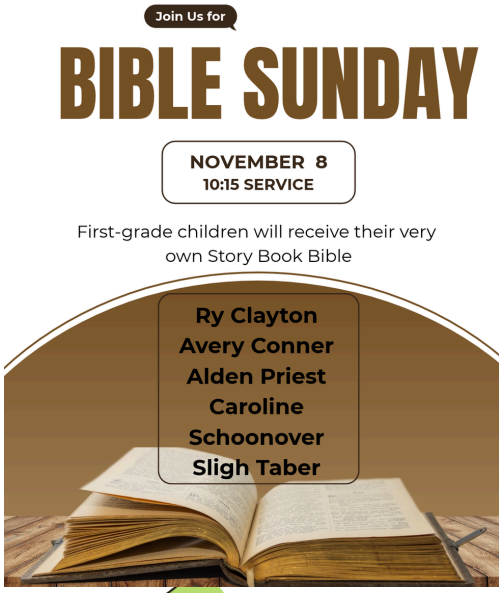
Since beginning our Godly Play program in August, we have been delighted to see it take shape and grow within our church community. Godly Play offers children a special opportunity to experience the stories of the Bible, wonder about God's presence in their lives, and grow in faith in a welcoming and nurturing environment.

Each gathering invites children to listen, reflect, ask questions, and discover that they are part of God's great story. Through storytelling, wondering, and creative response, children are encouraged to explore their faith at their own pace and develop a deeper sense of connection with God and one another.

Our Godly Play program is going well, and we are grateful for the enthusiasm and support surrounding this ministry. A special word of thanks goes to the many wonderful volunteers who generously share their time, gifts, and hearts to make these gatherings possible. Their commitment helps create a space where children can feel safe, loved, and free to wonder.

You are invited to be part of the Godly Play journey! Whether you have children who might enjoy participating or would like to learn more about volunteering, we welcome your interest and support. Please reach out to our Tricia Liollio to find out how you can get involved.

As we continue this journey, we are thankful for the ways God is at work among us. Thank you for helping nurture the faith of our youngest members. We look forward to seeing how Godly Play continues to grow and bless our church family!









EYC Prayer Breakfasts

High School - Tuesdays at 7:15 AM
@ Chick-fil-A Hillcrest
November 10 & 17

Middle School - Thursdays at 7:00 AM
@ PCLC Dining Room A
November 5, 12 & 19

Following the Middle Prayer Breakfast on Thursdays, buses are available to take students to either McCracken Middle School or Spartanburg Day School. Each student must make sure you have a completed Liability Form.

Sunday School

Meets weekly 9:10 AM—for all Middle School and High School students. Meets in the PCLC, upstairs in Room 202.
November 29: Everyone will meet for the Bishop's Forum at 9:10 AM (Sunday School) in the PCLC Dining Rooms.

Confirmation Class

- 11/1 - Class @ 9:10 AM, PCLC Room 203
- 11/15 - Visit to The Mill (service at 9:00 AM), then Confirmation Retreat at Jeff Cashman's home
- 11/22 - Confirmation Rehearsal following the 10:15 AM service
- 11/29 - Confirmation Sunday! Service at 10:15 AM, Reception following

EYC Sunday Nights

- 11/1 - Evening Eucharist, Church Nave at 5:15 PM (no dinner*)
- 11/8 - Going to UnderPin Bowling, meet at 5:30 PM at PCLC Lobby. We'll cover your bowl, just bring money for snacks.
- 11/15 - EYC & dinner, PCLC, 5:30 PM
- 11/22 - EYC & dinner, PCLC, 5:30 PM
- 11/29 - Advent Wreath-making and dinner for everyone, PCLC Gym & Dining Rooms, 5:30-7:00 PM

Sundays—Meets weekly* 5:30-7:00 PM. For all Middle School and High School students. Meets in the PCLC Lobby*
unless otherwise noted

Bennett Johnson
Mary Marshall Jordan
Ellen Jordan
Mary Scott Strickland
Lucille Montgomery

John Hopkins
Bentley Cobb
Bella Cobb
Rilynn Fowler-Schafer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SUNDAY School

Please note, all adults and youth will meet together in the Dining Rooms at 9:10 AM on **November 29 for the Bishop's Forum.**

The Gleaners Class gathers at **9 AM** in the Library Conference Room in Satterlee Hall (first floor). The Gleaners meet each Sunday to explore the week's Scripture readings through thoughtful conversation and shared insights. If you've ever wondered why, meant to ask, or are still "figuring it out," come join the conversation! Bring your questions and curiosity—no expertise required.

The Seekers Class meets in Dining Rooms A & B in the Parish & Community Life Center (PCLC). Their theme for the program year is "Sacred Signs, Sacred Stories, Sacred Service." Refreshments start at 8:50 AM, class is from 9:10-10 AM. All adults are invited to attend!

The Sowers Class meets in Dining Room C in the PCLC at 9:10 AM. They are using the book ***See for Yourself: How to Study Your Bible with Confidence & Joy*** by Kelly Needham. If you would like to purchase a copy of the book, here is a **link.**

The Village Class meets in Room 106 in the PCLC. This class meets for mutual support and fellowship at 9:10 AM. Their current series is "Foundations of Learning."

November Schedule & Topics

Date	Gleaners	Seekers	Sowers	Village
November 1	**Studying the Lectionary Readings each week**	**Estate Planning** presented by Jim Shaw, Spartanburg Trusts and Estates Attorney	**The Focus of the Bible** - Read to see God, Part 1	**Signs & Grace** - Holy Eucharist
November 8		**Critical Need for Clear Medical Directives** presented by Wes Collins, Coord. of Advance Care Planning at Spartanburg Regional	**The Focus of the Bible** - Read to see God, Part 2	**Bono & Eugene Peterson** - The Psalms
November 15		**Beatitudes** presented by Mtr. Debbie Apoldo	**The Focus of the Bible** - Let's Practice	**The Sermon on the Mount**
November 22		**Sermon on the Mount** presented by Mtr. Debbie Apoldo	**The Focus of the Bible** - The Attributes of God	**What is the Gospel?**
November 29	**Bishop's Forum** All Youth and Adults in the Parish & Community Life Center Dining Rooms			

MIDWEEK Classes

There's plenty happening throughout the week at the Advent.

Take a look at our midweek offerings and find what interests you!

Please note: Midweek classes will not meet during Thanksgiving week.

Weekday & Time	Class	Location	Details
Tuesdays 12:15 PM	**Book & Brown Bag**	Satterlee Hall Library Conference Room	Reading ***The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century*** by Joan Chittister.
Wednesdays 12:00 PM	**Lectionary Lunch & Learn**	Satterlee Hall Library Conference Room	Join Fr. Richard each week for a closer look at the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings and prayers. Bring your lunch, if you'd like, and enjoy thoughtful conversation, learning, and fellowship as we prepare for Sunday together.
Thursdays 6:45 / 7:00 AM	**Men's Bible Study**	PCLC Dining Room C	6:45 AM for breakfast and 7:00 AM for Bible study. Currently studying the book of Romans.
Thursdays 10:00 AM	**Women's Bible Study**	Satterlee Hall Conference Room 2	Studying the book of Acts. Their resource book is written by Episcopal priest Justin Holcomb (part of ***The Knowing the Bible*** series).



Join us for our Men's Group Dinner—an evening of devotion, dinner, fellowship, and conversation.

Missed our first gathering? No problem! All men of the parish are welcome, whether you joined us last time or are coming for the first time. We hope you'll join us!

Meeting on Tuesday, November 10, at 6 PM in the PCLC Dining Rooms. Dinner will be served so please **reserve** **by Friday, November 6**. Donations will be collected for the meal.
Any questions? Please reach out to Deacon Al.



This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 PM.

FROM THE VESTRY **The Difference We Make**

I began writing this letter after Consecration Sunday. What a day the Church of the Advent had!

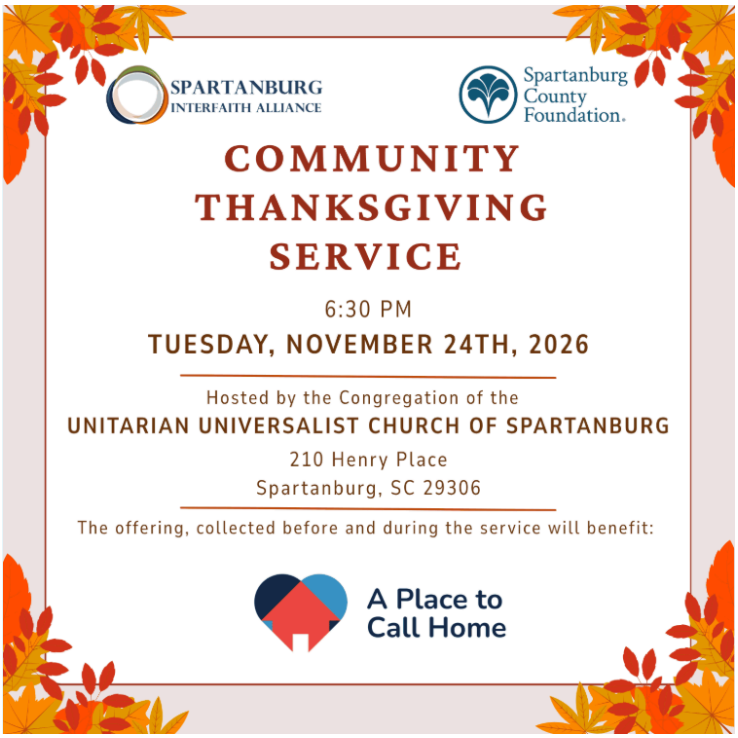
The church was full of excitement and wonder. Rob Brown did a magnificent job retelling all that The Advent has accomplished through the decades, seeing all the families and their children filling the Parish & Community Life Center and the generosity that has been displayed and continues to this day.

What a wonderful time it is to be a part of what is happening here. There is such opportunity before us as we consider the difference that we have made and will continue to make. It was a joy to be a very small part of this excitement. I truly feel that God is doing his works through this Church.

As Rob said, "It's what this church does."

Ginger Davis





- **Parking notes**: recommended that you come early; limited availability at UUCS, but people are welcome to park on the streets around the church; please be considerate when parking in the neighborhood; also available at Bethel United Methodist Church (245 S Church St, Spartanburg, SC) where a free shuttle service will be provided.
- **Reception**: A time of fellowship with refreshments will follow the service.
- **Offering**: The service offering, collected before (online) and during the service, benefits **A Place to Call Home** (the parent group of **A Way Home**) and will be matched, up to $5,000 by the Spartanburg County Foundation.
- An ASL Interpretation will be provided during the service.

CLICK HERE for more information about the event and to make a gift to the service offering.
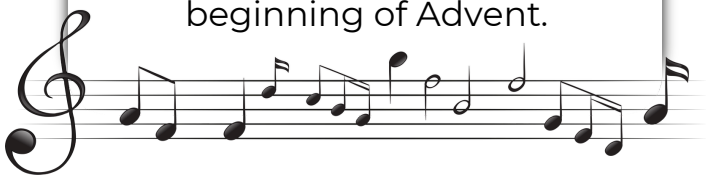
Choir Rehearsals

CHILDREN WEDNESDAYS 5:15 - 6:00 PM

ST. CECILIA *Schola* WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:30 PM

HANDBELLS THURSDAYS 5:30 - 6:30 PM

November brings a rich season of music to The Advent as we move from All Saints' Day toward Thanksgiving and the beginning of Advent.

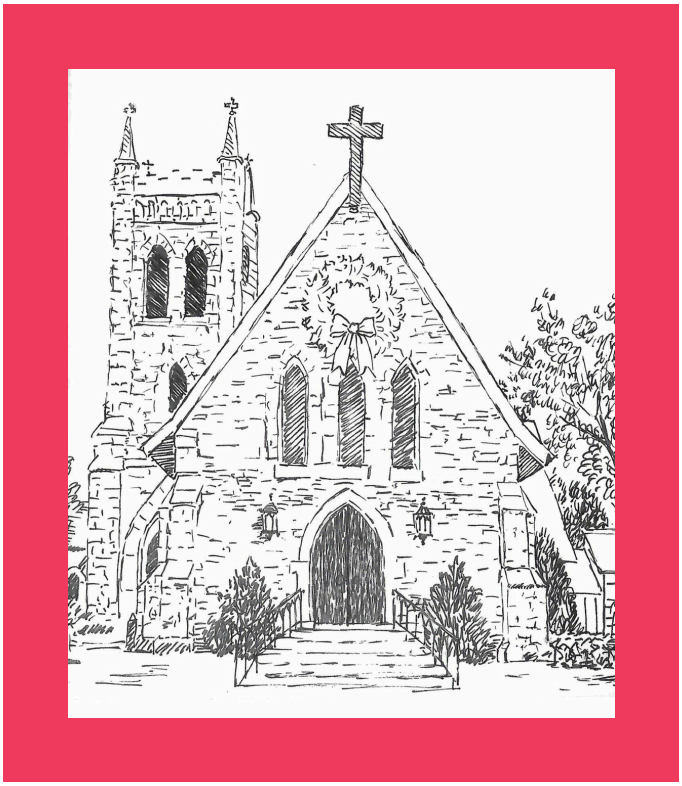


THE ADVENT FOUNDATION

Making a List

As you ponder holiday giving and gifting, the Advent Foundation may have an answer to the age-old shopping dilemma. At the ECW Bazaar and throughout the Advent season, the Foundation will be offering donor acknowledgement cards for sale. Featuring original artwork by parishioner Dorothy Josey, the card offers you the chance to sustain the Foundation's critical work in support of the church's mission while communicating your seasonal greetings to friends and family.

Available for $25 per card and featuring space for you to personalize gift messages, Foundation donor acknowledgment cards can only be purchased with cash or by check.



FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE.

St. Francis of Assisi

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 29



- *No 8 AM Holy Eucharist*
- 9:10 AM Bishop's Forum in PCLC Dining Rooms
- 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist & Confirmation
- 11:30 AM/following Reception (for all) in PCLC Lobby

The ADVENTURE Awaits

KICK OFF THE SEASON OF ADVENT WITH A FUN EVENING FOR ALL AGES FEATURING ADVENT WREATH-MAKING, DINNER, AND MUCH MORE!

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 29
5:00 PM
PCLC GYM

SC BACH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
7:30 PM

MASTERWORKS FOR ADVENT

The SC Bach Choir and featured soloists, joined by the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra, will present a special ticketed concert here at The Advent. The program will feature J.S. Bach's motet "Komm, Jesu, komm" and beloved cantata "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme," along with other seasonal favorites.

Tickets available now: https://ti.to/sc-bach/masterworks-for-advent-2026

This Christmas, help us share a little extra joy with children in our community.

Our Advent family is invited to provide Christmas gifts for a student at Mary H. Wright Elementary in Pre-K through 5th grade. Each student will receive a new outfit, a book, and a toy or special item from their wish list—gifts chosen just for them and given with love.

Together, we can help make Christmas a little brighter while sharing Christ's love with our neighbors.



Sign up by Sunday, November 15:

- Shopping lists available mid-November
- Deliver gifts to the Parish & Community Life Center by Sunday, December 13

To sign up, contact Joy or Julie today!
Joy (415.9095) / Julie (504.8776)

Rise AGAINST HUNGER

Rise Against Hunger staff members shared with us the following exciting news concerning the event the Advent hosted on September 20:

- We packed 10,152 meals in one hour!
- We raised $6,429.25, exceeding our goal by $1,929.25!
- The total number of meals packed by the Advent is now 131,742!

Thank you for your generosity of time and treasure to make this happen!



Come celebrate the joy and wonder of the Christmas season as the talented Mary H. Wright choir share the beautiful sounds of Christmas!

We will continue magic of the season with a wonderful lunch afterward in the PCLC dining rooms!

Make your reservation today! Gail Owens gowens@churchofadvent.org or 583-2438.

$10.00 for lunch

Grab a friend for this special concert that is sure to bring a smile to your face!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

The flowers that adorn the altar in celebration of All Saints' Day are given to the glory of God and

- in loving memory of Elisabeth Cates Wall by her family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

The flowers that adorn the altar are given to the glory of God and

- in loving memory of Mildred Harrison and Frederick Baily Dent by their family
- in thanksgiving for the lives of Nellie Vaughn Lister, Paul Ford Lister, Blanche Bell Loomis, Frank Ernest Loomis, and Frank Hammond Loomis by Cynthia and Toney Lister

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026

The flowers that adorn the altar are given to the glory of God and

- in loving memory of Emerson Fort Wolfe and Mary Chase Wolfe by their family
- in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Graves Schoepf by their daughter, Carolyn Schoepf

The flowers that surround the baptismal font are given to the glory of God and

- in loving memory of our parents and siblings by Mr. and Mrs. George Brandt III

Flowers and seasonal greenery are a beautiful part of our worship, adorning the altar to the glory of God and in honor, celebration, or memory of loved ones. Sponsoring altar flowers is a meaningful way to celebrate a special occasion, remember someone dear, or give thanks for God's many blessings.

To learn more about available dates or sponsorship details, **please contact Martha Blackman at marthablackman@aol.com.**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026

The flowers that adorn the altar are given to the glory of God and

- in loving memory of Elizabeth Phifer Carlisle and Walton Carlisle Beeson by Avery Beeson
- in loving memory of Giles Patterson Cleveland, Ginevra Marxmiller Cleveland, Jesse Patterson Cleveland, John Bomar Cleveland, Mildred Cleveland Walker and Donna Lewis Cleveland

The flowers that surround the baptismal font are given to the glory of God and

- in loving memory of our son Robert Acheson Goldstein by Jan and Larry Goldstein

THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2026

The flowers that adorn the altar are given to the glory of God and

- in honor of my daughters and their families; Maggie and Andy Green, Drake and John Garrett, and Natalie and Beech McConnell and their children Anna, Catherine, Lucas and Mamie by Carolyn M. Schoepf

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026

The flowers that adorn the altar are given to the glory of God and

- in loving memory of Fred and Tena Oates and Perrin and Mary Louise Dargan
- in memory of Max and Tom Hollis and Tommy Hollis and Betty Hollis, by the Hollis family

The flowers that surround the baptismal font are given to the glory of God and

- in loving memory of Pastor Dee (Diane) Copley by Dinny Moses and her brother John



The Parish Prayer List

as of October 22, 2026

We are asked to remember:

Our parishioners in need of prayer:

Barbara Adams, Kathy Allen, Beverly Barrs, Katherine Bauer, David Bowdish, Meredith Boyce, Margi Cates, Jeanne Clark, Marianne Clark, Shelby Clark, Terry Clark, Ted Conwell, John Dargan, Carole Davis, Jane Davis, John Davis, Lillian Delaney, Phillip Edge, Roy Ellis, Randy Foster, Susan Foster, Andre Frederic, DottyFrick, Gary Frost, Julie Gnerlich, David Graham, T. Griffin, Ed Hall, Anna Haugh, Mary Hayes, LindaHays, Don Hinton, Nancy Hinton, Al Hipp, Jesse Martin, Jim McCullough, Linda McGee, Phil McGee, Carlton Morrow, Dinny Moses, Julie Oates, Mary Peters, Birdie Reutter, Ernie Stringer, Cathy Terrell, Charlie Tulloh, Malinda Tulloh, Robin Walker, Reecie Wilkes, Logan Williams, Bridget Wolfe, Grantham Wood, Bobbi Wright

Others who have asked for our prayers:

Barbara Anderson, Wayne Anderson, Claudio Autenzio, Hani Baramki, Troy Beavers, John Blanton, Hugh Brantley, Johnsie Canny, Joann Carlisle, Nancy Carlisle, Michael Cato and family, Leslie Coe, Elijah Cole, Michael Curry, Inge Eubanks, Ashley F., Gordon Floyd, Beth Foster, Jeanie Frick, Elizebeth Gerst, Gigi and Diamond, Jewell, Jonathon, Emmy & Treasure, Peggy Graham, Ellen Grbic, Mary Haddad, Nylah Hill, Gary Horvath, Fletcher Kendall, Eaddo & Peter Kiernan, Roxanne King, Catherine Kresten, Erick Kumar, Donghee Lee, Loraine, Zaylen Lyles, Edna McAbee, Thomas McConnell, Patti Moran, Kiley Noe, Sharon Parker, Bob Perrin, Mary Ellen Porter, Emory Price, Libby Leland Puckette, Doris Robinson, Kacie Sims, Chloe Smith, Mackenzie Steck, Olivia Steck, Ric Stone, Shelby Taylor, Sterling Taylor, Bill Ussery, Barbara Manning Bear Wallace, David Ward, Kaitlyn Weathers, Justin Daniel Wyatt

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

Patrick Abrams (Army), Michael Brooks Bock (Army), James Boyd (USMCR), Anna-Kate Campbell (Navy), Halcott R. Carter (Navy), Christian Dunn (Army), Christian J. Eitel (Navy), Jack Gaskins (Army), Will Gaskins (Navy), Austin Groce (Army), Cameron Hall (USMC), Alex Holland (Army), Jason Kopp (Navy), Charles Lewis (Air Force), Lundon Dudley McMahill (Army), Morgan Milanowicz (Army), Travis Moore (Army National Guard), Maddox Peek (Army), Matthew Smith (Army), BascombeTraywick (USMC), Canby Traywick (USMC), John Watters (Navy)

Those expecting the arrival of a child:

Sally and Casey McRorie; Carrie & Cole Dunn; Taylor and Alex Webb; Harriet & Michael Rawls

For updates or additions to the Advent Prayer List, please contact the Rev'd Paula Griffin at pgriffin@churchofadvent.org or 864-542-6650 | 864-504-3696.

In Memoriam

Cecil Rigby Brown, Sr.
September 3, 1932 ~ October 2, 2026

Herbert Willingham Neely, Jr.
July 18, 1969 ~ October 9, 2026

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2026 Vestry Members

Senior Warden	Lori Thomas
Junior Warden	Craig Williams
Junior Warden-elect	Reagan Holland
Youth Representative	Merrill Loring

Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
Jeff Cashman	Ziggy Clayton	Jim Hunt
Rick Dent	Ginger Davis	John Langford
Laura Fritz	Judy McCravy	Liza Lounsberry
Rogers Settle	Megan Rudolph	Anne Rodrick

The Episcopal Church of the Advent