SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

9:30-10:10 Youth & Adult Formation

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II, Year A & Children's Church

Live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube



The Witness

November 2026 issue

The Sunday Gospel Readings for November 2026

November 1 - Matthew 5:1-12 Proper 26

November 8 - Matthew 25:1-13 Proper 27

November 15 - Matthew 25: 14-30 Proper 28

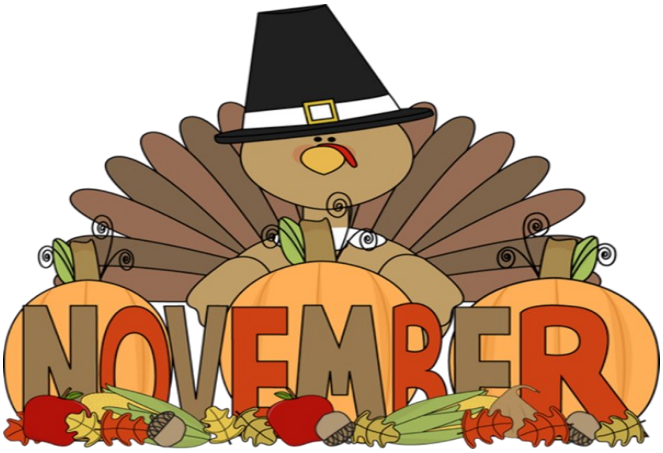
November 22 - Matthew 25:31-46 Proper 29

November 29 - 1 Advent Year B - Mark 13:24-37

The Holy Day Readings for November 2026

November 2 - All Souls' Day - John 5:24-27

November 27 - Thanksgiving Day - John 6:25-35 Proper 29



Father Dave's Corner

Dear St. Margaret's Community,

Discernment is one of those churchy words that don't come up too often in everyday conversation. In the context of living a Christian life, discernment means a spiritual practice of listening for and seeking to understand what God is saying to us. God is always speaking to us, but often we're not tuned in to listen. On any given day, a random verse of Scripture may start us down a new path of reflection. A memory keeps bubbling up for no apparent reason. An unexpected idea suddenly grabs hold of us and won't let go. A friend we're chatting with casually mentions something that suddenly sheds new light on a question that's been hovering at the back of our mind for months, if not years. It was that kind of casual mention that ended up starting me on the road to ordination.

It's easy just keep rolling along relying on our own judgment. We miss those divine signals, and God patiently makes the best of what we decide for ourselves. That's where discernment comes in. I believe St. Margaret's is at time of discernment when we'd be wise to listen for and seek to understand what God is calling us to do next. Not because we're facing hard times, but because we're experiencing a time of blessings. It has been a year of steadily adding new members who are adding new energy and enthusiasm to our common life. More people are putting time and energy into our outreach ministries, our worship, our hospitality. But God's blessings don't just come as rewards for doing the work of the Kingdom. They're investments meant to help us do even more for building the Kingdom in our little corner of the world. Jesus says: *From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required, and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.* That's not a threat, it's a promise of exciting things to come. Together, let's keep eyes and ears, hearts and minds open to discern where God might be guiding us in the coming year.

Fr. Dave Rodrick











From The Deacon's Den



In the secular world, we often begin each new year taking stock of our lives and making resolutions to improve how we live. In the church, we also have a new year that begins with Advent. This year, the First Sunday of Advent falls on November 29. Advent is a deeply mysterious season that pushes me to consider the dichotomy between the cultural expectations of celebrating Christmas and celebrating the coming of God's kingdom.

This November, I invite you to make a plan for an Advent practice that helps you balance the secular celebrations with the spiritual celebrations. We don't have to give up one to have the other! Set time aside to read the daily lessons. You can find these in the Forward Day by Day booklet available in the church connector. Focus on one book of the Bible and read it contemplatively. I suggest Isaiah for starters! It is Isaiah who is the Prophet of Hope and tells us that Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us.

We've just completed our pledge drive, and I know where my "treasure" is going. Why not join me in making a commitment to spending more time with God on a daily basis? It's like hooking up to a recharge station with your electric car. Get that juice flowing throughout your body and soul, and get what you need to share your talent. Prayer, study, (especially Bible reading), meditation, journaling, retreats, and meeting together to share with others is so very important to our well-being as Christians.

May you be blessed as you listen for "the voice of one crying in the wilderness" knowing that the same wilderness will "rejoice and blossom" in God's time. (Isaiah 35:1–10).

The Rev. Deacon Janet Atkins

ECW News from Peggy Finley, ECW Coordinator -

The ECW group met on October 17th at the Peach Blossom. Most of what we discussed pertained to our upcoming bazaar on November 7th. We are working hard and are right on track with preparing for the day! We also discussed a few other projects we will get to work on after the bazaar. This is a wonderful, supportive group and I feel extremely blessed to be part of it.

The Episcopal Church Women

COME TO THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR NOVEMBER 7TH!!! See the next page!

St. Margaret's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 7, 2026
9:00 am til 2:00 pm

4180 Highway 9
Boiling Springs, SC 29316

- Baked goods
- Jams and jellies
- Frozen soups and casseroles
- Crafts, gift baskets
- Tabor's timeless treasures
- Hot dog lunch





Get a free hot dog lunch
by bringing this flyer or picture of flyer to the bazaar!

November Feast Days and Holy Days and the Liturgical Seasons of Eastertide, Sunday of Pentecost, and Ordinary Time - Beginning November 29, we will find ourselves in Advent, Year B

Liturgical holy days using white hangings are seasons and feasts of immense joy and triumph, symbolizing purity, glory, and the light of Christ. These colors are specifically used during the high seasons of Christmas and Easter, as well as on other major feasts that celebrate events in the life of Jesus, such as Advent, the Epiphany, and the Transfiguration.

The color of Ordinary Time is Green. The color of Advent is Purple.



As part of the Liturgy news article -

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE, BROTHER OF ST. PETER - November 30 (Red)

Saint Andrew the Apostle was a New Testament figure and the older brother of Saint Peter. Originally a fisherman from Galilee, he holds the distinction of being the first disciple called by Jesus. After Jesus's death and resurrection, Andrew traveled extensively as a missionary, preaching the Gospel around the Black Sea, Greece, and Asia Minor. According to tradition, he was martyred by crucifixion in Patras on an X-shaped cross, which is now known as Saint Andrew's Cross and features prominently on the flag of Scotland, where he is the patron saint.



For the remainder of 2026, if you would like to dedicate altar flowers to honor or remember a special person or day, just write a check for a donation of $35 and put it in the plate, with "Altar Flowers" in the memo line. Should you want to light the candle by the Tabernacle to honor or remember a special person for a month put your donation of $10 in the plate with "Eternity Candle" in the memo line.

Coming in 2027 - The Altar Guild will have a Sunday Flower Sign Up Sheet on the bulletin board in the Connector. You may sign up for 2 vases for a given Sunday, or two families may sign up for 1 vase each a given Sunday. The total cost will be $45 for one vase or $90 for two vases. Karen Michelin, Interim Liturgy Liaison



From your Senior Warden, Carole Rowell



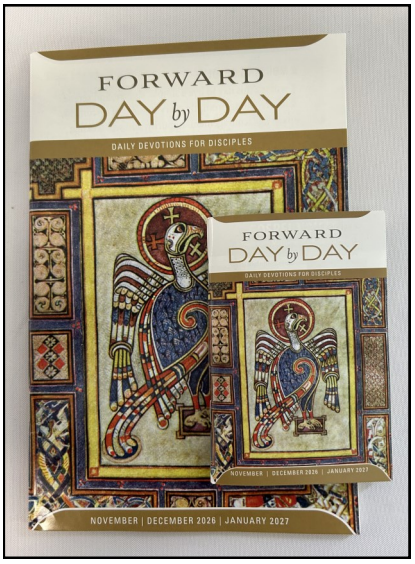
The Holy Spirit can reveal the Trinity to us. Now we probably all know that the Trinity is a mystery - "which doesn't mean we can't say ANYTHING about it ... but it does mean we can't say EVERYTHING" per Father Dave Pivonka on the Hallow app. Since the Holy Spirit is present IN US, then He is always WITH US. As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 6:19: "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?"

So how do you know how to "use" the Holy Spirit? Pay attention to quiet, nudges from Him. Maybe an urge to help a friend or neighbor or call/text someone whom the Spirit puts on your mind. So, God put the Spirit in us, but God and Jesus are in us, too. And the Trinity is all about LOVE. So let the Trinity within you motivate you to LOVE more and often. It's a FREE gift you have received, so PASS IT ON!!!

Love all of you!!! Carole Rowell



COMING SOON TO A CHURCH NEAR YOU!



It's time to start reading the new issue!

The November, December, January issue of Forward Day by Day is here!
If you have not witnessed Forward Day by Day, you are
missing out on this fantastic prayer resource!
You will find your copy in the Connector!

We provide Forward Day by Day to parishioners as a simple and effective daily prayer practice. Each day features a Bible verse from the daily readings and a related reflection written by a different author each month, all in less than 200 words. It even includes the daily feast days, as well as prompts to take faithful action in your daily life.

Walk in Love

Our Walk in Love Campaign for 2027 has ended, but we are still welcoming pledges! As of November 1st, we have received 43 pledges in the amount of $144,520.

Contact Richard Alexander for more information.

For where your treasure is, let your heart be also. Luke 12:34



On Sunday, November 8th, both during and after the service, we will be honoring the Veterans within our Congregation. Here is a list of our St. Margaret's Veterans. If you know of someone who needs to be added, please let Dick Locke (864-457-4578) know.

Bill Corners - Army/Coast Guard
Dick Locke - Navy
Mary Ann Methvin - Navy
Melton Root - Air National Guard
Nancy Hester Shrout - Army
T. Truman - Army
Paul Hines - Army & National Guard
Mike Methvin - Navy
Larry Owens - National Guard
Roland Royal - Army
Bob Todd - Army
Don Zickefoose - Air Force

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (DOK)
SISTERS OF THE PEARL CHAPTER



In the Connector next to the Ladies bathroom there is a NEW DOK bulletin board designed by Christel Gilbert. There are Prayer Request cards that can be inserted into an envelope. These prayers are kept confidential and do not become a part of the Church Prayer List unless you let us know to do that. THANK YOU CHRISTEL!!!

On Sept. 19th several of us attended the DOK Fall Assembly at Church of the Advent in Spartanburg. Some very interesting presentations by the Child Advocacy Center (ECW has been supporting them for several years) and Switch (a mission to end human trafficking and child exploitation while empowering survivors to reclaim their lives).





Current members of the Sisters of the Pearl Chapter of DOK are: Debbie Bullard, Gina Casper, Kim Corners, Kay DePalma, Christel Gilbert, Barb Key, Kathy Locke, Rita Long, Karen Michelin, Cynde Payne, Beth Richardson, Carole Rowell, Pam Terwileger & Brenda Vinson. Deacon Janet Atkins is our Chaplain.

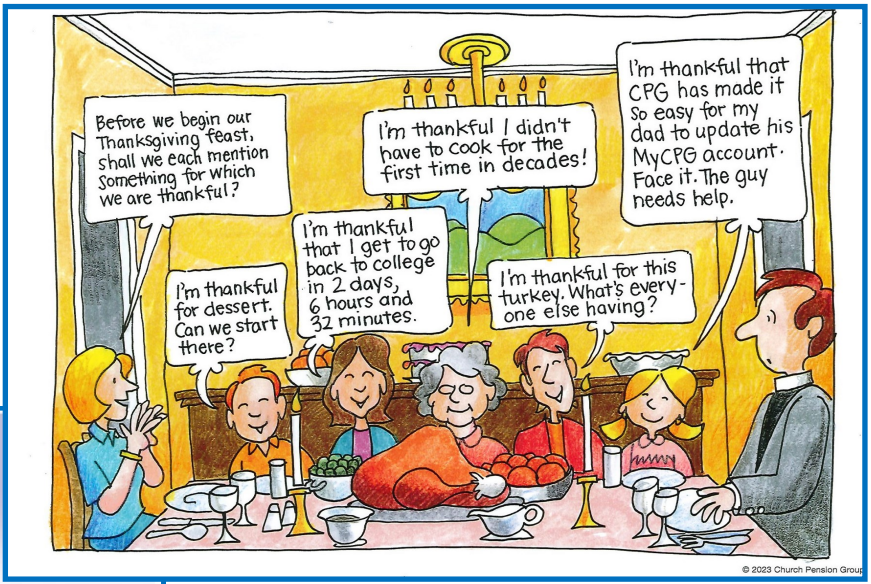
Join us for Coffee Hour after church on November 29 - 1 Advent!

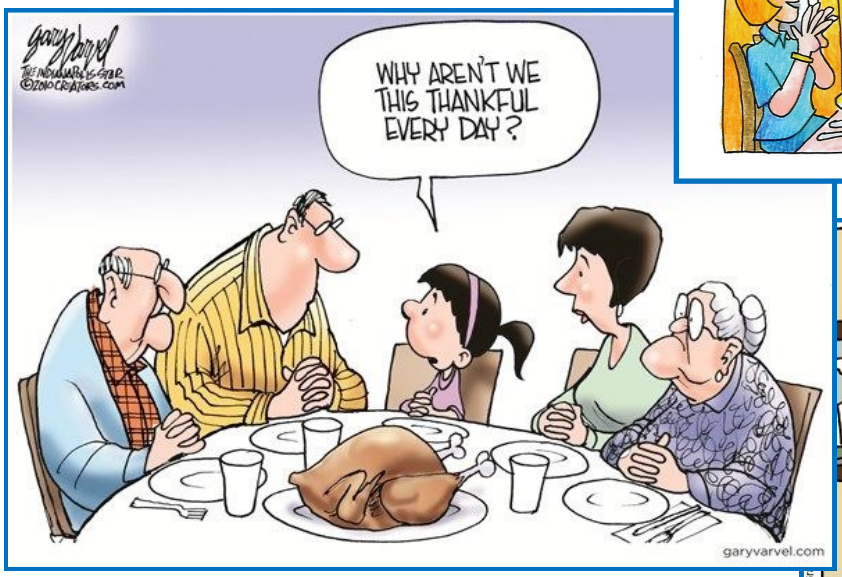
Pray WITHOUT CEASING

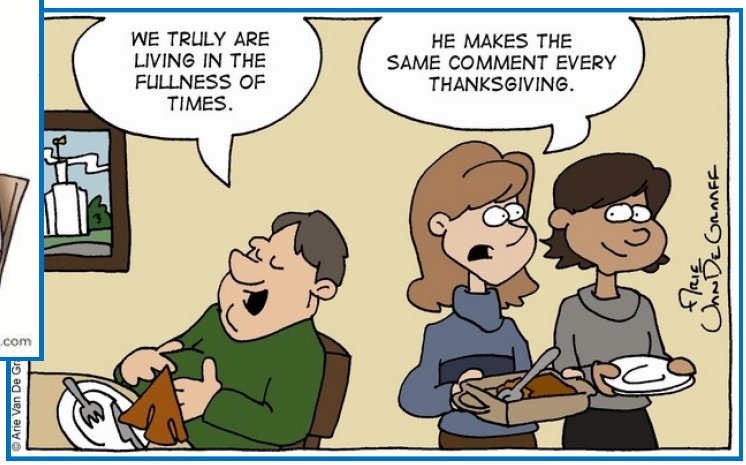




Some Episcopalian Humor







Websites and emails you may need -

The National Episcopal Church (TEC) - https://www.episcopalchurch.org/

St. Margaret's - https://stmargaretsepiscopal.org

The Daughters of the King© - https://www.doknational.org/

The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina - https://www.edusc.org/

Fr. Dave - frdave@stmargaretsepiscopal.org

Deacon Janet - deaconjanetatkins@gmail.com

Grace Keller - grace.keller@stmargaretsepiscopal.org

Cursillo means short course in Christianity. And Weekend 152 is March 4-7, 2027. If you are interested, contact Grace Keller - grace.keller@stmargaretesepiscopal.org.

Download the latest staff application

Download the latest candidate application

Visit the EDUSC Cursillo Home Page

OUTREACH



Christmas is coming to **Harvest Family Ministries (part of Upstate Family Resource Center), 340 Blalock Rd., Boiling Springs**, and we'd love for you to be part of the magic! **St. Margaret's has been supporting this Christmas program for several years and will continue by donating $500 from the Outreach Ministry budget and requesting 20 Wish Stars for parishioners to pick up at Church on November 6th or after and return their purchases to the Church for delivery to Harvest Family Ministries by December 1st. If any Church member would like to participate on their own, this is the information. If you have any questions, please contact Carole Rowell at 704-516-2312.**

There are **two easy ways to sponsor a child:**

Sponsor a Child with a Monetary Donation

A gift of **$75.00–$100.00** allows us to shop for a child's Christmas wishes. You can donate in person Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. or use the QR code to give online. Donations are requested by **December 15.**

Shop for a Child



Choose the number of Wish Stars you'd like to sponsor. Each Wish Star includes a child's age, gender, and four gift suggestions. You choose the gifts, bring them to us once your shopping is complete, and we'll take care of the rest! Gifts must be delivered no later than **December 15th.**

Have a preference for a certain age, grade, or gender? Let us know, and we'll do our best to match you with a child.

Blessing Box - The Blessing Box is back and it is empty! Please donate canned or boxed food to help feed the hungry!!!!!

Outreach Team - Are you looking to become more involved in the church and the greater community? The Outreach Coordinator position will be available beginning in January. This is a Vestry position and involves working with members of the congregation, along with organizations in the community. If you are interested, Ann Diem would be happy to speak to you with more information, and she will be happy to mentor you throughout the transition.

Mobile Meals - If you are interested in helping with the St. Margaret's Mobile Meals route as a regular delivery volunteer or as a substitute, please contact Patricia Lee, Coordinator, at 864-472-2253. We have a need for more volunteers.

Spartanburg Humane Society - St. Margaret's continues to donate a tremendous amount of items to the pets. SHS is always excited and grateful to receive our donations. Cats love paper towel and toilet paper rolls. Cleaning out closets? Bring in your blankets and towels! Keep up the good work! The cart for the donations is in the Youth room to the left upon entering the church.

Lions Club - Please bring any gently used glasses or sunglasses and place on the donation cart. They will be refurbished and sent to third world countries.

Readings for November

November 1 - All Saints' Day - Psalm 34:1-10, 22; Revelation 7:9-7; I John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12 - Proper 26

November 8 - 24 Pentecost - Psalm 78:1-7 or Wisdom on Solomon 6:12-16 or Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 or Psalm 70; Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 or Amos 5:18-24; I Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:1-13 - Proper 27

November 15 - 25 Pentecost - Psalm 123 or Psalm 90:1-8, 9-11, 12; Judges 4:1-7 or Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; I Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

November 22 - Last Pentecost Christ the King Sunday - Psalm 100 or Psalm 95:1-7a; Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:15- 23; Matthew 25:31-46 - Proper 29

November 29 - 1 Advent (Year B) - Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37; Matthew 25:31-46

Feast Days for November

November 2 - All Souls/All the Faithful Departed - Psalm 130 or Psalm 116:10-17; Wisdom 3:1-9 or Isaiah 25:69; I Thessalonians 4:13-18 or I Corinthians 15:50-58; John 5:24-27

November 26 - Thanksgiving Day - Psalm 100; Deuteronomy 26:1-11, 17-20; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35 - Proper 29

November 30 - Feast Day of St. Andrew the Apostle - Psalm 19, Deuteronomy 30:11-14; Romans 10:8b-18; Matthew 4:18-22



Available to you in the Narthex from Forward Movement!

This 2026 colorable calendar poster, with illustrations by Jay Sidebotham, suggests ways to mark the days through the Advent season. The calendar offers ideas for prayer, helping others, and being thoughtful about the true meaning of Christmas.

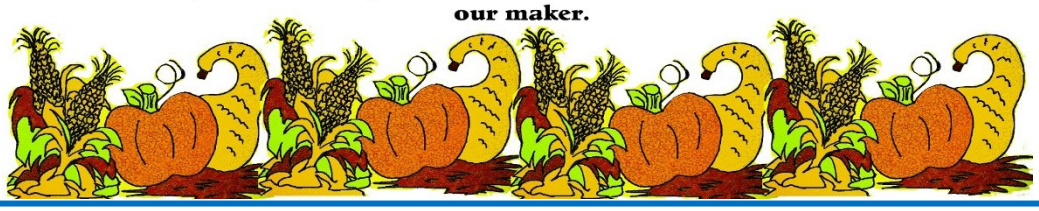
Slow down. Quiet. It's Advent.

WE BEGIN AGAIN, THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM.





Psalms 95:1,2,6
O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.



The Vestry Minutes are posted on the Bulletin Board by the kitchen each month!

Contact Phone Numbers

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Senior Warden Carole Rowell 704-516-2312

Junior Warden David Grayshock 864-921-5372

Grace Keller 803-606-4767

Church Office 864-578-3238

The deadline for the next newsletter: November 23rd.

The deadline for the weekly bulletin: Wednesdays.

The church calendar will be included in the newsletter each month.



Parish Prayer List

For those in our prayers - Kellan Jones, Melissa, Sara, Jacob Woolen, Chris Wolfe, Dawn Sundblade, Ed Killian, Bob Butscher, Mike Brewington, Ashlee Collins, Shane Richardson, Chris, Riley, Nancy Morrell, Paige Witt, Debbie Zickefoose, Larry Dyches, Rebecca Bosselman, Lujuanna Clayton, Julie Fox, Brian Moss, Pam Lapish, Justin Bullock, Dorothy Crite, Nanci Shrout, Roland & Diane Royal, Rick Cutler, Kay Moore, Jimmie Hord, Raymond Radleigh, Laina Corn, Janet, Adrienne Fowler, Rick and Kristie Marshall and Family, Madelynn LoConte, Roxie Hunter Young and Family, Sylvia, John Kolinchak, J. T. Morgan, Ronnie & Penny Melton, Angie Lowe, Catherine Durrah, Jean Michelin, Sandy Huggins, Diane & Al Chulick, Sally Price, Clint Schaum, Ed Medford, Monica Horne, Jennifer Broadway, Dennis Sentell, Lawson, Jamie Z, Linda Sentell.

For those serving in the armed forces - Megan, Matt, Jesse, Arthur, Dustin Z.



Your Vestry

Carole Rowell, Sr. Warden

David Grayshock, Jr. Warden

Michelle Smith, Treasurer

Peggy Finley, Clerk & ECW

Karen Michelin (Interim), Liturgy

Richard Alexander, Stewardship

Diane Meketa, Youth

Marguerite Holm

Rita Long

Betty McAbee

Dave Collins, Honorary Sexton



INFORMATION PAGE



Bob Chapman	11/6
Sammy Loving	11/6
Dave Collins	11/11
Jacob Weisner	11/13
Karen Michelin	11/17
Gina Casper	11/18
Don Zickefoose, Jr.	11/20
Kristie Marshall	11/24
Charla Hopkins	11/27

Happy birthday to you!
Happy birthday to you!
Happy birthday God's children!
Happy birthday to you!



David & Becky Weisner 11/2 (24)
John & Marietta Kolinchak 11/10 (56)
Dick & Kathy Locke 11/14 (56)



Worship Team Schedule for November 2026

November 1 - Crucifer - Carole Rowell 2nd Chalice - Will Hawkins
Altar - Brenna Bedenbaugh Lectors - Adam Carter, Glynda Todd
Greeters - Brenna B., Cindy Bell Ushers - Rickey & Christel Gilbert
Tech - Larry Owens Tellers - Richard Alexander, Patricia Lee
CC #1 - Diane Meketa, Susan Lancaster
EV - Carole Rowell PC - TBD Prayer Leader - David Grayshock

November 8 - Crucifer - Will Hawkins 2nd Chalice - Scott Collins
Altar - Will Hawkins Lectors - Tonya Ebenboeck, Dickie Watters
Greeters - Debbie Bullock, Brenda Vinson Tech - David Grayshock
Ushers - Ann Diem, Diane Meketa Tellers - Jim McAbee, Jeffrey Morgan
CC #2 - Rita Long, Janice Ownbey No PC Prayer Leader - Michelle Smith

November 15 - Crucifer - Becky Weisner 2nd Chalice - Carole Rowell
Altar - Will Hawkins Lectors - Jane Rhinehart, Ann Diem
Greeters - Stan & Cynde Payne Ushers - Scott Collins, Michelle Smith
Tech - Cindy Collins Tellers - Dave Collins, Susan Lancaster No - PC
CC #3 - Diane Meketa, Melissa Woolen Prayer Leader - Rita Long

November 22 - Crucifer - Will Hawkins 2nd Chalice - Sharon Landon
Altar - Sharon Landon Lectors - Glynda Todd, Michelle Smith
Greeters - Debbie Bullock, Ann Diem Ushers - Rickey & Christel Gilbert
Tech - David Grayshock Tellers - Dave Collins, Jeffrey Morgan
CC #4 - April Alexander No EV/PC Prayer Leader - Carole Rowell

November 29 - Crucifer - Will Hawkins 2nd Chalice - Scott Collins
Altar - Karen Michelin Lectors - Kathy Locke, Dick Locke
Greeters - Diane Meketa, Dickie Watters Tech - Cindy Collins
Ushers - Stan & Cynde Payne CC #5 - TBD No EV/PC
Tellers - Richard Alexander, Jim McAbee Prayer Leader - Michelle Smith

Links to keep St. Margaret's connected:

Website: *https://stmargaretsepiscopal.org*

YouTube: *https://www.youtube.com/watchv=RoYcQtcHjjs*

Facebook: *https://www.facebook.com/smecbs/*

Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina: *https://www.edusc.org/*

The Lectionary Page: *http://www.lectionarypage.net/*

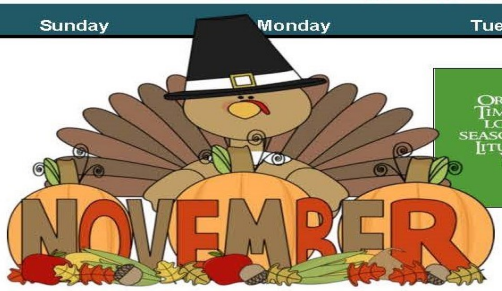
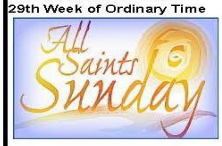
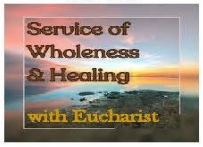
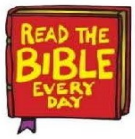
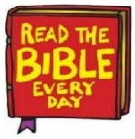


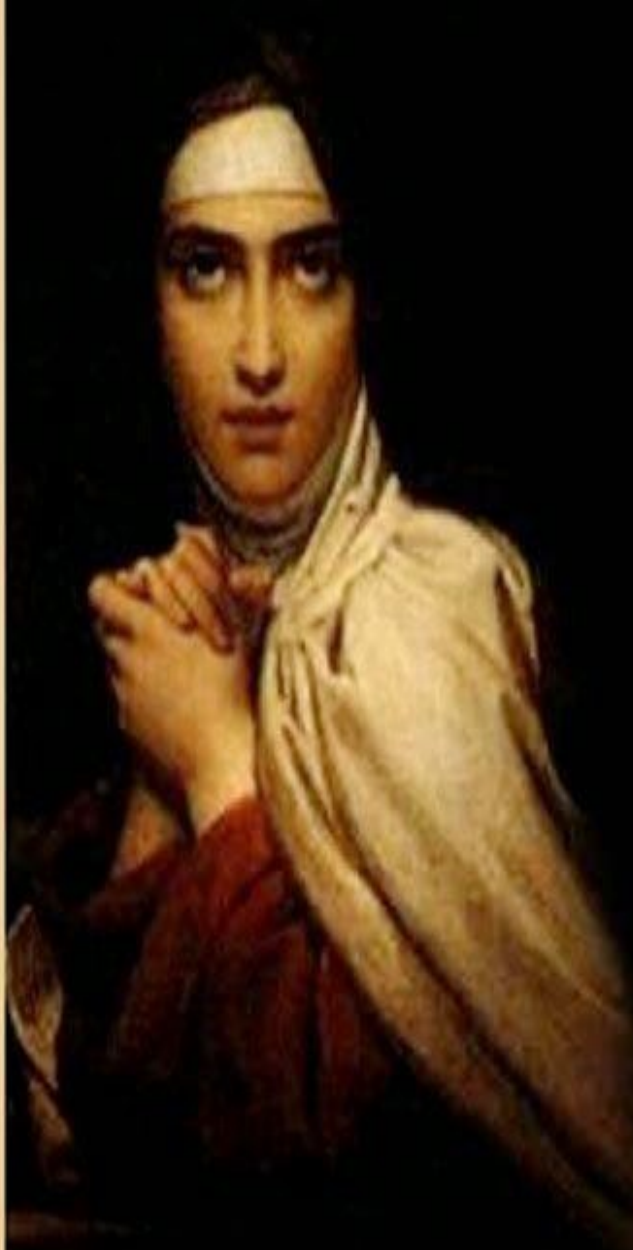
The Book Of Common Prayer: *https://www.bcponline.org/*

Church email: churchoffice@stmargaretsepiscopal.org

Church Mailing Address: P.O. Box 160024
Boiling Springs SC 29316
Location: 4180 Highway 9, Boiling Springs 29316

November 2026 St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		ORDINARY TIME – THE LONGEST SEASON IN THE LITURGICAL YEAR	November Birthdays: 11/6 - Bob Chapman 11/6 - Sammy Loving 11/11 - Dave Collins 11/13 - Jacob Weisner 11/17 - Karen Michelin 11/18 - Gina Casper 11/20 - Don Zickefoose, Jr. 11/24 - Kristie Marshall 11/27 - Charla Hopkins Happy Birthday!	November Anniversaries: 11/2 - David & Becky Weisner (24) 11/10 - John & Marietta Kolinchak (56) 11/14 - Dick & Kathy Locke (56)	Color Codes: Green - Special Scheduled Events Black - Regular Monthly/Weekly Events Red - Days off or Holidays Purple - Funerals Tan - Building Use by others (paid) Blue - Sunday/Other Day Worship Services or Special Days	Every GOOD and PERFECT gift is from above. JAMES 1:17
All Saints' Day 1 Adult Formation 9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 and Readings of the Necrology Children's Church 10:30 29th Week of Ordinary Time  CELEBRATION OF REMEMBRANCE 6 PM FALL BACK	**2** Fr. Dave off 6:00 PM Choir  30th Week of Ordinary Time	**3** 9:30 AM WW 5:30-7:30 PM NA 	**4** 6:30 PM 	**5**	**6** Grace off 5:30-7:30 PM NA	**7** 8:30 AM WW The Annual ECW Holiday Bake Sale and Bazaar  9 am until 2 pm
24 Pentecost 8 Youth & Adult Formation 9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 Proper 27 30th Week of Ordinary Time  Vestry Meeting at Noon Honoring our Veterans! Cake Reception after the	**9** Fr. Dave off 6:00 PM Choir 31st Week of Ordinary Time	**10** WW 9-11 AM NA 5:30-7:30 PM  Grounds for Faith Small Group Class 10:30 am Crossroads Coffee House 	**11** Study & Compline 6 pm 	**12**	**104th Convention 13** Grace off 5:30-7:30 PM NA  EDUSC 104th Convention Trinity Cathedral Spartanburg 5-8 pm	**104th Convention 14** 8:30 AM WW 8 AM Men's Breakfast Peach Blossom  EDUSC 104th Convention Trinity Cathedral Spartanburg 5-8 pm
Feast Day 15 Adult Formation 9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 Children's Church 10:30 Proper 28 & 25 Pentecost 31st Week of Ordinary Time St. Margaret's Sunday 	**16** Fr. Dave off 6:00 PM Choir 32nd Week of Ordinary Time	**17** WW 9-11 AM NA 5:30-7:30 PM  Grounds for Faith Small Group Class 10:30 am Crossroads Coffee House	**18** Study & Compline 6 pm 	**19** Grace off (Carole Rowell in the Office)	**20** Grace off 5:30-7:30 PM NA	**21** 8:30 AM WW CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY 9 AM - 1 PM SUGAR RIDGE HOA ANNUAL MEETING IN THE Sing Around the Campfire 6:30 PM by the Pavilion! 
Last Sunday 22 Youth & Adult Formation 9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 Children's Church 10:30 Proper 29 33rd Week of Ordinary Time CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	**23** Fr. Dave off 6:00 PM Choir 33rd and Last Week of Ordinary Time	**24** 9:30 AM WW 5:30-7:30 PM NA Office Closed	**25** Office Closed It's just 30 days until Jesus' Birth!	**High Holy Day 26** Office Closed  Happy Thanksgiving!!! (Gobble, gobble, gobble!)	**27** Office Closed 5:30-7:30 PM NA	**28** 8:30 AM WW
1 Advent 29 Adult Formation 9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 Children's Church 10:30 Year A Begins  After church... Coffee Fellowship brought to you by your Sisters of the Pearl DoK.	**Feast Day 30** Fr. Dave off 6:00 PM Choir Feast Day of St. Andrew the Apostle 					



Christ has no body now, but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world. Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.

Saint Teresa of Avila