



THE DOVE

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"A welcoming, loving community centered in Christ."

For the week of November 8 to November 14

READINGS AND PRAYERS

for

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

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Reflections from the Rector – November 5, 2017

26 people killed at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas outside of San Antonio. They were all ages ranging from 5 years old to 72. There is no apparent motive as of this moment. Still, the most asked question is "Why?"

One of our parishioners, shared frustrations pertaining to another insane massacre on Face Book, challenged us not to simply dismiss this incident by "sending our thoughts and prayers" and forgetting. She reminded us to act.

This caused me to ponder, "What is our action with something as horrendous as this killing in a church?"

Walking into the sanctuary of St. David's gave me a clue as to what our actions should be – not to dismiss this evil by glossing over it saying that we will pray, but rather that we intentionally deepen our prayers that radical transformation and grace happens.

Looking above the altar is the cross. It is in this symbol, we are shown the amazing power of how God changes the instrument of destruction into the sign of resurrection. God transforms one thing reflecting pain, hate and fear into something that means love and unity. So, we must use our prayer life to journey through the horror in order to find the grace.

The world we live in is unpredictable, surprising and overwhelming. Like the shooting in Texas and like all other situations, we find ourselves in the midst of what to do. How is it we respond? How is it we act? Which is better, pray that it will go away or pray that we have transformed hearts and souls, which screams, "Enough is enough!"

I conclude with one of my favorite prayers in the Prayer Book:

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts.; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ Father Scotty

PARISH PRAYER LIST

If you wish to add/remove someone from the Prayer List, please contact the church office (736-0866) or e-mail us at admin@stdavidscolumbia.org.

Members:

Kris Burns
Carol Fischbach
Hume Fulmer
Paul Johnson
Blanch McClure
Rich Miller
Lynn Nassivera
Jane Nurnberg
Steve Tillman
Deryl Tucker

Friends and Family of Members:

Glenn Addison
friend of Lynn and Larry Nassivera
Sandy Alexander, friend of Rudi Laub
Sue Ann Avin, co-worker of Beth Eskridge
Sara Barber, mother of Tim Barber
Alexandra Cross, niece of Sarah Perkins
Audrey Dearden, mother of former parishioner
Emma Grace, friend of Linda Tillotson
Aaron Holdridge, grand-nephew of the
Tillmans
Marvin Howard, uncle of Paul Eskridge
Kennedy Laine Kirouac, friend of Kara Addy
Sol Kline, husband of Tootsie Kline
Janice Kozdras, friend of Beth Eskridge
Paul Link, nephew of David Tyler
Linda Maynes, wife of Gordon Maynes
Joyce McCurry, cousin of MaryAnne Brock
Richard McDivitt, friend of Woody Fischbach
Marge Mitchell, mother of Glenn Mitchell
Tim O'Leary, Jr., stepson of Avis O'Leary
Rosheema Rucker, niece of Joyce Tensley
Lillian Vallone, mother of Joe Vallone
Mary Horning Walker, sister of Peter Horning
Caroline Warren, niece of Tori Turner
Rebecca White, daughter of Leon & Jean White
Kris Windham, son of Linda Brumbaugh

Departed:

Garth Van Niekirk, friend of Ruppert Baird

AT A GLANCE

This Week at St. David's

Wednesday, November 8

10 am - EGA/Conference Rm
7 pm - EfM/Conference Room
7 pm - EYC

Thursday, November 9

Friday, November 10

10 am - Quilters

Sunday, November 12

8 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9 am - Parish Breakfast
9:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Monday, November 13

7 pm - Study Group/Conf Rm

Tuesday, November 14

8 am - Men's Bible Study
10 am - Lunch Bunch Bridge
5:30 pm - Girl Scouts

BIRTHDAYS

November 6

Pat Fortson

November 7

Donna Shoaff

November 9

Pam Cohen

November 14

Heidi Catron

SERVICE LEADERS for SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Acolytes

Joyce Tensley
Andrew Rurey
Kasey Peterson
Ryan Peterson

Altar Guild

Connie Salisbury
Helen Pointer
Millie and David Shaw

Greeters

Donna & David Shoaff (8 am)
Coley Paschal (10:30 am)

Lectors

Joe Smoak (8 am)
Royal Roseberry (10:30 am)
Joann Tucker (10:30 am)

Lay Eucharistic Visitor

Margi Scotti

Prayer Team

Mary Finch (8 am)
Margi Scotti (10:30 am)

Ushers

Sam Daniel
Fletcher Spigner

Vestry Persons

Larry Nassivera
Terri Neal

Flower Donor

Tootsie Kline

Please be sure to notify the office of the occasion for which you are donating flowers.

Amy Ellisor
Bill O'Hern

ANNIVERSARIES

November 10

Alan and Lois Rodger

If your special day is not included in our weekly news, please contact the church office at (803) 736-0866 or e-mail us at admin@stdavidscolumbia.org to let us know.

PARISH BREAKFAST

We invite you to join us for breakfast this Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Attendance Numbers

Sunday, November 5

8:00 am - 67
10:00 am - 93



LUNCH BUNCH November 15

Come to Lunch Bunch on **Wednesday, November 15** and learn (or learn more) about the CSS Hunley! Joann Zeise, Curator of History at the South Carolina State Museum, will present a program on the Confederate submarine, its history and fate, at 12:00 noon in the parish hall.

Lunch will be served for \$12 and, as usual, we will need a head count. Please call Edna Horning at 803-609-7434 if you are coming.



WOMEN'S MAGAZINES NEEDED for OUTREACH PROJECT

We will be collecting magazines for the next few weeks for the library at the Women's Prison. Donations should be in good condition and no more than a year old.

We appreciate your help.....*Terri Neal*



Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, wreath-laying ceremonies take place at Arlington National Cemetery and over 1,200 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad. In 2016, Wreaths Across America and the national network of volunteers laid over 1,204,000 memorial wreaths. Your \$15 donation to Wreaths Across America will sponsor one wreath. If you purchase two wreaths, we will receive three wreaths for the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. Wreath

Sponsorship forms are available in the Church Office. You may also see Tom Dougall or Dan Neal for a form. Please make checks payable to **Wreaths Across America TM**, complete the Sponsorship Form and turn in to the Church Office, Tom Dougall, or Dan Neal .

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Episcopal Diocese of Upper SC - www.edusc.org
Anglican Cycle of Prayer -
www.anglicancommunion.org/acp/index.cfm
St. David's - www.stdavidscolumbia.org

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
10 am to 5 pm
Friday
10 am to 2 pm
Saturday and Sunday
Office Closed



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