

November 2024



*St. Mary's Episcopal Church:*  
*Serving with JOY!*  
**The Bell Ringer**

Online at [www.stmaryskinston.com](http://www.stmaryskinston.com)

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.*

Psalm 100:4



## From the Rector

**“I WILL,  
WITH GOD’S  
HELP.”**

*The Baptismal Covenant*

Within the first two Sundays of November, the St. Mary’s community will be privileged to accompany 8 people in their formal welcome into the household of God through the sacrament of Baptism! The youngest are infants, the oldest is in high school, and all are beloved children of God. During all of our baptismal services, we affirm the orthodox faith in the Triune God through the words of the Apostles’ Creed, and then we name specific ways that we strive to have that faith show up in the ways that we live. Take a moment to read through all of these words of The Baptismal Covenant as a helpful reminder of our baptismal identities - [they are on pages 304-305 in the Book of Common Prayer](#).

When Jesus was baptized, He immediately spent a time of great challenge in the wilderness. While we, with good reason, usually follow our baptisms with celebratory receptions, we nonetheless recognize that the lives of the faithful will include much challenge too. The month of November, as is the case with our whole lives, will unfold in some ways that we cannot predict. Who will be elected to the many offices in our local, state, and federal government, and how will this nation respond? You surely have unique situations that also rightly occupy the focus of your prayers and energy in these times.

Just as our group of baptismal candidates and their families & sponsors are quite diverse, we are a diverse church family in many ways. Our members have all kinds of unique perspectives and experiences, opinions and preferences. This is something that makes St. Mary’s a great gift: with diversity, we also share in the belief that ultimately Christ calls us to learn from Him, to worship Him, and to grow in Him **together** here. As we come together, we reflect the overall mission of the church to be a people, restored to unity with God and each other in Christ, and a people that works to reconcile others to God as well. Our baptismal covenant invites us into this faith and way of living together. At all times, may we be soft-hearted towards one another and the world around us, holding firm to the faith of Christ crucified and resurrected, and seeking, with God’s help, to **love all with the heart that Jesus has for all**.

*Tom +*

## Vestry Nomination Process

The Vestry of St. Mary’s has a vital role in the leadership of this parish, and St. Mary’s will soon elect its next 4-person class of vestry leaders.

1. On October 11th, a preliminary list of members who are eligible to serve on the vestry was posted in the church. The parish office needed any necessary corrections by Sunday, October 27th.
2. On November 1, a Vestry nomination form will be emailed and posted in the Narthex with instructions on the “Nomination by Ballot” process.
3. The Vestry’s Nominating Committee (consisting of the 4 out-going members) is entrusted to discern a 4-person candidate slate informed by the nomination ballots received and based on the needs of the parish.
4. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place during the 10:30am liturgy on Sunday, December 8th, 2024. At that time, voting for the 4-person slate will take place. Please plan now to attend worship this joyous and significant day!



Serving on the Vestry of St. Mary’s Church is service to our Lord and is an honor and privilege. Please be in prayer for discernment about who you sense may be called to serve in this way. May God bless the leadership of this church.



## The Episcopal Church

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### In the Anglican Communion

A global community of 80 million Anglicans in 38 member provinces/churches.

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A community of 1.9 million members in 118 dioceses in the Americas and abroad.

Established in 1788.

Presiding Bishop

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe

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### In the Diocese of East Carolina

A community of more than 15,000 communicants in 70 churches.

Founded in 1883.

The Rt. Rev. Robert S. Skirving

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**O**thers Second,

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Rector	The Rev'd Thomas P.H. Warren
Sr. Warden	Mr. Jess Edwards
Jr. Warden	Mr. Jim Purnell
Parish Administrator	Mrs. Lori Kelly
Minister of Music	Mr. Sam Holt
Communications Director	Mrs. Sherry Tanner
Mary's Kitchen Executive Director	Mr. Jim Godfrey

## News at St. Mary's



### Tutoring at Northwest Elementary School

The Tutoring Program at Northwest is going well this year. Thank you to the many members of St. Mary's, as well as the community, who have volunteered. There will always be a need for others to join this rewarding adventure. For more information or to become involved, please contact Becky Darst at 252-521-9800.

*“Soar with the Eagles at Northwest Elementary”*

## Cherished Members' Luncheon

**November 7** | **Moseley Hall**  
**11:30am**

*Sign up in the Narthex or call the parish office!*

**Daylight Savings Time Ends**  
Remember to **“FALL BACK”** one hour on **Sunday, November 3, 2024**

**VETERANS DAY**

MONDAY      HONORING ALL WHO SERVED      11 NOV

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

**Happy Thanksgiving**

The parish office will be closed  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024

## Boar's Head News

### Get ready for Boar's Head 2025!

**Banquet Tickets (\$50 per ticket) go on sale November 1!**

If you are interested in being in the Boar's Head Festival, please swing by the costume closet (*upstairs, above the St. Mary's office wing*) during any of these times to secure your role with Marion Classen and pick out your costume for this year's festival. If you have any questions about roles, please contact Holly Warren by email at [holly3799@hotmail.com](mailto:holly3799@hotmail.com).

#### **Costume Fittings:**

Wednesday, December 4, 3:30-7:30pm  
 Sunday, December 8, 11:30am-3:30pm  
 Wednesday, December 11, 3:30-7:30pm  
 Sunday, December 15th, 11:30am-3:30pm  
 Sunday, December 18, 3:30-7:30pm



All singers high school age and above are invited to join the 2025 Boar's Head Festival Choir! We know that it is a busy time of year, but we ask that you make a commitment to attend at least two rehearsals, the dress rehearsal, and the performances.

#### **Choir Rehearsals:**

Sunday Dec 1, 2024 2:00-3:30pm  
 Sunday Dec 8, 2024 2:00-3:30pm  
 Sunday Dec 15, 2024 2:00-3:30pm  
 Sunday Dec 22, 2024 2:00-3:30pm

#### **Dress Rehearsal Schedules:**

Sunday Dec 29, 2024 - 4:00pm - Spot rehearsals  
 Monday Dec 30, 2024 - 6:00pm - Spot rehearsals  
 Thursday Jan 2, 2025 - 6:00pm - Spot rehearsals  
 Friday Jan 3, 2025 6:00pm - Full cast rehearsal  
 Saturday Jan 4, 2025 9:00am - Full cast dress rehearsal

#### **Performances:**

Sunday, January 5, at 3pm & 5pm

## From the Minister of Music



One of the most Anglican and beautiful services in the Episcopal Church is Choral Evensong. Evensong is, essentially, is a sung form of the Evening Prayer service found in the Book of Common Prayer. Just as we praise God at the beginning of the day in the service of Morning Prayer, we sing praises to God at the setting of the sun in Evening Prayer. At 5:00 pm on All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 3), Fr. Tom and the St. Mary's Choir will lead Choral Evensong as a special occasion to give

thanks to God for those friends and loved ones who have died. If you have never attended an Evensong service, this is a great opportunity to experience this beautiful liturgy filled with images of light as the sun fades in the west. Also, on Sunday, November 17, 2024, we have the pleasure of hosting Schola Cantorum, which is the Choir of the Diocese of East Carolina. This group consists of singers throughout the diocese who are dedicated to preserving Choral Evensong in the "high" Anglican tradition. They will lead Evensong as you would expect to hear in huge cathedrals in England, so this is an event you don't want to miss! The St. Mary's Choir is graciously hosting a reception for all in the church parlor after the service. Please plan to attend and bring a friend or neighbor with you!

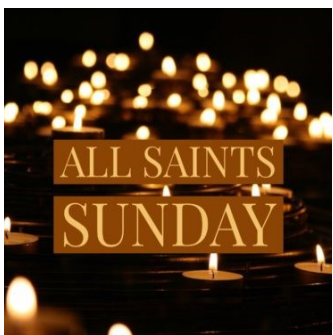
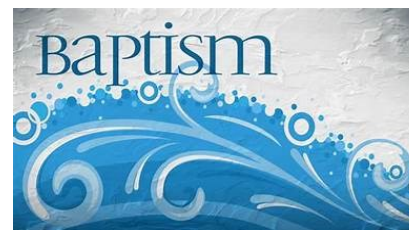


# Worship

**All Saints Sunday, November 3**

*For all the saints, who from their labors rest*

All Saints worship is a deeply meaningful Principal Feast Day of the Church that will be observed this year on **Sunday, November 3rd**. This year, we have the added blessing on this day to celebrate the baptisms of Christella Crumbacker, Shade Weller, Anberlee Johnson, Jonathan Perry, Emily Perry, Peyton Johnson, & Emily Wright **at the 10:30am liturgy** that morning! In addition to baptisms on All Saints Sunday, we are also excited to have a baptism planned for Ellis Sermons on **Sunday, November 10th at the 10:30am liturgy** as well.



On the evening of **Sunday, November 3rd at 5pm**, there will be an All Saints liturgy of Choral Evensong. During this service, the names of those who have been interred in the St. Francis' Garden will be remembered in prayer, along with those loved ones who have been listed on the Roll of Remembrance (found on a table in the Narthex). It is always a very moving time of thanking God for these lives that have touched ours and also for giving witness to Christ's resurrection.

Please keep all of these sacred events and Sundays, these candidates, their families, and their sponsors in your prayers and make every effort to join us!

**Compline  
Under the  
Stars**

**Sunday, November 10 at 6:00 pm**  
Prayers - Campfires - S'mores - Hot Chocolate  
Children & Youth Ministry Check-In/Planning Conversation  
St. Mary's Parish Commons



SCHOLA CANTORUM

*Evensong*

*St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
800 Rountree Street - Kinston  
Sunday, November 17 at 5pm*

Kinston/Lenoir County  
Community Chorus

*presents*

**Handel's  
Christmas Classic  
MESSIAH**



The Kinston/Lenoir County's annual performance of Handel's Messiah will be **Monday, December 9th at 7pm** at The First Presbyterian Church (2101 N. Heritage St., Kinston). This production, including the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra, is open to all singers high school age and older - no auditions, and new/inexperienced singers are welcome! Your participation is vital to make this well-loved tradition possible. To join the choir or become a sponsor, contact Zoe Laakmann at [messiah@fpckinston.org](mailto:messiah@fpckinston.org) or 252-361-2229. Follow their Facebook page (Kinston/Lenoir County Messiah) for more information.

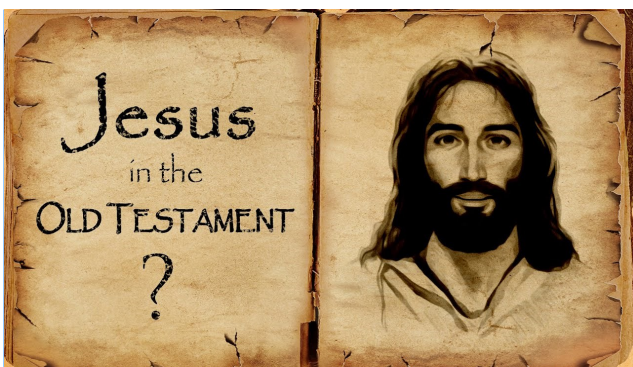
## Christian Formation

### Wednesday Nights in the Fall



ALPHA continues to meet each Wednesday evening at 6pm in Moseley Hall through November 20th. Join the conversations of life and faith in a safe, friendly environment. ALPHA begins with a shared meal at 6pm followed by small group time at 6:30pm. Don't miss this season at St. Mary's!

On November 27th, Wednesday evening supper and programming will “pause” for the Thanksgiving holiday. Beginning December 4th, be sure to join us each Wednesday as we share supper and a Bible study, focusing on the previous Sunday's Scripture lessons. Learn where we find our weekly Liturgical readings, and discover that worshipers in every Episcopal Church are reading the same scriptures as you! Take a break from the weekly demands and join us at St. Mary's to be fed physically and spiritually - no homework required!



### Sunday Morning Adult Christian Formation

During November, Jess Edwards will lead an Adult Christian Formation series on Jesus in the Old Testament. Join us as we explore scriptures that promised, and directly pointed to, Jesus. Adult Christian Formation meets in the Parlor on Sunday mornings right after breakfasts, beginning at 9:30 am. All are invited!

## Episcopal Church Women

### ECW EVENT

*holy night  
oyster shell nativity*

**NOVEMBER 17  
AT 3PM  
MOSELEY HALL**

- Join us for a time of fun, fellowship, and craftiness to create a Nativity that you can cherish during Advent, Christmas, and throughout the year.
- Look for sign up information coming soon!





# Children, Youth, & Families @ St. Mary's

**DON'T FEAR,**  
 BECAUSE I AM WITH YOU;  
**DON'T BE FEAR** I AM  
 AFRAID, YOUR GOD.  
 I WILL *strengthen* YOU;  
 I WILL *SURELY help* YOU;  
 I WILL *hold* YOU WITH  
 MY RIGHTEOUS STRONG HAND  
*isaiah 41:10*  
 FALL CONFERENCE 2024 • NOVEMBER, 15th-17th • TRINITY CENTER

Trinity Center Fall Conference  
 for  
 Middle Schoolers  
 November 15th - 17th, 2024

Join 6th-8th graders from around the diocese for a weekend of faith, fellowship and fun. While studying Isaiah 41:10, share conversations about how to adapt to the curveballs thrown in life, while knowing that God is present to support and guide us, even when it can be hard to sense His presence. Explore ways we can ground ourselves and our faith in the knowledge that we are never truly alone.



## WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

JOINT YOUTH EVENT WITH  
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, SAINT MARY'S,  
 AND WESTMINSTER  
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24  
 @ 5PM AT FPC

Join us for focused time on Jesus and how we live, speak, and interact with others according to His will. Let's share a meal together and shift our focus from digital interactions to intentional relationships through Christ.



Prepare your heart for Advent  
 Advent begins Sunday, December 1, 2024

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**AdventWord**  
 DECEMBER 1-25 **2024**

1	HUMILITY	14	PROCLAIM
2	ABOUND	15	REJOICE
3	REDEMPTION	16	GENTLENESS
4	SPROUT	17	TRUST
5	EARNESTLY	18	GATHER
6	FAITHFULNESS	19	HOME
7	SAFETY	20	LOVE
8	SPLENDOR	21	MERCY
9	REFINE	22	LIFTED
10	JOY	23	SHINE
11	PREPARE	24	COME
12	RIGHTEOUSNESS	25	FRUIT
13	SALVATION		

adventword.org 

Advent begins Sunday, December 1st, and AdventWord (a global online advent calendar and community) will begin offering daily meditations and images inspired based on the 2024 list of reflection words. Participants are invited to follow along on social media (AdventWord) or sign up at [www.adventword.org](http://www.adventword.org) to receive daily emailed messages. Enhance your Advent journey with this worldwide community!

### **SUNDAYS** (Childcare available 8:45am-Noon)

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 1 in the All Saints' Chapel

9:00 am - Parish Breakfast in Moseley Hall

9:30 am - Christian Formation for All Ages

10:30 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 in the Church  
 (livestreamed to YouTube and shared in Facebook)

Staffed nursery available 8:45am-Noon.

### **TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

8:30 am - Morning Prayer in the All Saints' Chapel

### **WEDNESDAYS** (Childcare available 5:45pm-8pm)

7:00 am - Men's Prayer & Bible Group in Moseley Hall

6:00 pm - ALPHA & Programming for all ages

### **ST. MARY'S VESTRY**

2024	2025	2026
Rob Bizzell	Andrew Dupstadt	Richard Crumbacker
Jess Edwards	Bonnie Holton	Corey Fader
Jo Parrott	Anne Lindley	Randy Spaugh
Ginny Wade	Jim Purnell	Kay Turner
Senior Warden – Jess Edwards	Clerk – Andrew Dupstadt	
Junior Warden – Jim Purnell	Treasurer – Corey Fader	