

Rejoice



FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID
A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD.

LUKE 2:11 (KJV)

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THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY

December 24, 2025

THE HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II
(12 Noon)

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*Please join us for Christmas Eve Fellowship
 immediately following Holy Eucharist,
 downstairs in the Undercroft.*

Today's Service Leaders

- Altar Guild** - All Members
Fellowship - St. Catherine's Guild & A Parishioner
Guest Musician - Glenn Pearson
Lectors - Denise Dixon, Jolai Jenkins.
LEM -
Guest Celebrant - The Rev. Mike Harber, St. Michael &
 All Angels' Episcopal Church,
 Millbrook
Ushers Usher Board



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Christmas Day I



Revised Common Lectionary

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

COLLECT

Traditional

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Contemporary

O GOD, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

or

Traditional

O GOD, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Contemporary

O GOD, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

or

Traditional

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:

Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Contemporary

ALMIGHTY GOD, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Refrain

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Psalm 96 *from The Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth. | 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. |
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- 3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

THE GRACE of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14, [15-20]

IN THOSE DAYS a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" [When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

- **ARMED FORCES:** Please pray for the safety and well-being of our active service men and women and their families stationed in the U.S. and abroad, especially, DeRitha Marbury Barber, Sam and Margaret Gunn Bunton, Christopher Childers, Kyle F. Graham, Shavonne Marbory Hogan, Jabar and Kenya Lee Steward.
- **REMINDER:** Please continue to furnish our Food Basket with non-perishable food items. (drop box located in the Education Building)
- **PRAYERS:** Continue to pray for those on the Prayer List, friends, family and all humankind afflicted by disease, war and famine. Pray for peace!
- **REMINDER:** Today's Companion Zoom Service can be accessed by dialing: 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 882 671 9532, Passcode: 008810 or sign-on via your email Zoom Invite.
- **REMINDER:** Do you need a 2026 Pledge Card? Notify the Parish Secretary, Denise Dixon.
- **NEW:** St. Andrew's 2025 Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for *Sunday, January 18, 2026*, following Eucharist and dinner. All Organization Presidents/Chairpersons should submit their Annual Report to the Parish Secretary no later than *Sunday, January 11, 2026*. Our Vestry-the parish's governing body-is beginning to explore who may be called to serve in 2026. If you feel a nudge toward this ministry-or simply want to explore what Vestry service looks like-we'd love to connect. Reach out to the church secretary via email: standrewstuskegeedd@gmail.com Present Vestry Members: George B. Bulls, George Bulls, II, Denise Dixon, Jolai Jenkins, Chuck Okere, Cornelius Smith and Leslie Trimble.

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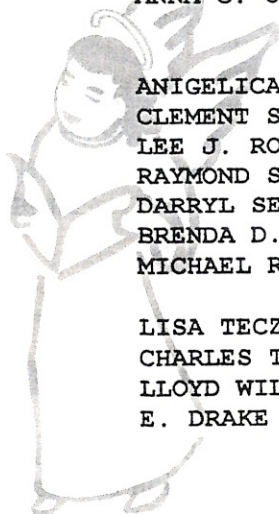
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*Local Parishioners

**Shut-In Parishioners



Happy Birthday!!

December 25 – Sheila Gaillard

26 – Kate B. LaFayette

28 - Michael Gaillard



A Prayer for Christmas Eve

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

--Robert Louis Stevenson--

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer



In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we remember this day Our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd; Kairos Prison Ministry and Kairos Outside; Ministries for infants and children; The Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

"What I Love About Christmas"



I
love
a star,
a wreath,
a shopping
list, a crowd,
a gift, a time
of worship, a toy,
a child, a colored
ball, a party, a kiss,
a family together, the
sound of laughter, turkey
and mince pie, joy and peace,
a tree of lights, the glow of
candles, the faith of a child,
the sound of bells, and angel's song,
a world
at peace,
full of
love and
goodwill
for all
mankind.

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