



All Saints

Episcopal Church

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
10:00 AM



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Welcome to All Saints Church

We're so glad you're here. In a world that so often measures worth by performance, achievement, or belonging, we gather around a different truth: "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (*Romans 5.8*). Here, grace is not an idea; grace is the pulse of our common life.

At All Saints, we seek to share not only the Gospel of God but our very lives as well (*1 Thessalonians 2.8*). Through Word and Sacrament, through song and silence, through friendship and prayer, we are being drawn into the fullness of life as followers of Jesus Christ. He is the one who finds us, heals us, and sends us out in love.

May today's worship remind you that you are deeply known, wholly loved, and never beyond the reach of grace. Welcome home.

Ever yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "F. Stuart Shelby" with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Rev. F. Stuart Shelby, Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thanks be to God, the Holy Spirit continues to do a deep and gracious work among us at All Saints Church. Our shared life of worship, prayer, learning, and service is a response to our Lord's faithfulness. Throughout the week, we gather as one body to be reminded of the Gospel, renewed by Word and Sacrament, encouraged in faith, and sent back into the world as witnesses to the divine love and mercy revealed by Jesus Christ.

At All Saints, the beauty of our traditional Prayer Book liturgy, whether accompanied by Anglican hymnody or by All Saints Band, draws us into the mystery and strength of God's presence. Our campus hosts Bible studies, Centering Prayer groups, and small groups that nurture friendship, discipleship, and ever-deepening attentiveness to Jesus. We celebrate a vibrant youth ministry, extend warm hospitality to all who come through our doors, and care deeply for one another through pastoral care, healing ministries, and partnerships and support for ministries near and far.

In 2026, All Saints Episcopal Church observes 140 years of proclaiming Christ's Gospel and nurturing a faithful local parish in Central Florida. As we celebrate this milestone, the *Our Sure Foundation Campaign* will renew the sacred space at the heart of our life together. We will revitalize our church, restore our stained glass windows, establish the Memorial Garden, and repair the organ. These essential updates will preserve our church's beauty and prepare it for future generations.

Your support of our mission is crucial. Thank you for praying about your financial commitment to support what God has entrusted us to do in mission and ministry, including the care of our property. When you are ready, please use the links below or return your pledge cards to the parish office. As we grow in generosity personally and as a parish, we give thanks that our commitments express the gratitude for the amazing grace we have received.

Our Sure Foundation Capital Campaign



2026 Mission & Ministry Pledge



Thank you, on behalf of the wardens and vestry of All Saints Church—past, present, and future!

Ever yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "F. Stuart Shelby".

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PRAYERS OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

As you enter the church this day take a moment to prepare your heart and mind to worship the Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, using these or other prayers:

Psalm: 84, 85, 86, 116, 03 130 and The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 833-835

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Open my mind and heart to receive what you desire to say and give me. Open my hands to give to your service and for the world's need what is mine to give. Open my hear to love you, to pray for those dear to me to forgive any who have wronged me, and to ask forgiveness of this I have wronged. *Amen.*

PRELUDE

Menuet Antique

M. Ravel (1875-1937)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 72

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes

RICHMOND

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
His mercy endures for ever.

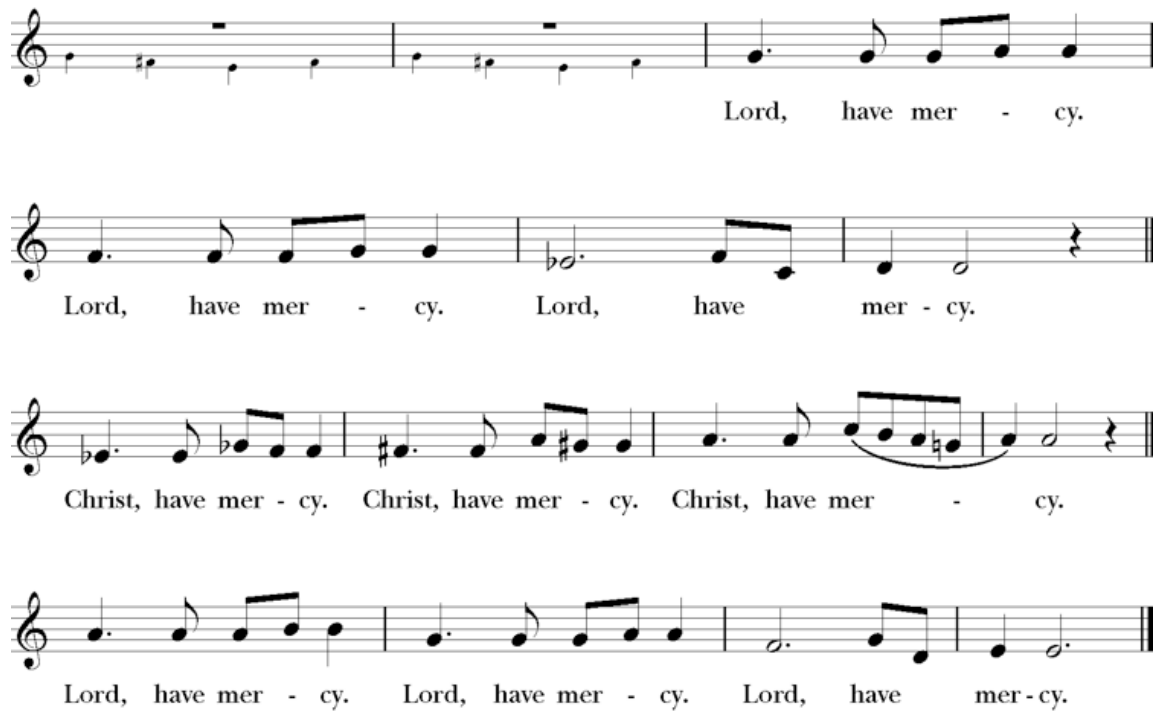
The Celebrant prays

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

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the prophets.

KYRIE S-98



Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.' are aligned under the notes. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' The third staff features a more complex melody with eighth and sixteenth notes, and the lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' The fourth staff concludes with the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

The people are seated for the reading of the lessons from scripture.

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no

traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146:4-9 (*Chanted by the Choir*)

Anglican Chant by Thomas Norris (1741-1790)

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah! Amen. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

JAMES 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN 272, *vv. 1-3 sung before the Gospel; vv. 4-5 sung following the Gospel*

The great forerunner of the morn

THE TRUTH FROM ABOVE

Minister The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Minster The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. F. Stuart Shelby

THE NICENE CREED
All stand as they are able.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM II

BCP 385

All kneel as they are able.

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Justin, our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people, including the clergy of our parish, Stuart, Lo, Elliott, Liz, and Dick. Pray for the church.

I ask your prayers for the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida and the Anglican Communion, including Episcopal Church of St. Mary, Belleview and St. Francis of Assisi Church, Bushnell and Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, and lead our sister churches in Winter Park, including Flowers Temple Church of God in Christ.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed: especially Craig Maguire, father of Alice Maguire. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for our brothers and sisters from this parish who are members of the armed forces, especially Geoffrey Lynch III, Peter Hughes, Christian Tyndall, Scott Lowry, Andrew T. Lane, AJ Douglas, and Alexander Braun.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, and those we remember daily.

Silence

I ask your thanksgiving for Ronald Lowry, Jane Shinn, and Grant Eddy who celebrate their birthday today.

Silence

I ask your thanksgiving for the safe delivery of Charlotte Anne Crabtree, daughter of David & Katherine Crabtree

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

The Deacon bids the Confession. Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Called the “comfortable words” since the 16th century because of their ability to give comfort and assurance, these Bible verses (Matthew 11:28, John 3:16, 1 Timothy 1:15, 1 John 2:1-2) are a cherished part of Anglican liturgy.

THE PEACE

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION



As we stand on **Our Sure Foundation** here at **All Saints, Winter Park**, we see God building something beautiful among us. Together we proclaim the Good News of God's grace, strengthen the ministries that form us, and extend Christ's love to our neighbors.

Nearly **97% of our ministry funding comes directly from the gifts of our members.** As we look toward 2026, your faithful giving will ensure that All Saints can meet this moment with **faith, care, and vision**, answering God's call to serve, to welcome, and to grow.

THE OFFERTORY

Gloria, RV 589

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

DOXOLOGY 380 v.3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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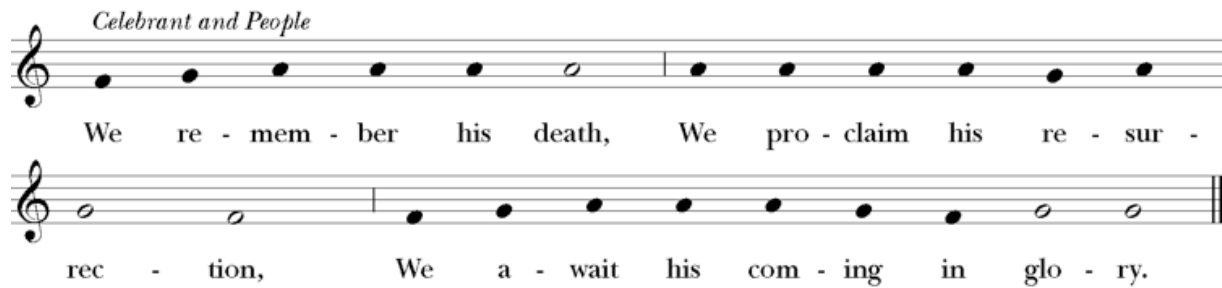
Holy, holy, holy Lord

The people kneel as they are able. The Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,



The Celebrant continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever

Celebrant and People



THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM S-165

Jesus, Lamb of God

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE INVITATION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at the Lord's Table. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited forward to receive a blessing; cross your arms over your chest so the minister will know to pray for you.

To receive Holy Communion:

- *Come forward by rows and kneel at the altar rail as one is able.*
- *You may eat the bread and then drink from the cup, or intinct (dip) the bread into the wine when the cup is presented, or the Chalice Minister will intinct for you.*
- *If you are unable to approach the altar, signal an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available. Just say "gluten-free" to the minister.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Advent "O" Antiphons

ed. Stephen Cleobury (1948-2019)

COMMUNION HYMNS

HYMN 68

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

LLANGLOFFAN

HYMN 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

PSALM 42

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

The Celebrant and people say together,

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**

that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

When a Lay Eucharistic visitor is sent forth on behalf of the Parish we say,

Minister In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those
to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant announces God's blessing and the people respond, Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 438

Tell out, my soul

WOODLANDS

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

IV. Basse de Trompette, from Suite du Troisième Ton

J. A. Guilain (c. 1680-p. 1739)

*The Advent greenery adorning the altar is given to the glory of God and in memory of
Mary Lou Linton of what would have been her 100th birthday on December 15.*

The Rev. F. Stuart Shelby
Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Elizabeth S. Tucker
Deacon

Kevin McCarthy
Subdeacon

Bruce Keene
Lay Eucharistic Visitor

Beckham Botic, Juliet Botic, Scarlet Botic, Bridget Story
Acolytes

Cynthia Greenwald
Lectors

Dr. Andrew Minear
Choir Director

Dr. Phoon Yu
Organist

All Saints Choir
Choir

ALL SAINTS PARISH PRAYER LIST

Bonnie Arrison, Jessica Bowles, Faye David, Edith Fawsett, Ted Fulton, Rev. Dick Greatwood, Dennis Greenwald, Glenn Harris, Joyce Harris, Carol Heina, Herb Hill, Ted Holdorf, Bonnie Larsen, Robert Larsen, Theresa Linscott, Jackie Littleford, Jo Ann Mead, Deborah Poppell, Tom Poppell III, Daryl Pulido, Suzanne Saltsman, Ann Storey, Jim Welch, Art Yergey

CLERGY

The Rev. F. Stuart Shelby, *Rector*
The Rev. Laura L. Cook, *Associate Rector*
The Rev. Elliott T. Drake, *Associate Rector*
The Rev. Elizabeth S. Tucker, *Deacon*
The Rev. Richard Greatwood, *Priest Assistant at the Mayflower*

VESTRY

Bob Shinn, *Senior Warden*
Renee Thompson, *Junior Warden*
Jon Baety, *Healing Ministry*
Bud Davis, *Creation Care*
John Evans, *Newcomers*
Dykes Everett, *Long Range Planning*
Steven Garnett, *Liturgy & Worship*
Nike Kern, *Stewardship*
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Scott Miller, *Missions & Outreach*
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Suzanne Reams, *Parish Life*

STAFF

Dr. Andrew Minear, *Director of Music Ministry*
Dr. Phoon Yu, *Parish Organist*
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Emory Messeroff, *Director of All Saints School*
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Keith Winter, *Director of Communications*
Trip Tucker, *IT Director*
Linda Rizzo, *Nursery Director*
Daniel Campos, *Sexton*
Gabriel Rodrigues, *Sexton*

Christmas at All Saints

Christmas Eve at All Saints

- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II at the Mayflower
- 2:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church
- 4:00 pm Family Worship and Pageant (with All Saints Band & All Saints Choristers)
- 5:30 pm Prelude
- 6:00 pm Festival Eucharist, Rite II in the Church
- 6:00 pm Festival Eucharist, Rite II in the Parish Hall
- 7:30 pm Prelude
- 8:00 pm Festival Eucharist, Rite II in the Church
- 10:00 pm Prelude
- 10:30 pm Festival Eucharist, Rite II in the Church

Christmas Day at All Saints

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Christmas Flower Dedications

Submission Deadline: Monday, 12/15 at Noon

As the faithful gather this Christmas Eve in anticipation of the birth of Our Savior, poinsettias, wreaths, and garlands will adorn our beautiful church. Donations toward this cost can be a special way of remembering loved ones; they can also express thanksgiving for the many blessings we receive. The Christmas bulletin will have two listings of names: "In memory of" and "In thanksgiving for."

Learn more and at allsaintswinterpark.org/flowers

All Saints Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 25, 2026 • 11:30 am

At the meeting, the parishioners present will consider the Annual Budget for 2026 and elect the next class of All Saints Vestry from the slate of candidates put forth by the Vestry.

Learn more and at allsaintswinterpark.org/annual

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

We will be filling four (4) Vestry positions for three-year terms at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 25, 2026. The Nominating Committee is asking for your assistance in presenting names of people willing to serve our parish in this leadership role.

Retiring Vestry members are Bob Shinn, Senior Warden; Renee Thompson, Junior Warden; Bud Davis; and John Evans. **A Vestry person must be at least 18 years of age and a confirmed member of All Saints who has a record of giving to the general fund mission and ministry at All Saints.** Vestry persons must attend Vestry meetings regularly, actively serve or lead one of the Commissions, and participate in the life of the parish. Regular Vestry meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Prior to submitting his or her name, it is necessary for you to contact your nominee to ascertain willingness to serve.

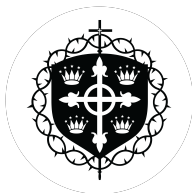
Please submit the name of your nominee to Liz Stewart in the Parish Office by **Sunday, January 18, 2026.**

Date

Name of Nominee

Submitted by: _____

Proclaim the Gospel. Love One Another. Trust God.



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