

An abstract painting depicting a nativity scene. The Virgin Mary is shown in profile, wearing a yellow robe, with the infant Jesus in her arms. The background is a vibrant mix of blue, red, and white, suggesting a night sky or a celestial setting. The style is expressive and textured, with visible brushstrokes and a rich color palette.

Christmas Pageant

Christmas Eve 2024
3:00 pm

Welcome Home for Christmas

*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." – Isaiah 9:6*

We are so glad you are here to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, with us this Christmas. We rejoice that God has drawn near to all humanity that we might find a better way of living and caring for one another. Whether this is your first visit or you've been part of this community for years, please know that you are deeply welcome here at Holy Innocents.

We are a community of faith that embraces everyone—wherever you are on your spiritual journey or your history with any denomination. With full hearts and open minds, we strive to worship God, grow in faith, and connect deeply with one another.

Holy Innocents is more than a place of worship. We are a community where we gather to share our joys and burdens, support one another, and discover God's presence in our lives. We seek to follow Christ's way of living and caring for the world and each other. In addition to vibrant worship services, we offer a strong school, outreach ministries, and activities for children, youth, young adults, and those with more years of wisdom and experience. There is a place here for you.

We hope you'll join us again, whether on Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM or 10:15 AM, or for one of the many other opportunities to worship, grow, and connect. You can also find us online at holynnocents.org or on social media (@hiecatl FB & IG). If you'd like to learn more about us, please fill out an information card from the pew rack or scan the QR code in this bulletin.



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. Gifts must be received by December 31 to receive a tax credit.

May the joy and hope of Christ's birth fill your heart this season and always. From all of us at Holy Innocents, Merry Christmas and God bless you!

With peace and joy,

The Rev. Dr. Bill Murray, *Rector*
Holy Innocents Episcopal Church

Bill +

The Cover Art **Music to My Ears** is by Judie Jacobs. For 32 years, Judie served as the Upper School Art Educator at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School, teaching and sharing her passion to explore and express her vision. She enjoys creating expansive, vivid paintings that evoke memories, the outdoors, and happy objects. Text from old prayers and poems can often be found in her works. She has regularly shown her work in our own Ventulett Gallery where this piece is now on display as part of our *Angels Among Us* Exhibit. Judie is also a member of our partner in ministry, Temple Sinai. Find out more at judiejacobs.com

*Please silence your cell phones so that we can hear the still small voice of God
and all the Christmas angels.*

Prelude | *Ou s'en vont ces gais bergers?* CLAUDE BALBASTRE

(WHERE ARE YOU GOING HAPPY SHEPHERDS?)

*At the sound of the bell, please stand as you are able.
The people's responses are in bold.*

Hymn 83 | *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELIS

**1. O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the king of angels;
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.**

**2. God from God,
Light from Light eternal,
lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only begotten
Son of the Father;
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.**

**3. Sing, choirs of angels
sing in exultation
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God,
glory in the highest;
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.**

**4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.**

The Opening Acclamation

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.

His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Blessed be the holy undivided Trinity, who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. 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.**

The people may be seated.

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

*Tonight, our children proclaim the Gospel.
Please remain seated to sing the familiar carols as the children share the Good News.*

The Birth of Jesus is Foretold | Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Carol | O Come, O Come Emmanuel VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

An Angel of the Lord Appears to Joseph | Matthew 1:18-24

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife.



Carol | Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus STUTTGART

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free,
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem | Luke 2:1-5

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.

Carol 79 | O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS

**O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless
sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!**

The Birth of Jesus | Luke 2:6-7

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.

Carol | Away in a Manger CRADLE SONG

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

The Angels Announce the Birth of Christ | Luke 2:8-12

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."

Carol | The First Nowell THE FIRST NOWELL

**The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

The Angels Sing Glory to God | Luke 2:13-14

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!"

Carol | Angels from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth;
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.**

The Shepherds Visit the Christ Child | Luke 2:15-18

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.

Carol | Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

**Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Jesus, the Savior of the World | Luke 2:19, 52

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.
And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.



Carol | By the Manger AMY VOGT

Introduction/Interlude *Children*

By the man - ger, their

night watch keep-ing, stars are sing-ing No-el.

an - gels
shep-herds
cat - tle

All

No-el, No-el, No-el, No-el. The

stars are sing-ing No-el.

an - gels
shep-herds
cat - tle

Blessing of the Children

All pageant participants will return at the exchange of the peace.

Homily | The Rev. T. Stewart Lucas VICAR

The people stand.

The Prayers of the People

Trusting in God's good news of great joy for all people, we offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world God loves.

Glory to you, God, for the song of the angels, proclaiming to the world Christ's holy birth. Give your church a joyful song to sing, that we bring the good news of peace and salvation to all people.

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Glory to you, God, for the stars that shine in the depth of the night. Provoke awe in our hearts at the expansive mystery of the cosmos. Open us to find beauty in the clear darkness of night and in the first glimmers of dawn.

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Glory to you, God, for the child born to us who establishes a kingdom of justice and righteousness. Break bonds of oppression, bring reconciliation to warring lands, and establish peace from this time onward and forevermore.

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Glory to you, God, for Mary's loving care. Lead us to tend to one another in time of need. Share the comfort of your presence with all people tonight who are alone or separated from loved ones due to estrangement, incarceration, or illness.

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Glory to you, God, for the faithfulness of the shepherds in their vocation. Grant rest to any who feel exhausted from their work during this season: retail and restaurant workers, church musicians, administrative staff, and clergy, organizers of charitable-giving events, medical staff and service workers doing essential tasks. God of grace,
Hear our prayer.

Glory to you, God, for the multitude of the heavenly host. We rejoice in the zeal of all your saints who have witnessed the appearing of your grace, and who reveal to us your salvation for all. God of grace,
Hear our prayer.

Abide with us, O God of mercy, and receive our prayers according to your abundant grace. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin | BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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 Peace | BCP 360

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

Welcome and Announcements

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 with QR code on page 2.



Offertory Anthem | A Christmas Blessing PHILIP STOPFORD

May the joy of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
the worship of the wise men,
and the peace of the Christ child
be yours this Christmas.

May Christ, who by his incarnation
gathered into one all things earthly,
all things heavenly, and fill you
with joy and peace.

And the blessing of God
the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be with you
and remain with you always.

Amen.

[Church of Ireland Book of Common Prayer, adapt. Philip Stopford]

The people stand.

Presentation Carol | Joy to the World ANTIOCH

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness
and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of His love.**

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.

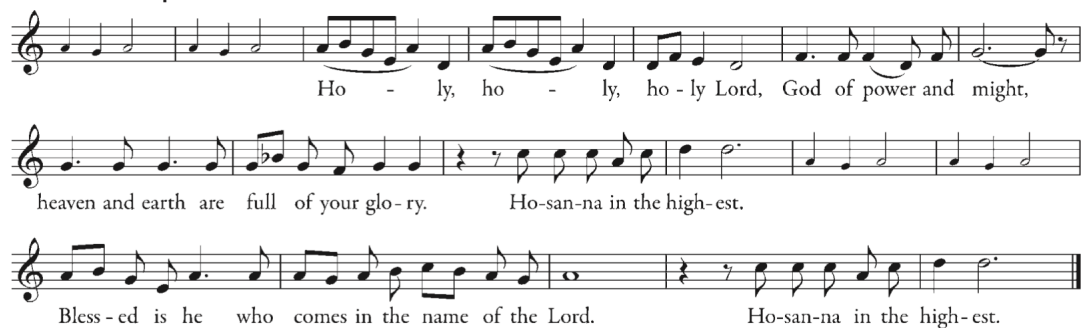
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 S128 | MATHIAS



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 Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's 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 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 Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Holy Communion

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Communion. 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, rather than the Eucharist, indicate this by placing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

Hymn 115 | What Child is This GREENSLEEVES

**1. What child is this, who laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet
with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?**

Refrain: **This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard
and angels sing
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.**

**2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.**

Refrain

**3. So bring him incense, gold and
myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.**

Refrain

Hymn 112 | In the Bleak Midwinter CRANHAM

**1. In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,
long ago.**

**2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God incarnate,
Jesus Christ.**

**3. Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
throngéd the air;
but his mother only,
in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the beloved
with a kiss.**

**4. What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him—
give my heart.**

Hymn 111 | Silent Night STILLE NACHT

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin, mother and child.
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born**

**Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

The people stand or kneel.

The Post Communion Prayer

**Let us pray. Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn 87 | Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

**1. Hark! The herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise
Join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!**

**2. Christ by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity.**

**Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!**

**3. Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings,
Light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born king**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to proclaim the Good News.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Savior is Born.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude | Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella KEITH CHAPMAN

Participating in the Service

Celebrant

Bill Murray

Preacher

T. Stewart Lucas

Deacon

Ruth Pattison

Reader

Madeline Hamill

Chalicians

Michelle Drisoll, Jeremy Webber

Acolytes

Genevieve D'Amore, Bobbie McGee, Ellie McGee,
Boyd Newton, Lane Smith, Kate Willis

Ushers

Bill Clark, Pick Lindsay, Richard Otness,
Paul Hamill, Pete Hill, Steven Janus

Vergers

Nora Hattauer

Vestry of the Day

Mary Katherine Willis, Jenny Cantrell, Karla Smith

And all the Altar and Flower Guild members!

Christmas Flower Donations

In Thanksgiving

IN THANKSGIVING FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

by Curtis & Marilyn Kimball

IN THANKSGIVING FOR THIS CHURCH

by Audrey Sumner

IN THANKSGIVING FOR WILL AND LOUIE CANTRELL

by Jenny Cantrell

IN THANKSGIVING FOR OUR CHILDREN, JAMES & ANNA DEVINE

by Rosalyn & Chris Devine

IN THANKSGIVING FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

by Dot Williams

IN THANKSGIVING FOR OUR FAMILY, CONNOR, SARAH & STEPHEN

by Paul and Madeline Hamill

IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE WONDERFUL GIFTS OF
THE HOLY INNOCENTS' FLOWER GUILD

by Paul and Madeline Hamill

IN THANKSGIVING FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

by Cammie Ives and Dave Stockert

IN THANKSGIVING FOR MY SON, CLARK MCARTHUR

by Alesa McArthur

IN THANKSGIVING FOR OUR CHILDREN & GODCHILDREN

by Liza and Hugh Mooney

IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE CLERGY OF HOLY INNOCENTS

by Bill and Alex Allen

IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE CLERGY & STAFF OF HOLY INNOCENTS

by Lester & Jeannie Longley

IN THANKSGIVING FOR LAINE PARROTT

By Becca and Doug Rieder

IN THANKSGIVING FOR OUR LOVING FAMILY & FRIENDS

by MollyO Wagner

Christmas Flower Donations

In Memory

IN MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND, DON HART

by Marlene Hart

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT &
ANNELLE WHITAKER

by Robin Whitaker

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MELINDA NEWTON SMITH

by Charles and Sally Combs

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY PARENTS,
GLORIA & DONALD DESSART

by Mary Newsome

IN LOVING MEMORY OF WARREN REEDY

by Kit Reedy

IN MEMORY OF BILL, JANELLE, &
HERSCHEL LOVETT

by Joe and Anne Sullivan

IN MEMORY OF J. BART MILLER

by Carol Miller

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BETTY BARSTOW

by Rosalyn & Chris Devine

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY PARENTS,
CARLTON & BILLIE

by Mary Vaughan

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY PARENTS,
PERCY C. & CAROLYN O. WINGO

by Charles T. Wingo

IN LOVING MEMORY OF KELLY COLE
SPRATLING & ROBERT Z EANES

by Bob Eanes

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND,
WILFRIED EICKEN, & DAUGHER,
ANNE NEEDHAM

by Harriet Eicken

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LORI KAYE KLAUSUTIS

by Colin & Kelly Kelly

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BETH STANDFORD

by John Stanford

IN LOVING MEMORY OF WILLIAM
& FLORENCE SUPULSKI

by Wes and Paige Turbeville

IN LOVING MEMORY OF LEE
& ETHEL TURBEVILLE

by Wes and Paige Turbeville

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROBERT
& MARGARET DAVIS

by Wes and Paige Turbeville

IN LOVING MEMORY OF GEORGE
& ALICE SADTLER

by Wes and Paige Turbeville

IN MEMORIUM FOR CARL, ALLISON,
& GREG PIRKLE

by Anita Pirkle

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY GODSON,
PETER DE LANOY WELLES JR.

by Sandra K. Cummings

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MANNY PARGMAN,
A RAY OF LIGHT

by the Mason Family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
EARNEST SIMMONS

by Ursula Simmons

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
CLAIRE & VERN VINES

by Julie V Burroughs

IN MEMORY OF MARILYN & ALICE THOMAS

Christmas Music Donations

In Thanksgiving

IN THANKSGIVING FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

by Curtis & Marilyn Kimball

IN THANKSGIVING FOR THIS CHURCH

by Audrey Sumner

IN THANKSGIVING FOR WILL & LOUIE CANTRELL

by Jenny Cantrell

IN THANKSGIVING FOR MY CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

by Kit Reedy

IN THANKSGIVING FOR OUR CHILDREN & GODCHILDREN

by Liza and Hugh Mooney

IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE FAMILY OF HOLY INNOCENTS' PARISH &
ESPECIALLY FOR OUR GRANDCHILDREN:

REESE, BRYN & HEATH FOSTER & VIRGINIA & ANSLEY KING

by Margaret and Harry Boone

IN THANKSGIVING FOR OUR FAMILY

by Jay & Disa Mason

IN THANKSGIVING FOR SEAN VOGT & OUR TALENTED CHOIR

by MollyO Wagner



Christmas Music Donations

In Memory

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR FAVORITE DRUMMER, JIM BARTON

by Diane, Jack and Josie

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by Carol Miller

IN MEMORY OF HAROLD T. GAYTON

by Suzanne Lambert

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY PARENTS, CARLTON & BILLIE

by Mary Vaughan

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MIKE SHORTAL, STEVE LARKIN, & DONLEY KLEIN

by Bill & Diane Clark

IN LOVING MEMORY OF KELLY COLE SPRATLING & ROBERT Z EANES

by Bob Eanes

IN LOVING MEMORY OF LARRY YATES, CAROL & CLAUDETTE MARTIN

by John & Jen Martin

IN LOVING MEMORY OF LUCY & DAVID PETERSON

by Doug & Kim Peterson

*This list was believed to be complete on December 19, 2024.
If your name has been inadvertently omitted or improperly listed, please accept our sincere apologies.*

PARISH EVENTS

Annual Meeting | January 26, 9:00 AM

Join us in Inglett Hall for a special time of fellowship as we review our ministry's finances, reflect on 2024's accomplishments, and embrace the vision for the year ahead. Let's step forward together in faith and community!

Recharge, Connect, and Inspire: Kanuga Parish Retreat | February 14-16

Join us for a cherished Holy Innocents tradition—a weekend retreat filled with fellowship, games, singing, and meaningful connection for all ages.

This year's theme, "*Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up*" (1 Thessalonians 5:11), invites us to envision our church's future as a welcoming, supportive, and faith-filled community. Enjoy deep conversations, shared meals, laughter, and even a local service project.



Our retreat leader, **The Rev. Daniel P. Strandlund**, brings expertise, humor, and a love for storytelling. Currently rector at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in NC, he combines academic theology with a passion for community building. Use this QR code to register.

Formation

Sunday schools resumes on January 5th with the celebration of the Magi. The adult forum will explore the book of Acts, as we look to the future of our church. Join us at 9:00 AM in Inglett Hall.

Women of HI: Vision Board | January 9, 6:00-8:00 PM

Create a Vision Board for 2025, a visual to hold all the possibilities for the year ahead using cut-out images. Dana is a therapist and Expressive Arts Facilitator. No artistic experience is necessary, just an open heart! RSVP online.

Contact The Rev. Ruth Pattison | rpattison@holynnocents.org

Reading Connections | January 13, 6:00 PM

Join us for our first meeting in 2025. We meet in the small conference room by the chapel. If you'd like to curl up by the fire with the January selection, pick up a copy of *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver.

Contact Michelle Driscoll | dris1296@yahoo.com

Men's Dinner and a Book | January 14, 6:30 PM

The next Men's Dinner and a Book is Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 pm and the book is *The Demon of Unrest* by Erik Larson. Rolf Meinhold is hosting. If you would like to attend, please contact for Jeremy for details. All men at Holy Innocents are included and invited.

Contact Jeremy Webber | jhwwebber@gmail.com

Third Friday: Men of HI | January 17, 7:30 AM

Enjoy warm hospitality, engaging discussions, and a fresh sausage and biscuit breakfast. Come for the conversation and stay for the fellowship—7:30 AM in the Frost Youth Center.

Contact Charles Crosby | charles@corepm.net

Church of the Common Ground Sandwich Build | January 19, 11:30 AM

HI will be packing 80+ lunches for our unhoused brothers and sisters who attend Church of the Common Ground in Woodruff Park in downtown Atlanta. Please join us in Parish Hall after the 10:15 AM service to help make sandwiches and assemble lunch bags. An additional part of our outreach is to worship with the men and women of CCG at their 1:00 PM service in Woodruff Park.

Contact Robin Hickey | hickeys5040@gmail.com | churchofthecommonground.org.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Family Epiphany Party | January 5, 6:00 PM

Join Holy Innocents' Families Sunday, January 5th, for a festive Epiphany Party at 6:00 PM! Families of all ages are invited to enjoy dinner and cozy up by the fire as we celebrate Twelfth Night and Epiphany. These traditional days of feasting and joy will feature delicious tacos, s'mores, and a fun movie for the kids! Please RSVP so we can plan for dinner. We look forward to celebrating together!

Contact Renee Stephens | rstephens@holynnocents.org

GLOW | January 8, 6:00 PM

Children aged PreK-5th grade are invited to Wednesday night GLOW! This monthly program is designed to help children grow deeper in their faith by exploring their experiences of God and understanding of scripture. Children learn to apply this knowledge through fun games and deep conversations.

Contact Renee Stephens | rstephens@holynnocents.org

Youth Group | January 12, 4:00-6:00 PM

Calling all 6th-12th graders! We'll kick off the evening with dinner, dive into meaningful small group discussions, and top it all off with exciting games. This event is completely free, and friends are always welcome to join the fun. Don't miss out on the action—see you there!

THANK YOU

Pledge Update

Our stewardship campaign, Nurturing Faith and Cultivating Community, is making exciting progress! We've received \$1,404,180 in pledges, which brings us to 91% of our \$1.54 million goal. This generosity comes from 203 pledges, including 18 new ones—thank you! If you'd like to discuss your pledge, please reach out to Bill or Stewart. Visit our Giving Page today to learn more and make your pledge!

Year End Giving

If you have questions about year-end gifts of stock or online giving, please contact our Parish Administrator, Caroline Fleming, cfleming@holynnocents.org or 404-751-2906. To receive a charitable tax benefit for 2024, checks must be delivered to the church office by noon on December 31 or postmarked by December 31, 2024. Thank you so much for your generosity this year. **The Church Office will be closed for Christmas on December 25 & 26. We will be closed for New Year's at noon on Tuesday, December 31, and January 1.**

Adopt a Child - Thank You!

We are thrilled to announce that we have met our goal to support 120 children this Christmas through Community Assistance Center (CAC) and Solidarity Sandy Springs! Thanks to your generosity, each child on the CAC waitlist will experience the joy of Christmas. Whether you selected a wish list, donated gift cards, or volunteered, your efforts ensured these families feel supported. Special thanks to Doug Peterson and Jan Paul for leading this initiative and ensuring its success.

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