



December 22, 2019
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS



INVITE

NURTURE

SERVE

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Welcome to All Saints'

Thank you for worshipping with us today. If this is your first visit or if you are looking for a church home, a Greeter is available in the Welcome Center before and after worship services to provide information and a welcome gift.

All Saints' Core Values

- Being an active, inclusive community of faith
- Worshipping God in the Episcopal tradition
- Nurturing individuals to grow in Christ
- Seeking and serving Jesus in unexpected places

Our Mission

To be a church of
Disciples Making
Disciples for Jesus

Our Vision

To be a church that
Loves Like God
Loves

Dear Parents of Young Children:

At All Saints', we believe that Jesus issues the same invitation to everyone: "Come to me, just exactly as you are." For our children, this means, "Come with all the energy, the wiggles and giggles, that God gave you." This is God's House, and life and love and laughter are all part of God's dream for the world. Your presence here is a blessing. Your children's presence is a blessing. And all of their wiggles and giggles (including any tears and protests) are welcome in God's House. Here are a few suggestions many parents have found helpful:

- Please sit towards the front — it's easier to see and hear all the action.
- Sing, pray, respond, and explain what's happening in the service. Children learn best about worship and liturgy from you.
- Pick up a green "Busy Bag" with books, coloring pages, and a stuffed Worship Buddy. Please return them after the service.
- We have a staffed nursery in the Education Wing and a livestream in the Parlor. If you need to leave, please come back, especially for Communion.

To All the Members of our Parish:

Children are one of God's most precious blessings. Thank you for warmly welcoming them into God's House and for encouraging their families with your smiles and assistance.

Today at All Saints'

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist [Quiet Communion]	Nave
9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist [Contemporary Communion]	Parish Hall
10:00 AM	Christian Education	
	Infant - Age 2: " <i>Bible Time</i> " [9 & 11:10 AM]	Nursery
	Pre-K through Grade 5: " <i>DIG IN</i> "	Room 106
	Middle School: " <i>Breakfast with Jesus</i> "	Youth Room [Downstairs]
	High School: " <i>Coffee with Jesus</i> "	Starbucks
	Adult: <i>Parent Gathering</i>	Room 103
	Adult: <i>Controversial Texts</i>	Parlor
11:10 AM	Holy Eucharist [Traditional Communion]	Nave
12:30 PM	Hanging of the Greens	
2:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Community Room

Hanging of the Greens | Today, following the 11:10 AM Service

We will be greening the church and placing poinsettias throughout on Sunday, December 22 at 12:30 PM. All volunteers are welcome. It takes many hands to beautify our church in preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Christmas Eve Reception & Revels

December 24, following the 10 PM Service | Welcome Center

All are invited to bring an hors d'oeuvre to share at the Reception and Revels. Participate in celebrating the birth of our Savior!

Holiday Office Hours Schedule

The church office will close at Noon on Tuesday, December 24, remaining closed on Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26.

The church will be open from 9 AM to 5 PM on Friday, December 27 through Tuesday, December 31. Markeisha will be in the office to receive any end-of-year payments.

The church office will then close again on Wednesday, January 1, reopening on Thursday, January 2.

Parish Announcements

Primetimers January Outing “Just Lunch” | Tuesday, January 14 | 11:30 AM | Johnny’s Farm House, Back Room | Copperfield Blvd.

Enjoy fellowship and fun! The food is great and reasonable. Bring ideas for fun things to do next year.

Sign up in the Welcome Center so the restaurant staff will know how many folks will be there. Hope you will join us!

For more information, please contact Sue Gelarden at suegelarden@gmail.com.

Fellowship Dinner | All Saints’ & Grace Lutheran First Thursdays January 9 at 6 PM | Grace Lutheran Parish Hall | Breaking Bread & Building Relationships

Please Note the Change of Date for this Month’s Dinner.

All Saints’ Episcopal & Grace Lutheran Churches celebrate First Thursday of the Month Fellowship Dinners by rotating hosting. The host church parishioners are invited to provide main dishes for the meal and the guest church parishioners are invited to bring side dishes or salads.

There’s a place for you at the table!

Please sign up in the Welcome Center. Contact Pam Collier for more details: 704-782-5003.

OWLs Lunch | Thursday, January 23 at Noon in the Parish Hall

The OWLs "Older and Wiser Laity" group that lunches with the Clergy is in January and will meet on the fourth Thursday, January 23, 2020. Bring your own brown bag lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided. See you soon!

Year-End Donations & Pledges

There are wise financial incentives for making your 2020 charitable donations and pledges to All Saints' before 2019 year-end. This will allow you to reduce your 2019 taxable income and your 2019 tax bill. As a reminder, All Saints' has a charitable stock transfer account with Pinnacle Bank to handle your stock transfer donations to our capital campaign and general fund.

Please contact our Church Administrator, Markeisha Weeks, at admin@allsaintsconcord.org for stock transfer instructions.

“Writing an Icon: the Gospel in Line”

Hosted by All Saints' | March 8—12 | 9 AM — 5 PM
Robert Higgins, Instructor | Tuition \$200/participant

Looking for a perfect Christmas present for a loved one? Consider a five day workshop in March 2020, “Writing an Icon: the Gospel in Line.”

Each day includes Morning Prayer with anointing of hands, Noonday Prayer and Compline. During the final day you will participate in a beautiful service to bless the icons. The non-refundable check reserves your spot for the workshop, which is limited to 12 people. Parishioners of All Saints' have first opportunity to sign up during December and January.

The workshop will be open to the entire diocese at the end of January. Registration checks will be sent directly to Robert Higgins (Deacon Jackie will send you Robert Higgins' address when you send her an email).

If you are interested in the opportunity to write an icon and learn about this beautiful prayer practice, please contact Deacon Jackie at jwhitfield@allsaintsconcord.org.

Online Giving

Go to
www.allsaintsconcord.org/online-giving/
or go to the Church Life app to make your donation

Text Giving

To give to the General Fund, text SAINTS to 73256

To give to the Assistance Fund, text SAINTS ASSISTANCE to 73256

To give to the Memorial Fund, text SAINTS MEMORIAL to 73256

To give to the Capital Campaign, text SAINTS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN to 73256

**Be sure to “like”
and even “check in”
on the
All Saints’
Facebook Page
to stay connected!**



Submission Deadline

*Sunday Announcements
are due by
Monday at Noon.*

*Announcements received
after that time may appear
the following week.*

*Please send emails to
announcements@
allsaintsconcord.org.*

Epiphany Celebration | Chili Cook-Off, Epiphany Worship, and Burning of the Greens

Sunday, January 5 at 5 PM in the Parish Hall

Can anyone dethrone Rev. Michael, last year's winner? There's only one way to find out! Sign up in the Welcome Center!

This year's Chili Cook-Off includes lots of kid-friendly food, too! We'll have macaroni and cheese and chicken nuggets, and the evening will wrap up early if you need to get home and be ready for school to start the next morning.

After dinner, we will have a brief service celebrating Epiphany and the light of Christ!

Weather permitting, this will take place outside around the fire, so bundle up if it's chilly!

Worship will conclude with the Burning of the Greens.

We will quite literally be a "light on a hill" on January 5th!

Please sign up in the Welcome Center, or be in touch with Jennifer Cook to help out: jessmith0712@gmail.com.

Advent Season

Sunday	12:30 PM	Greening of the Church	Nave
December 22			

Christmas

Tuesday	4:00 PM	Family Service	Junior Choir of All Saints'
December 24	5:30 PM	The Nativity of our Lord	Vasily Gorkovoy, Violinist
	10:00 PM	The Nativity of our Lord	Choir of All Saints'
		<i>followed by Reception & Revels</i>	

Wednesday	10:00 AM	Christmas Day, Christ is Born	Nave
December 25			

Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Nave
December 29	9:00 AM	Christmas Lessons & Carols	Parish Hall
	11:10 AM	Christmas Lessons & Carols	Nave

Epiphany

Sunday	5:00 PM	Chili Cook-off and Burning of the Greens	Parish Hall & Firepit
January 05			

Stay and Participate in Taking Down the Greens | Following the 11:10 AM Service, Sunday, January 5

Following the 11:10 AM service, all of the greens in the nave and parish hall (garlands and wreaths) will be removed and taken to the fire pit for burning. The Christmas trees will be taken down and placed in storage, The globes and candles in the windows will be removed and stored.

All poinsettias may be taken to shut-ins or for enjoyment at home.

Thanks to all who have assisted in beautifying our church for the celebration of Jesus's birth.

THE GRAPEVINE

Sharing the news of our community!

We offer condolences and prayers to the family and friends of David Flint, nephew of Charlotte Grossman, who entered into the Resurrection the first week of December.

We offer condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Pat Johnson, whose sister entered into the Resurrection on October 31.

We welcome Evelyn Sanford and Randy Brantley, new members of the Usher Ministry. We thank them for their commitment to serve.

We offer condolences and prayers to James Edward Swann Sr., husband, and the family and friends of Dona JoLinda Taylor Gunn-Swan, who entered into the Resurrection on September 6, 2019.

Opportunity to participate in the Welcome Desk Ministry

The welcome desk volunteers literally keep the doors open at All Saints', making it possible for people to access the church to pray and keeping those inside, especially our children, safe.

If you are interested in volunteering at the front desk in the Welcome Center on Tuesdays, 10 AM - 2 PM, please contact Katie Adams at (704) 784-3876.

Hospice of Cabarrus County Wish List Bird Seed Needed!

Outside each patient room at the Tucker Hospice House in Kannapolis is a bird feeder. Patients and families enjoy seeing our fine-feathered friends. This holiday season, please consider donating bird seed to Hospice of Cabarrus County. Place your donation in the smaller of the two boxes located in the Welcome Center.

Questions? Rebecca Bahn – rbahn1946@gmail.com

Piedmont Choral Society | Free Christmas Concert | January 4 | Forest Hill UMC

The 75-voice Piedmont Choral Society presents its annual free Christmas concert, accompanied by a 22-piece professional orchestra, on Saturday, January 4 at 4 pm (the 11th Day of Christmas) at Forest Hill UMC, 265 Union Street North, Concord. Familiar carols and songs of the season. All are warmly invited.

For more information, call 704-699-6053 or email kayy2000@gmail.com.

Food Pantry Requests for CCM

We appreciate and need any donation of food, cleaning or paper products, and health and beauty supplies, as well as recycled grocery bags.

For your convenience, a list of items that are in high demand is posted in the Welcome Center and a box is available for donations.

For more information about donating to the food pantry please visit cooperativeministry.com/get-involved/how-to-donate-food.

Vestry & Staff

VESTRY

Charles McKinley *Senior Warden, Finance*

Nancy Hunter *Junior Warden, Parish Life*

David Baxter *Communications*

Fran Burkett *Youth Christian Formation*

Willie B. Dillon *Outreach*

Don Foskey *Outreach*

Mark Helms *Adult Christian Formation*

Barbara Horne-Stead *Pastoral Care*

Drew John *Newcomers*

Mike McDonough *Building & Grounds*

Karen Rupp-Urbanski *Stewardship*

Dick Whitfield *Newcomers*

REPORTING TO THE VESTRY

Gil Small *Treasurer*

Kim Gordick *Vestry Clerk*

OFFICE HOURS

M-F 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Vestry Person of the Month

December

Mike McDonough

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Prayers for the Parish

Prayer is the foundation of the ministry of this parish. Prayer requests & praise reports can be added or removed by going to www.allsaintsconcord.org/prayer-requests/ or by calling the church office at 704-782-2024. You may choose to have your request sent to the Prayer Chain (a small group of faithful intercessors who pray daily for those names submitted) and/or included in the announcement bulletin. Please note that names will remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Bishop, Samuel; our Suffragan Bishop, Anne; our Rector, Nancy; our Assistant to the Rector, Michael; our Deacon, Vern; our Deacon Missioner, Jacqueline; our Priest Associate, James; our Priest Emeritus, Roger; our staff and Vestry; and the people of All Saints' and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of Costa Rica

Cycle of Prayer: Gail Boys, Randy Brantley, Darryl Brock, Ruth & Randy Bratton, Deyse Buehlmaier, Amanda Buffa, Fran Burkett, Robert & Roseanne Byrne and their families.

Prayers have been requested for: Carolyn, Dawn, Greg, Karen, Kitty, Noah and Rachel

In nursing homes or homebound: Jane Armitage, Ben Burton, Hilda Marshall and James E. Swann, Jr.

Living with ongoing special needs: Barbara, Bruce, Darryl, Devyn, Donna, Ericka, George, Jay, Jeff, Jill, John, Katherine, Lydia, Maddox, Noelle, Oscar, Norma, Pat, Patrick, Phil, Rebecca, Stephanie, Steve, Terein, Wendy and Yasmin

Serving in the military: Dean Fedrizzi, Keith Lee, Jacob Rodgers, Nathan Rodgers, Matt Shorter, Becca Simpson, Bo Simpson, Jack Simpson, Justin Smith and Jim Trollan

Our Stephen Ministers: Valerie Devine, Katherine Eble, Don Foskey, Nancy Foskey, Mickey Hayes, Debbie Lewallen, Barbara Lewis, Garen Livingston, Charles Simmons, Dorothy Teeter and Len Witke

Our College Students: Emily Badgett, Chris Berg, Stephen Carroll, Jazzmine Cox, Margaret Ericson, Ben Helms, Eli Helms, Katie Hendry, Josh Holdren, Tommy Jones, Celeste McFarlane, Simone McFarlane, Sophia McFarlane, Jaden Miller, Zac Moyes, Olivia Shorter, Lauren Spunich, McKenna Urbanski and Jameson Williams

CHURCH CALENDAR

December 23 - 29, 2019



Monday December 23		Office Open	
Tuesday December 24		Christmas Eve	
	5:30 AM	F3 [Men's Fitness-Fellowship-Faith]	Outdoors
	4:00 PM	Family Service	Nave
	5:30 PM	The Nativity of our Lord	Nave
	10:00 PM	The Nativity of our Lord	Nave
	following the 10 PM Service	Reception & Revels	Welcome Center
Wednesday December 25		Christmas Day - Office is Closed	
	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Service	Nave
	1:30 PM	Monroe Christmas Dinner	Parish Hall
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Community Room
Thursday December 26		Office Closed	
	5:30 AM	F3 [Men's Fitness-Fellowship-Faith]	Outdoors
Friday December 27		8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	Community Room
Saturday December 28		8:00 AM Men's Study Group	Welcome Center
Sunday December 29		8, 9 & 2:00 PM Christmas Lessons & Carols	
		Alcoholics Anonymous	Community Room



Upcoming Events

January 5

Chili Cook-off & Burning
of the Greens 5 PM

June 5-7, 2020

Kanuga Family Weekend —
SAVE THE DATE!