



**Christmas Eve**

**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 or faith. 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, for our Spanish service at 1:00 PM, or for our Celtic service at 6:00 PM. You can also find us online at [holynnocents.org](http://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.



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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,

*Bill +*

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

The cover art is by Atlanta artist Kay White. Her piece was recently on display in our Ventulett Gallery with the Atlanta Collage Society's show *Deck the Walls*.



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

## **Prelude** | Pastoral Air with Variations MURSCHHAUSER

*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 God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**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.

## **Hymn 56 | 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.



## Hymn 66 | 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.

## Hymn 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.

## Hymn 101 | 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."

**Hymn 109 | 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!"

**Hymn 93 | 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.

**Hymn 96 | 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

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.

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

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

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.*





The people stand.

Hymn 100 | Joy to the World ANTIOCH

**1. 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.**

**2. 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

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 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 belovéd 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

**1. 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.**

**2. 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**

**3. 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.**

### Christmas Blessing

May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ child  
be yours this Christmas;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**



**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** | Voluntary on French Carols MICHAEL HELMAN

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## CURIOUS ABOUT HOLY INNOCENTS?

Whether you're new to the Episcopal Church, returning after time away, or simply ready to go deeper—we invite you to take the next step through our **Inquirers' Classes** for adults and **Confirmation Classes** for youth. These gatherings are a welcoming, no-pressure way to explore our faith, our community, and what it means to belong. Classes will begin in early 2026, leading up to a special visit from the Rt. Rev. Rob Wright, Bishop of Atlanta, on May 31, 2026, when he will welcome and confirm new members. If you'd like to learn more or express interest, please **email** the Rev. Ruth Pattison ([rpattison@holyinnocents.org](mailto:rpattison@holyinnocents.org)) or the Rev. Stewart Lucas ([slucas@holyinnocents.org](mailto:slucas@holyinnocents.org)). Parents interested in confirmation for their 9-12th graders should **email** Megan Atkinson ([matkinson@holyinnocents.org](mailto:matkinson@holyinnocents.org)).

## ANNUAL MEETING **JANUARY 25, 9:00 AM**

Join us in Inglett Hall for breakfast and fellowship as we review our ministry's finances, reflect on 2025's accomplishments, and embrace the vision for the year ahead. We'll elect vestry members and step forward together in faith and community.

## SANDWICH BUILD FOR CHURCH OF THE COMMON GROUND **JANUARY 25, 11:15 AM**

We will be packing 125+ 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](mailto:hickeys5040@gmail.com)) **Learn More** [churchofthecommonground.org](https://churchofthecommonground.org)

## WINTER WARM-UP: SONG & CELEBRATION **JANUARY 30, 4:30 PM**

Something wonderful is cooking at Holy Innocents! Join us for a cozy winter evening featuring some of our very own staff singers as they share favorite songs, along with the choir singing a few of our all-time favorite anthems. After the music, we'll move into a festive reception with food, fellowship, and celebration. Come celebrate the talent among us, enjoy good company, and shake away the winter blues!

## PARISH RETREAT REGISTRATION **FEBRUARY 13-15**

Join us this February at Kanuga (Hendersonville, NC) for our parish retreat exploring the connection between body and soul, spirit, and daily life. Together we'll reflect on longing, authentic relationship, and the ways food, nature, and shared table fellowship reconnect us to God and one another.

Our retreat leader is the Rev. Mark Wastler—Episcopal priest, farmer, and founder of Chesapeake Watershed Ministries—who brings rich experience in spirituality, ecology, and the practice of food as sacred gift.

Cost: \$375 single room. • \$575 double room (two people)

Includes lodging, meals (Friday dinner–Sunday lunch), and all programming.

Learn more and register on the church website.

## GROUPS

### PRAYER SHAWL **JANUARY 6, 7:00-8:30 PM**

Join us in the Parlor on Tuesday, January 6, 7:00-8:30 PM. We knit and crochet shawls for those in need, but bring any project—needlepoint, cross-stitch, even mending—and enjoy fellowship while you work. **Contact** Cammie Ives ([cammieives@gmail.com](mailto:cammieives@gmail.com))

### YOUNG ADULTS: WINTER PARTY **JANUARY 9, 6:00-9:00 PM**

We're excited to invite you to a Winter Party at Rev. Stewart Lucas' home! Come as you are and join us for a cozy evening of delicious food, fun, and great conversation. Come hang out, get to know one another, and kick off the new year together!

**Contact** Megan Atkinson ([matkinson@holyinnocents.org](mailto:matkinson@holyinnocents.org))

### **MEN'S THIRD FRIDAY BREAKFAST JANUARY 16, 7:30-8:30 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](mailto:charles@corepm.net))

### **WOMEN OF HI: WINE AND WISDOM JANUARY 15, 6:00-7:30 PM**

**Wine and Wisdom: What Every Woman Should Know about Money and Planning**

Preparation empowers women in every season of life. The Women of HI and the Endowment Committee invite you to join us for an evening of wine, conversation, and practical wisdom. In the spirit of the late Betty Barstow, we will share some quips from the book "Being Dead is No Excuse" along with door prizes! We will welcome a trusted estate attorney to share what every woman should know about estate planning and financial security. While this is not a workshop, it will be a pain free way to learn what documents matter, what to have in place, and where to find essential information.

### **MEN'S RETREAT APRIL 24-26, 2026**

We are pleased to welcome Bill Harkins once again as retreat leader for the 2026 Men of Holy Innocents' Retreat at Lake Logan Episcopal Center in the mountains of North Carolina, where our theme will be "Arete, Faith, and a Rule of Life for Connection Among Men." Bill will serve as both facilitator and homilist, guiding us with the wisdom, depth, and grounded presence many of us have come to value over the years.

**Contact** John Harris ([harris4338@gmail.com](mailto:harris4338@gmail.com)), Charles Crosby ([charles@corepm.net](mailto:charles@corepm.net))

## **BOOK CLUBS**

### **BUCKET LIST BOOK CLUB JANUARY 6, 1:00 PM**

This co-ed group is reading *Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka. We'll meet at 1:00 PM in the Parlor room. All are welcome!

**Contact** Audrey Sumner ([audreysum4833@gmail.com](mailto:audreysum4833@gmail.com))

### **MEN'S DINNER AND A BOOK JANUARY 13, 6:30 PM**

The book is *Devil in The White City* by Erik Larson. John Cox is hosting. All men at H.I. are invited!

**Contact** Jeremy Webber ([jhwwebber@gmail.com](mailto:jhwwebber@gmail.com))

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH**

### **GLOW JANUARY 7, 6:00-7:00 PM**

Kids (PreK–5th grade) are invited to join us for a faith-filled evening focused on God's love and the beauty of winter. We'll enjoy snow-themed games, activities, and a meaningful take-home project to help kids grow in faith. Wear your favorite winter or snow-themed outfit and get ready for some fun!

Adults and kids are invited to gather for dinner at 5:30 PM, then kids will head to the GLOW program from 6:00–7:00 PM. Parents are welcome to stay for wine and conversation while the kids are at GLOW. Friends are welcome!

### **YOUTH GROUP JANUARY 11, 4:00-6:00 PM**

Middle and highschoolers are invited to Youth Group on Sunday, January 11! We'll kick back with some good food and great company. We'll also play a hilarious game of human battleship! It's the perfect way to relax and reconnect after the holidays, bring a friend and come hang out!

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### Members

John Rash	John Cummings
Karla Smith	Anna Marie Fulbright
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Tricia Carlson	

### Youth Members

Lucy Peterson	Ellison Losin
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