

THIS WEEK AT:
The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
724 Pilgrim Mill Road Cumming, GA 30040 (770) 887-8190
December 15– December 21, 2024

Today December 15

8:30a Holy Eucharist
9:30a Christian Ed All Ages
10:45a Holy Eucharist
6:00p Advent Evensong
8:00p Compline –online

Monday December 16

12:30p Women’s AA Meeting
5:30p EfM
8:00p Compline –online

Tuesday December 17

12:30p AA Meeting
2:00p Theology Studies
8:00p Compline –online

Wednesday December 18

9:30a In-Stitches
9:30a Days for Girls
5:45p St. Dunstan Ringers Rehearsal
7:00p Parish Choir Rehearsal
8:00p Compline –online

Thursday December 19

12:30p AA Meeting
10:00a St. Clare Singers
10:30a Bible Study
12:00p Holy Eucharist/Healing Service
8:00p Sung Compline –online

Friday December 20

10:00a AA Meeting
12:00p Beloved Sisters
6:00p Music for the Longest Night
8:00p Compline –online

Saturday December 21

8:00p Compline –online

YOUTH NEWS

Questions: Contact Shannon David at:
youth @ ecohs.net or 678-457-0192
Please remember to sign up for REMIND! Text @gkf374 to 81010.

Next Sunday’s Lessons – December 22, 2024

Micah 5:2-5a
Canticle 15
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)
www.lectionarypage.net

Like us on FACEBOOK @
Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

Check out our website!
www.ecohs.net

Intercessions – December 15, 2024

Prayer Requests:

Prayers are offered this week for:

Holy Spirit Parishioners:

Julie Anderson • Charlotte Bradley • Bobbie Brodie • Allison Lipscomb Burnett • Sandra Culver • Charlotte Freeman • Gregg Harbison • Jill Hayes • Brenda Hobby • Brad Jameson • Beth Jones • **Fiona Martin** • Marion Phillips • Greg Plank • Doug & Elizabeth Puckett • Bill Putt • **DeWayne Rodgers** • **Joan Simmons** • Marina Slemmons • Kay Stine • Liz Tanner • Jan Van Keuren • Pat Wall • **Maureen Wester** • Dennis Whittle • **AnnaClaire Wilson** • Inge Woods

Family & Friends:

Arrendale women & families • DFACs workers & families • John Joseph Brady • **Bailey Davenport** • Nancy Davis • Syndey Gabin • Jennifer Gonzalez • **Andrew Hayes** • Thomas Holland • Ruth Steward Holt • Shelia Howie • Joseph Hudson • Billy Jones • Gary Kochert • Roy & Claire Kryscuk • Annalise Lupia • Paul Lupia • Evi Mitchell • Kathleen Monaghan • Michael Monaghan • Paige Monti • **Lynn Oglesby** • **Craig Perkey** • Robyn Pfaff • Carolyn Reagan • Michelle Richardson • Nancy Ryan • Lloyd Shipman • Chet Smith • Gloria Szokoly • Abe Vanderweele • Dalton Walsh • Bonnie Wilson • Datie Younkings • Sara Zavorski

Armed Forces:

Austin Rivers, Aaron Bohan, James Gooch, Ross Feaster, Chad Mixon, Tyler Benson, John Granlund, Matthew McClelland, Zach Taylor, John Taylor, Owen Taylor, Adam Rivers, Jason Warner, William J. Putt, Alex Szokoly, Addison Rivers, Peyton Douglas, Colin Brady, Jack Simons, Alex Downs, Austin Reid, Davis Louis, Joseph Miller, Pedro Silva, Anthony Rosario, Jackson Miller, Deborrah Panowitz, Jaden Ahadzi, Blake Bramlett, Logan Cardin

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week: **Cam Campbell, Cathy Middleton, Calvin Norris, Tatyana Blair, Neva Jahnz, Jamie David, Chad Cartwright.**

We give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: *N/A*

We pray for expectant parents: *N/A*

We remember those on our Parish Cycle of Prayer this week: **Marlene Schulke, The Schwimmer Family: Brooke, Kat, Tori, Kelleen, Meredith & Tate, Joe & Beth Sowards, The Shumate Family: Hank, Christina, Kayleigh & Lola, Joan Simmons, Marina Slemmons, Gene & Kathy Sloan.**

We pray for those who have died: **Mary Harris.**

Prayer Requests:

Email to Julie Wilson
jwilsonjat@gmail.com

Julie will get your requests on the prayer list and share with our Intercessory Team.

WELCOME!

- Welcome to those who are visiting Holy Spirit! *We are honored to have you with us in worship and would love to get to know you!* If you did not receive a visitors card when you entered please see an usher after the service. You can turn the completed card in to the usher or by placing it in the offering plate.
If you have any questions please contact:
Cathy Schlecht- Parish Administrator 770-887-8190 or office@ecoht.net
- All baptized people of all ages and church backgrounds are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church. If you would like a *gluten free* wafer for communion, please let one of the clergy know.
- If have questions about baptism, communion, or any matter of faith, please contact Fr. Brandon at fr.brandon@ecoht.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Stewardship 2025 Update:

Dear friends, the parish asks for pledges for several reasons: Giving is a good indicator of the spiritual and material health of the parish. It helps the Vestry, Treasurer and Finance Committee know about how much will be coming in next year as they're planning how much will be going out. An Episcopal parish is expected to be self-sustaining, too - we have to pay our staff salaries and benefits, pensions and health insurance; we own and have to maintain and insure the buildings and grounds as well. In sum, our pledges help the parish know whether it can pay its upcoming obligations and have enough beyond to support its ministry. As we finish up our every member canvas for the coming year, we encourage you to consider joining those of us who've already pledged our support to the Church for 2025. Pledge forms are available in the front of the church or by contacting the church office.

Thank you to all who have responded so generously.
75 Total pledging Households (12 New pledging households)
Total pledged as of 12/5/24: \$292,980.

Wendy's Bears Opportunity:

This is a collection of new or gently used stuffed animals (doesn't have to be bears!) to give to children, that through no fault of their own, find themselves spending time in the Forsyth County judicial system. In giving them the stuffed animal we are showing them they are loved and cared for. There is a donation bin in the Parish Hall, they are delivered to CASA (Court Appointment Special Advocates for Children) who then distribute to the children that find themselves in the judicial system. **Please place in the bin by January 6, 2025.** Thank you! More info? Donna Kukarola, dwkuk@bellsouth.net or 678 617 9349.

Angel Tree:

Please have all unwrapped gifts back to the church TODAY. Questions please see Carol Franklin or Brenda Hobby.

Twelfth Night Celebration:

Sunday, January 5th at 5:30 pm come gather around the fire and join us in the *heated* pavilion for an evening of the burning of the greens, delicious food, warm wassail and warmer merriment. Bring the whole family including your dogs!

Church Office Hours

Mon - Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Closed on Friday

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Medieval Advent Evensong: TONIGHT at 6:00 pm, reception follows
Music for the Longest Night-Winter Solstice: Friday, December 20th at 6:00 pm
12th Night Celebration: Sunday, January 5th at 5:30 pm

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Christmas Eve:

4:00 pm Pageant with Holy Eucharist
7:30 pm Holy Eucharist with choral music

Christmas Day:

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

December 29th:

10:00 am Christmas Lessons & Carols -no Eucharist



TREASURER'S REPORT:

Summary of Financials for ECOHS					
	Actual	Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Difference
November '24					from Budget
Pledges	39,322	28,584	332,591	314,418	18,173
Offerings	2,597	3,611	40,571	43,473	-2,902
Preschool & Other	13,958	10,791	134,541	114,951	19,590
Total Revenues	55,877	42,986	507,703	472,842	21,970
Expenses	45,209	43,126	532,817	477,108	34,861
Net difference	1,669	-140	-25,000	-4,266	

Wendy's Place AKA The Pantry:

Thanks for the full bin on the second Advent Sunday.! Diapers are now on shelves in the Pantry.

Keep that Christmas spirit going and give some sizes 4, 5 and 6.

Next Pantry December 28.

As we light candles of hope, peace and love, hold those we serve and those who serve in your hearts.