



THE DOVE

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"A welcoming, loving community centered in Christ."

For the week of November 29 to December 5

READINGS AND PRAYERS

for

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

Click links to view readings

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTOR

College football season is coming close to the end. Fans, including myself, enjoyed rooting for their favorite team and following their every play. Saturdays seem to include at least one game watched by a vast number of people. But, as this time of the year closes, something occurred to me. We choose sides.

Currently, our culture appears to thrive on the "either/or" of society. We are either for "this" or against "that". We support this or not support that. In many ways, we discover that whatever we resonate in our world is what we use to define who we are.

For instance, would you consider yourself Republican or Democrat? Conservative or Liberal? Male or Female? This list can go on and on. So, part of our nature is to choose sides.

This Sunday we are about to enter into the season of Advent. We are beginning the time where focus is on what to get and do for Christmas. This is the part of the year where we get so caught up in the preparation of Christmas Eve and Day, in making choices, that we forget the necessity of getting our spirits and souls ready for the coming of Jesus.

God brings God's only Son into the world to show us that it is not about choices, but about choice. It is not about what belief system one should heed, but about simply believing in God. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may

not perish, but may have eternal life.”

Soon, football season will end. The celebration of the Christmas will pass. What will be left is how we incorporate in our spirits what God means to us. May this season of Advent leave us with the ultimate reality; there is only one side and there is only one choice.

Fr. Scotty

How Do You Become a Vestry Member?

It's really very simple and we promise, it doesn't hurt!!

At St. David's, any person who is a confirmed member in good standing is eligible to serve on the Vestry. Vestry members are elected by the congregation at the Annual Meeting, this year on December 10 after the **combined** 10 o'clock service. Vestry members serve for three year terms.

There are many opportunities to use your talents as members oversee the different ministries of St. David's. Think about what talents you use daily. Perhaps you have something you like to see added to our parish life. Opportunities exist in finance, stewardship, Christian Education, formation, outreach, pastoral care, fellowship, worship, and communication.

Vestry is a rewarding way to serve God and St. David's community.

If you feel called to serve, please contact any Vestry member so that your name can be placed in nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Sunday, December 10

Our annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, December 10**. Services will be combined with only one service at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will follow this service. Following the Parish Meeting, we will have a Potluck Lunch in the Parish Hall.

ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

Our annual Toy Drive will begin this Sunday (11/19) and will run until Sunday (12/3). Please donate NEW, UNWRAPPED toys suitable for children up to AGE 10. We are working with the Salvation Army of the Midlands again this year. They are an excellent organization whose motto is "Doing the Most Good". They work very hard each Christmas to bring joy to children in need. The Salvation Army will pick up the toys on Monday (12/4) so PLEASE ADHERE to the DEADLINE. Thank you for all the support you've given for the past three years.



~Terri Neal

AT A GLANCE

This Week at St. David's

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
Pat D'Alessio
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
Robert Brock, brother of Fr. Scotty Brock
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:

SERVICE LEADERS for SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

Acolytes

Valerie Hinkley
Andrew Rurey
Elliott Rurey
Jake Conroy

Altar Guild

Carol Pozsik
Dorothy Tudor
Nikkii Simpson
Anne Campbell

Greeters

Mary & Lowell Finch (8 am)
Jim & Pat Dedman (10:30 am)

Lectors

Tootsie Kline (8 am)
Ann Anrrich (10:30 am)
Jeanne Felder (10:30 am)

Prayer Team

Donna Shoaff (8 am)
Elizabeth Arnn (10:30 am)

Ushers

A. C. Arnn
Richard Baughman

Vestry Persons

Royal Roseberry

Wednesday, November 29

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

Thursday, November 30

10 am - Women's Bible Study

Friday, December 1

10 am - Quilters

Sunday, December 3

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

Monday, December 5

7 pm - Study Group/Conf Rm

Tuesday, December 6

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

BIRTHDAYS

November 29

Jeanetta Horning

November 30

Gregg Ogburn

December 3

Becky Kingery

Terri Neal

December 4

Lillian Elder

David Tillotson

December 5

Jean Wood

ANNIVERSARIES

December 3

Larry and Becky Kingery

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.

Attendance Numbers

Lay Eucharistic Visitor

Valerie Hinkley

T. J. Dill

Sunday, November 26

8:00 am - 35

10:00 am - 77



The Women's Bible Study Group will begin an Advent Study on Thursday, November 30, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. Those interested in participating, please contact Sarah Perkins at 786-2508. Cost is \$12.

ADVENT WREATH ACTIVITY

During the Sunday School this Sunday, December 3, our children will be making Advent Wreaths. Parents are invited to join us.



We welcome to St. David's **Pat and Sally D'Alessio**. They transferred in from St. Stephen's Episcopal in North Myrtle Beach.

CHRISTMAS 2017 with the Árpád Darázs Singers

Please join the Árpád Darázs Singers as we celebrate our 30th anniversary of bringing choral music in the tradition of Dr. Árpád Darázs to the Midlands. Hungarian selections include two by Dr. Darázs's mentor, Zoltán Kodály, and one by Lajos Bárdos. Sacred music includes the Mendelssohn Sanctus, "Helig Helig", "A Savior Born This Day", and "What is this Lovely Fragrance." "Winter Soulstice" is a haunting piece evoking the dark days of midwinter. Lighter pieces include "Christmas Gift" and "Grandma's Killer Fruitcake."

Tuesday December 5 7pm
Ashland United Methodist Church
2600 Ashland Rd, Columbia

Sunday December 10 4pm
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church
1186 Mt Calvary Rd, Johnston

Thursday, December 14 7pm
St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Episcopal
5220 Clemson Ave, Columbia



Christmas Pageant

Practice for the annual **Christmas Pageant** will be held during Sunday School on **December 3, 10, and 17.**

The dress rehearsal will be on **December 23, at 5:30 p.m.**

If you will be in town on Christmas Eve and would like for your child to participate in the pageant, please send an email to Jordan Barber at jlbarber24@gmail.com.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Forms are available in the Narthex for those of you who would like to donate poinsettias in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a loved one. You may place the completed form in the offering plate on Sundays or mail it to the Church Office at 605 Polo Rd., Columbia, SC 29223. The cost is \$15 per plant; the deadline to submit order forms is **Sunday, December 18.**



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 .

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - www.edusc.org
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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