

## Prayers of the People

*In your prayers this week, please pray for the following:*

**In the Anglican Communion:** The Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan; the Church in Wyoming, Province VI of the United States; the Parish of St. Thomas in Kagiso, South Africa; Our Little Roses Home in Honduras; the Holy Land Christians; and the church in Egypt.

**In the Episcopal Church USA:** Our Presiding Bishop, Katharine.

**In the Diocese of Tennessee:** Our Bishop, John, and Church of Our Saviour, Gallatin.

**In the Community:** Cathedral of the Incarnation Roman Catholic Church.

**In Our Parish:** The Healing Prayer Ministry and for our seminarian, Monica Carlson.

**The men and women in the armed forces** serving our country overseas, especially David Amiot, Kayla Bailey, Todd Charles, Matt Dane, Charles Ezzell, Peter Richard Johnson, Mitch Moore, Daryl Stickler, Kit Wilkinson Thomson, and John Womack.

**In Thanksgiving for the Birth of:** Ruby Margaret and Millie Durand, daughters of Elizabeth and Scott Doolittle.

**Those Who Are Ill:** Jill Baker, Reba Barker, Mike Craig, Polly Craig, Connie DeWitt, Brian Felber, Meredith Friedman, Grace Hamilton, Beth Higham, James Hoppe, Sr., Margaret Grace Lewicki, Murray Lynch, Marge Maxwell, Mike McConnell, Bard Quillman, Pat Rooney, John Sanders, Teri Simon, Rick Smith, Mary Louise Tidwell, Jim Tygret, and Todd Wilson.

*The Advent Greens on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents and families by Jack Maddin Bass and Melinda Hampton Owen Bass.*

*The Advent Greens on the altar today in the Jane Tompkins Weeks Chapel are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our family by Mary & David Proctor III.*

*The aumbry candle this week is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ed J. Johnson by Lucy, Caroline, George, Nathan, Grace, & David Johnson.*

SUNDAY SERVICES	DAILY SERVICES
7:30, 8:45am, 9:00am, and 11:15am	7:00am Monday - Saturday
5:00pm	10:00am Wednesdays

**SHEPHERD FOR DECEMBER: Kim DeMoss, 356-3036**

### Staff Ministry Team

The Rev. R. Leigh Spruill, Rector  
The Rev. Marcia King, Assoc. Rector & Dir. of Ministry  
The Rev. Sarah Kerr, Assoc. Rector  
The Rev. Timothy Jones, Senior Assoc. Rector  
The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam, Assoc. Rector  
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### 2011 Vestry Members

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## Weekly Announcements

**Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol TODAY at 3:00pm** - Join us for an afternoon of Christmas cheer as members of St. George's Choir present this classic Christmas tale in Hampton Hall at 3:00pm as a live, 40's-style radio show. John Fitzgerald will narrate and Don Cowan stars as Ebenezer Scrooge. Admission is free.

**Silent Night: A Service of Remembrance, Hope, and Healing TONIGHT at 6:00pm** - If Christmas is a difficult time for you or a loved one, if you would just like a quiet service to remember and hope for the future, or would like to pray for healing for yourself or others, please join us Sunday, December 18th at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. Also, remember the clergy are always available for help and counseling.

**Shop for Christmas at the Bookstore** - Please stop by and peruse the great selection of Bibles, Prayer Books, inspirational reading for all ages, Christmas decorations, and more. All bookstore proceeds help support the St. George's outreach programs.

**Inquirers/Confirmation Classes for Membership in St. George's and the Episcopal Church** - Classes will begin Sunday, January 8th, at 10:05am in Dandridge B. For more information, fill out a card in the pew, stop at the tables in the Rotunda and Gathering Space on Sunday mornings, or contact the Rev. Tim Jones at 385-2150 x 217 or Marcy and Seawell Brandau at 352-4824.

**The Marriage Course Thursdays, January 5th-February 16th** - This course is for any couple who wants to learn the practical tools to help improve and strengthen their relationship. It is being facilitated by the Revs. Malone Gilliam and Marcia King and a lay team. Classes are from 6:00-8:30pm each Thursday in Hampton Hall and include dinner for two, a practical talk, and discussion with your spouse. There is NO group work. The cost is \$125; this includes dinner for two at every session and materials. Space is limited to 30 couples and is filling up fast. Registration and advance full payment of \$125 must both be complete to secure your reservation. Go to [www.stgeorgesnashville.org](http://www.stgeorgesnashville.org) and click on Adults - Marriage and Relationships to sign-up today!

**Holy Desires: Creating Redemptive Relationships, Thursdays, January 5th-February 9th** - This new class is for those desiring holy and life-giving relationships in their life. The series consists of three parts, each with two sessions: Connecting with God, Connecting with Others, and Strengthening Relationships. Class occurs Thursday evenings 6:30-7:45pm in Dandridge B and will be led by the Rev. Sarah Kerr and Agatha Nolen. Childcare will be provided by reservation only. To register for the class or reserve childcare, contact 385-2150 x 262. Questions? Call Agatha Nolen at 400-0611.

**The In Excelsis Concert Series Presents The Westminster Choir January 6th at 7:30pm** - One of the finest choirs in America, Westminster has set the standard in many genres of music for over 90 years. Please join us for an evening of music from Rachmaninov to Craig Hella Johnson. Also, please contact Kim Messer at 385-2150 x 253 if you are able to house one or more pairs of singers.

**Welcome home college students!** Join us at the sofas in the Gathering Space Sunday, January 8th, following the 8:45am service and The Table for a meet and greet.

**Bible in 90 Days Begins Sunday, January 8th at 10:05am** - The Bible in 90 Days is a unique program that minimizes the hurdles most people stumble over when trying to read the entire Bible. The goal is to read the Bible quickly but attentively in order to sense the broad sweep of salvation history. Copies of *The Bible in 90 Days* and *The Essential Bible Companion* are available in the St. George's Bookstore. Class will meet in the Bride/Family Room. Questions, contact the Rev. Marcia King at 385-2150 x 214.

**Back to the Future: Highlights in Church History Starts Sunday, January 8th at 10:05am in Hampton Hall** - Our Christian faith in America is the sum of decisions and events from our past. This reality shapes who we are and how we envision God, the church, and ourselves. Join the Rev. Malone Gilliam as we take a "Bill and Ted"-like excellent adventure through church history, "island hopping" through the centuries and (re)discovering our heritage within the Christian Church!

**New Sunday Discipleship Offering for All Young Adults Starts January 8th at 10:05am** - "Real Life, Real Topics: Expanding your Faith Journey for Life's Journey" will help you deploy God the other six days and twenty-two hours of the week to address life's changes, challenges, and triumphs. Ages 23-39. Engaging discussion of life and the exploration of the Book of Psalms led by Larry Trabue.



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*Receive, Live, Share*

**Welcome to worship!** We pray that our time of worship will express praise and thanks to God for the gift of Christ, and help you live a more faithful, abundant life.

**If you are a visitor,** please know that we are delighted that you are here. We know that following the beautiful and ancient worship of the Episcopal Church is not always easy for those unfamiliar with the Anglican tradition. Please do not feel obligated to do anything but to enjoy the service reverently and expectantly.

We invite **newcomers** to fill out a visitor's card, found in the pew rack, placing it in the offering plate or handing it to a member of the clergy.

**Inside this bulletin,** page numbers on the far right column refer to the **red** Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks. You will find the hymns and other sung parts of the service in the **blue** book, The Hymnal 1982. If a song has an "S" in front of it, it will be found in the service music section of the Hymnal, near the front.

At the time of The Holy Communion, **all baptized Christians** are welcome to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Ushers will direct you to the altar rail, and you may return to your pew on an outside aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available at the 8:45am and 11:15am services from the intinction cup to the left of the lectern.

**Nursery care** is available for infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds during the 8:45am and 11:15am services as well as the Christian Discipleship hour that begins at 10:05am. **Childcare** (for ages 3-5) is also available during the 8:45am service.

**Large Print Prayer Books and Hearing Assistance Aids** are available in the church foyer. Ask an usher for help.

We are grateful for your presence!

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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite I – 11:15am

The Rev. R. Leigh Spruill, Celebrant

Opening Voluntary: Prelude on “Veni Emmanuel”

Edward C. Bairstow

## The Word of God

The Lighting of the Advent Candle (*standing*)

Let us pray.

Grant us Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness, we may have a vision of that holy city, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Processional Hymn #66:

Come, thou long expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p.323

The Celebrant says  
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Summary of the Law

Gloria (*Gloria in excelsis*)

BCP 324

(S202) Healey Willan

The Celebrant says to the People  
People  
The Celebrant

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**  
Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

BCP 160

Old Testament Reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People **Thanks be to God.**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26

Hymn #324: Let all mortal flesh keep silence

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The Holy Gospel

All standing, a priest reads the Gospel, saying

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Luke 1:26-38

