



Holy Innocents'

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST · SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 · 10:15 AM

WELCOME

Holy Innocents is a place to gather as a faith community, where we sing and pray, think and talk, laugh and cry. We believe we are all beloved children of God. With open minds and full hearts, we grow closer to God and to one another. We know we do not have all the answers. We are comfortable with the mystery of the Holy Spirit, active in every person and in the world. Join us as we worship God and serve our neighbors.

NEWCOMERS

If this is your first time with us, we invite you to fill out a newcomer card in the pew rack or online and come by the welcome table near the front door and introduce yourself. No matter your age, gender, orientation, or political or sports team affiliation, you are welcome at communion. Our clergy are always available to answer any questions. We're so glad you're here.

TODAY

8:00 AM · WORSHIP · Christ Chapel

8:45 AM · BREAKFAST · Bishop Commons

Provided by Jenny Cantrell

9:00 AM · FORMATION · Inglett Hall

10:15 AM · WORSHIP · Nave

1:00 PM · SPANISH-SPEAKING WORSHIP · Nave

6:00 PM · CELTIC-STYLE WORSHIP · Christ Chapel

GIVING

Jesus understood the power of gratitude and sharing all that God has gifted to us. Your generosity enables us to continue our programs to follow the way of Jesus and to love God by serving our neighbors. Use this QR code to give.



CHILDCARE

We love children of all ages in worship. You may prefer to let our attentive professional Nursery staff care for your young ones under four years old. The nursery is available from 8:00 AM through 10:15 AM worship.

*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted. **The people's responses are in bold.** This type of note, offering directions about the service is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrics (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red. When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.*

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VOLUNTARY • *Prelude, E major* • J.S. BACH

*The people
stand as able.*

Omit starred verses.

HYMN 450 • *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* • CORONATION

BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

The COLLECT *of the* DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The WORD of GOD

The FIRST LESSON • EZEKIEL 18:1-4,25-32

*The people
are seated.*

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the LORD God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the LORD is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the LORD is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the LORD God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the LORD God. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sung by all.

PSALM 25:1-8 • AD TE, DOMINE, LEVAVI

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in / you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph / over me.
 - 2 Let none who look to you be put to / shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their / schemes.
 - 3 Show me your ways, O / LORD, *
and teach me your / paths.
 - 4 Lead me in your truth and / teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day / long.
 - 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and / love, *
for they are from ever- / lasting.
 - 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans- / gressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O / LORD.
 - 7 Gracious and upright is the / LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his / way.
 - 8 He guides the humble in doing / right *
and teaches his way to the / lowly.
- 2nd half of chant*
- 9 All the paths of the LORD, are love and / faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his / testimonies.

The SECOND LESSON • PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The people
stand as able.*

*Children are invited
to follow the small
cross to attend
Children's Chapel for
a story and prayers
during the procession
and will return
during the Peace.*

WLP 776 • *No Saint on Earth Lives Life' to Self Alone* • SONG 1

1. No saint on earth lives life to self a - lone
2. For to this end our Lord by death was slain,

or dies a - lone, for we with Christ are one.
that to new life he might a - rise a - gain.

So if we live, for Christ a - lone we live,
Through sor - row on to tri - umph Christ has led,

and if we die, to Christ our dy - ing give.
and reigns o'er all: the liv - ing and the dead.

In liv - ing and in dy - ing this con - fess:
In liv - ing and in dy - ing, him we bless.

we are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.

The GOSPEL • MATTHEW 21:23-32

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

We stand to hear the Gospel, as sign of our call to carry the Good News into the world. Some may trace the sign of the cross on their forehead, lips, and heart, praying that the Gospel may shape our thoughts, words, and lives.

*The people
are seated.*

The SERMON • *Renee* Stephens
DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

HOLY BAPTISM

Robin Bates Stradley

The PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION *of the* CANDIDATE

Celebrant

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparent

I present Robin Bates to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparent

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the younger children.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
I do.

The congregation now stands, and the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?

We will.

The Celebrant then says these words
Let us join in affirming our faith by renewing our own baptismal covenant.

The RENEWAL of BAPTISMAL VOWS

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

The PRAYERS *of the* CANDIDATE

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill him, with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people
stand as able.*

The THANKSGIVING *over the* WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are

reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The BAPTISM

Robin Bates, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Robin Bates, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

*The people greet
one another in the
name of the Lord.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The people
are seated.*

The HOLY COMMUNION

The OFFERTORY

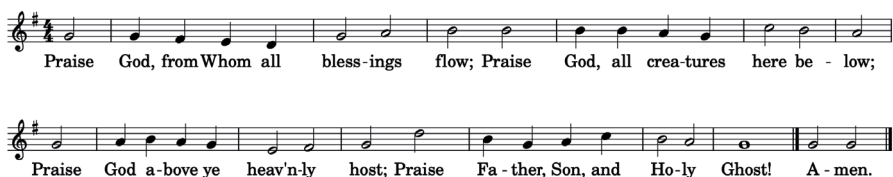
At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. An offering is received to support Holy Innocents' ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or online with QR code on page one.

ANTHEM • *Lead Me, Lord* • SAMUEL SEBASTIAN WESLEY

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

*The people
stand as able.*

PRESENTATION HYMN • *Doxology* • OLD 100TH



Praise God, from Whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;
Praise God a-bove ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost! A - men.

The GREAT THANKSGIVING • *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

SANCTUS • S 128 • MATHIAS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 the Holy Innocents and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
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 FRACTION & INVITATION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI • S 167 • MARTENS

Antiphon
Cantor; then All



The dis-ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al-le-lu-ia,
 is the com-mun-ion of the bo-dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo-dy are we, al-le-lu-ia,
 for though man-y we share one bread. [Ant.]

INVITATION *to* HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Communion. Please move to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers. Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond by saying "Amen."

Gluten-free wafers are available; please notify a minister. Receiving the bread is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, indicate this by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

HYMN 439 • *What Wondrous Love is This* • WONDROUS LOVE

HYMN 655 • *O Jesus, I Have Promised* • NYLAND

SENDING FORTH *of* HOLY COMMUNION

I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to our friends, that they may share with us in the sacrament of our Savior Jesus Christ.

We who are many are One Body, because we all share one Bread, and one Cup.

The POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**In gratitude for this moment,
this place, those around us,
Christ among us,
we give ourselves to you our God.
Take us out to live as changed people
because we have met the risen Christ
and cannot be the same.**

**Ask much of us,
expect much from us,
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.
So may we live to your glory both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

*The people
stand as able.*

BLESSING

HYMN 477 • *All Praise to Thee, For Thou, O King Divine* • ENGELBERG

The DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY • *Fugue, E Major* • BACH

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The flowers in the Nave are given to the glory of God by Lin and Jackie Stradley in celebration of the baptism of *Robin Bates Stradley*, son of Stephen Stradley and Holly Strickland.

Adult Formation

**SEPTEMBER 27 TO NOVEMBER 1 —
THE CORINTHIANS CONVERSATION**

We'll explore the issues faced by the church in Corinth and the Apostle Paul's conversations with its members. Paul consistently returns to the "big picture": the Corinthians' embodiment of Jesus. We'll also look to the emotional relationship between Paul and a church in crisis. Finally, we'll ask how their conversation can offer support and guidance to the church today as we navigate the conflicts of the 21st century.

How to Read the Bible

**SIX WEDNESDAYS THROUGH OCTOBER 21
GATHER AT 6:30 PM • CLASS FROM 7:00–8:00 PM**

The Rev. Larry Varghese, a Hebrew Bible doctoral student at Emory, will lead this six-week course. Larry is a phenomenal teacher with a gift for making biblical scholarship engaging and accessible. Blending biblical scholarship with the practical questions encounter, the class will equip us with tools for our own reading of the Bible.

CCG: Sandwich Build

SEPTEMBER 27, 11:15 AM • PARISH HALL

Please join us after the 10:15 AM service to help make sandwiches for our unhoused siblings at Church of the Common Group. If you would like to help deliver the lunches and worship with our friends, we will leave at 12:15 PM and will return to HIEC after the service. **Contact:** Robin Hickey (hickeys5040@gmail.com)

Gallery Opening: Creative Coterie

OCTOBER 1, 6:00-7:30 PM

Celebrate the opening of *Creative Coterie* in the Ventulett Gallery on Thursday, October 1, from 6:00–7:30 PM. This group exhibition brings together a vibrant collection of landscapes, nature-inspired scenes, and imaginative works by eleven local artists. The exhibition will remain on display through November 16.

Blessing of the Animals

OCTOBER 4, 6:00 PM

Join us for our annual Blessing of the Animals on October 4th at 6:00 PM. Our youth group and 4th-5th graders will be hosting this event and will provide tons of fun and fellowship for our pet families. Youth and Club 45 children will arrive at 5:00 PM to help set up for the event.

Contact: Megan Atkinson
(matkinson@holynnocents.org)

Caregiver Support Group

OCTOBER 6, 6:00-7:30 PM • PARLOR

Join us for conversation, encouragement, and education as we care for aging parents, spouses, siblings, and other loved ones. Share what's on your mind, ask questions, discover resources, or simply spend time with people who understand. Open to the community. The first Tuesday of the month in the Parlor at HIEC. **Contact:** Carol Shutley (carolshutleys@gmail.com)

FOM: Joe Alterman Jazz Trio

OCTOBER 24, 7:00-8:30 PM

Settle in for an evening of live jazz, wine, and cheese with Atlanta pianist Joe Alterman. A longtime mentee of jazz greats Les McCann and

Ramsey Lewis, Alterman has performed at the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, Birdland, and the Blue Note. He also hosts The Upside of Jazz on WABE 90.1, sharing his love of the music on and off the stage.

Trunk or Treat Volunteers Needed

Sign up to host a trunk for our trunk or treat on October 25th. Decorate your trunk as simple or as elaborate as you would like. Prizes will be offered for Most Creative Trunk, Best Decorated Trunk and Funniest Trunk. Setup will begin immediately after 10:15 worship and Trunk or Treating will begin after lunch. **Contact:** Renee Stephens (rstephens@holyninnocents.org)

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

OCTOBER 25, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Celebrate the season with us at our Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 25! Come in costume for Sunday School and worship, then stick around after the service for an afternoon full of fall fun and festive fellowship. We'll have something for everyone including: Trunk or Treat, Hayrides, Petting Zoo, Lunch, Cake Walk, and more! Whether you're young or just young at heart, all are welcome to join in the fun as we enjoy the beauty of fall fun together.

Holiday Market

NOVEMBER 8, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

Get a head start on your holiday shopping at the Holy Innocents Holiday Market! Browse gifts and goodies from local artists, makers, bakers, and other creative vendors, all gathered right here at Holy Innocents. Whether you're checking off your Christmas list or just seeing what catches your eye, there will be plenty to explore throughout the morning. **Interested in being a vendor?** We'd love to feature artists, makers, bakers, and anyone with something creative to share. There is no cost to participate, and Holy Innocents will provide a table and tablecloth for your display. **Contact:** Elaine Morgan (ewmorgani@bellsouth.net)

GROUPS

Women of HI: Mahjong Night

OCTOBER 2, 6:30-9:00 PM

Join the Women of HI for an evening of laughter, fellowship, and Mahjong! Everyone is invited, no matter your skill level. Whether you're a seasoned player or have just had one lesson, come enjoy a friendly, welcoming evening and connect with friends. There is no cost to attend. Please bring an appetizer or drink to share. Come ready to play, connect, and enjoy a fun evening with the Women of HI! Please note October 2 meeting will be off campus due to HIES Homecoming. Please RSVP for address. **Contact:** Emily Wilkerson (embwilkerson@gmail.com) or Sunni Newton (sunni.newton@gmail.com)

Men of HI: Low Country Boil

OCTOBER 4, 5:30 PM

Come join the Men of HI for an evening of fun, food and fellowship at our annual Low Country Boil on the banks of the Chattahoochee. \$30.00, includes food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. **Contact:** Dave Stockert 678-427-2380 (stockert.dave@gmail.com)

Prayer Shawl

OCTOBER 6, 7:00-8:30 PM • PARLOR

The Prayer Shawl Ministry gathers to knit and crochet shawls that are given to those who are ill or grieving. Not working on a prayer shawl? Bring your needlepoint, cross-stitch, mending, or another project and enjoy an evening of crafting and conversation. All are welcome! **Contact:** Cammie Ives (cammieives@gmail.com)

Women's Progressive Dinner

OCTOBER 8, 6:00-8:00 PM

Our Women's Progressive Dinner is designed around a simple idea: connection. As we move from table to table throughout the evening, you'll have the opportunity to meet new people, reconnect with friends, and share conversation with women from across our church community.

Whether you're new or a longtime member, there's a place for you at the table. We'll begin the evening with appetizers and beverages in Bishop Commons, then gather for dinner in Inglett Hall. Each course will bring a new table group, with thoughtful conversation prompts led by Renee Stephens to help us share our common experiences, discover what makes each of us unique, and build deeper relationships. **Registration:** \$15, on Realm.

Men of HI: Third Friday Breakfast

OCTOBER 16, 7:30 AM

Enjoy warm hospitality, engaging discussions, and a fresh breakfast in the Frost Youth Center. Come for the conversation and stay for the fellowship.

Contact: Charles Crosby (charles@corepm.net)

Reading Connections

OCTOBER 19, 6:00 PM • INGLETT HALL C

Light refreshments begin at 6:00 PM, followed by book discussion at 6:30 PM. This month's selection is *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall, a sweeping love story with the pace and twists of a thriller, where a single gunshot brings long-buried secrets to the surface.

Women of HI: Corks, Colas & Conversation

OCTOBER 28, 5:30-7:00 PM

Join the Women of HI for a relaxed evening of conversation, fellowship, and community. Whether you're reconnecting with old friends or meeting someone new, this casual gathering is a wonderful opportunity to spend time together, build connections, and support one another. Refreshments will be available, and all women are welcome! Come as you are and enjoy a fun evening of conversation and connection.

Contact: Jenny Cantrell (jennypcan@aol.com)

Men's Dinner & a Book

NOVEMBER 10, 6:30 PM

The next Men's Dinner and a Book is Tuesday, November 10, at 6:30 pm and the book is *The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz* by Erik Larson. Kevin Nuffer is hosting. All men at Holy Innocents are included and invited. **Contact:** Jeremy Webber (jhwwebber@gmail.com)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

GLOW

OCTOBER 7 • DINNER AT 5:30 PM

PROGRAM 6:00-7:00 PM

Come & GLOW with us for a very special STEAM themed evening where kids will learn about the power of prayer through an exciting science experiment and art activity. Adults and kids are invited to gather for dinner at 5:30 PM and then kids will leave for GLOW program from 6:00-7:00 PM. Parents are invited to stick around for conversation and connection while the kids are at GLOW.

Children's Choir

OCTOBER 18

Our Children's Choir has been preparing to sing a beautiful anthem at the 10:15 service on October 18th following Children's Chapel. All kids preK-5th grade are welcome to participate. Rehearsals are ongoing in Sunday School and Children's Chapel.

Jr. Youth Group: Halloween Party

OCTOBER 18, 4:00-6:00 PM

All 6th-8th graders are invited to a special Halloween Youth Group on October 20 from 4:00-6:00 PM! Come ready for spooky games, Halloween treats, and plenty of surprises along the way.

Club 45: Halloween Breakfast Party

OCTOBER 25, 9:00-10:15 AM

4th & 5th graders, join us for a Halloween Breakfast Party. Wear your costume and come ready to enjoy breakfast, special treats, and fun times with friends!

Youth Basketball League

REGISTER NOVEMBER 16

Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, in partnership with HIES Basketball, is excited to sponsor the 2026-27 Holy Innocents' Youth Basketball League! Open to boys and girls in 1st-5th grade, the league welcomes players of all skill levels and focuses on building basketball skills, confidence, sportsmanship, and friendship, all while having fun.

Contact: Maria Smith (hiyb@holynnocents.org)

We are here for you.

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the office and follow the prompts. You will be connected to the clergy person on-call.

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Our clergy typically reserve Friday as their Sabbath and may not return email or voicemail messages unless it is a pastoral emergency.

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